

# N'GANJ 7-MURDER AL, BNP hail verdict

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Ruling Awami League, BNP, ministers and attorney general yesterday hailed the verdict of much-talked-about Narayanganj 7-murder case that awarded death penalty to 26 persons. AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader told reporters after a programme that the verdict was an example of justice as no offenders would be allowed to escape under the incumbent government. Quader, also road transport and bridges minister, hoped that the High Court would uphold the verdict. BNP Vice-Chairman Shamsuzzaman Dudu while talking to reporters at Jatiya Press Club said, "I think this verdict will play an expected role in removing fear and hopelessness prevailing among people's mind and will also help to establish the rule of law." Expressing his reaction to reporters at his secretariat office, Law Minister Anisul Huq said the panic created in people's mind after the seven murders has diminished follow-

ing the verdict in the case. "It is the duty of the state to bring the offenders, whoever they are, to book to ensure justice," he added. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told reporters at his secretariat office, "The verdict in Narayanganj seven-murder case proved that the government would not spare anyone." Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said the whole nation has become happy with the verdict as the victims have got their expected judgement. This verdict has proved that nobody is above law, he said, while talking to reporters at his office, adding, "Many people were concerned whether some offenders would be spared, but none of them were released." Replying to a question, he said death penalty handed by the lower court is not executed until the High Court confirms the death sentence. "I will take steps for early hearing of the case at the High Court," he added.

# Political parties must make efforts to conduct fair polls

**President tells Khelafat Majlish**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
President Abdul Hamid yesterday said political parties must make efforts to conduct an uncontroversial, free and fair election. He made the remark while discussing reconstitution of the Election Commission (EC) with Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish at Bangabhaban. Different political parties made constructive proposals, and these will be helpful for forming a strong EC, the president was quoted as saying by Joynal Abedin, his press secretary. Khelafat Majlish placed a five-point proposal including passage of a law on EC's formation, setting up of a separate secretariat for the commission, appointment of non-partisan people, and inclusion of an Islamic scholar (Alem) in the commission. A 10-member team led by party's Ameer Habibur Rahman went to Bangabhaban at 3:00pm. Later, the president held talks with two other parties -- Bangladesh National Awami Party and Gonofront. In its 11-point proposal, Bangladesh National Awami Party urged passage of a law for EC. Party president Jebel Rahman Ghani, who led the delegation, said, "We proposed formation of a search committee of five to seven members. A former chief justice should be its head." He also said the search committee should comprise a former military officer, former secretary, eminent educationists, and at least one woman should be appointed a commissioner of EC. Led by its chairman Zakir Hossain, a 10-member delegation of Gonofront placed a 14-point proposal including raising the number of members of EC to nine, including three women.

# Customs official 'confined' by C&F staff

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
Some staff of clearing and forwarding (C&F) agents allegedly confined a customs official for over three hours, verbally abused him, broke his nameplate and hurled stones inside Chittagong Port yesterday. Witnesses said Assistant Commissioner (AC) (Jetty Examination) Abu Hanif Mohammad Abdul Ahad refused speed money offered by one of the staff around 10:30am, requested him to leave and asked others to systematically submit documents. Soon afterwards, Chittagong C&F Staff Union General Secretary Jakir Hossain entered the office and started verbally abusing the AC, accusing him of being slow in giving clearance to documents, they said. Other staff then thronged the office to go on the rampage, chanting slogans calling the AC a "Razakar", they added. Senior customs officials brought the situation under control around 3:00pm. Talking to The Daily Star, the union leaders alleged that the agitation was over the AC's misbehaviour. SEE PAGE 11 COL 6

# HOLDING OF OFFICE BY AG HC order on plea over legality Jan 23

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The High Court yesterday fixed January 23 for passing an order on a writ petition that challenged the legality of holding the office of attorney general by Advocate Mahbubey Alam. The bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman set the date after concluding hearing the petition. During hearing, Additional Attorney General Murad Reza vehemently opposed the writ petition, saying that attorney general is not holding any public office under the definition mentioned in the constitution. Therefore, such a writ petition, which was filed as a public interest litigation, is not acceptable, he argued also praying to the HC to reject the writ petition. Advocate AM Aminuddin, who was present in the courtroom during the hearing, told the court that the attorney general's tenure of holding the office depends on the pleasure of the president of the republic as per Article 64(4) of the constitution. The article says, "The Attorney General shall hold office during the pleasure of the President, and shall receive such remuneration as the President may determine". The lawyer also said there is no specific age for retirement of the attorney general under the constitution. On November 10 last year, Supreme Court lawyer Eunus Ali Akond filed the writ petition challenging the legality of Mahbubey Alam holding the AG office. He said in the petition that the president appointed Attorney General Mahbubey Alam under Article 64 (1) of the Constitution. Under this article the president shall appoint a person as AG who is qualified to be a SC judge and the age limit of SC judge is 67 years. Mahbubey Alam turned 67 years on February 17 last year and he cannot hold the office of attorney general any more, Eunus Ali said in the writ petition. Earlier on November 20 last year, a judge of another HC bench felt embarrassed to hear the same writ petition.

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**Request for Proposal (RFP)**  
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JICA Bangladesh Office seeks proposals from interested Consultants/ Firms/ companies for "Bangladesh Website Management Work". All interested agencies may collect the detail Terms of Reference and proposal related documents from **bd\_oso\_rep@jica.go.jp** by a formal request between **January 17-22, 2017**. Interested agencies are requested to submit their bids in sealed envelopes to JICA Bangladesh Office, 3rd Floor, Bay's Galleria, 57 Gulshan Avenue (CWS-A19), Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 by **22nd January, 2017 (4. PM)**.

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**e-Tender Notice**  
This is to notify all concerned that e-Tenders are invited and published in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of works for the following tenders. Interested persons/firms can see details by visiting the website [www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd).

Sl	Tender ID	Name of work & tender reference	Tender publishing date & time in e-GP	Last date & time of submission
1	82848	DBS Overlay and Rigid Pavement with necessary repair and strengthening at 8th (p) km, 9th km to 16th km and 17th km of Ghatiadanga-Monufakirhat Road (Z-1037) under Dohazari Road Division during the year 2016-2017. e-gp/PMP Road/CZ-13/Doha/Ctg Zone/2016-2017	15-Jan-2017 19:00:00	14-Feb-2017 11:00:00

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Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh  
Memo No. 46.207.000.09.07.063.2016/257 Date: 16/01/2017

**Corrigendum of**  
**Invitation for International Competitive Bids (ICB) for Supply of Specialized Search and Rescue Equipment (Ambulance and Mortuary Van), Package No: URP-DNCC/G-2.6, (IDA Credit No: 5599-BD), IFB No: ICB-2/2016-17**  
A Corrigendum of invitation of tender published vides Memo No. 46.207.000.09.07.063.2016/213, dated: 30-11-2016 has been made as below:  
In Para 2 of the Invitation Notice, the delivery period to be replaced by the following:  
The delivery period is 08 (eight) months from the date of contract sign.  
In Para 7 of the Invitation Notice, to be replaced by the following sentences:  
Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 02.00pm local time (GMT+6 hrs), 06 February 2017. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on 02:30pm local time (GMT +6 hrs), 06 February 2017.  
All other information will remain unchanged.  
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