

BCL men  
demand sacking  
of 2 CU teachers  
CU CORRESPONDENT

The activists of Bangladesh Chhata League of Chittagong University unit yesterday demanded termination of two teachers of the university over their Facebook remarks on quota reform.

A group of BCL men led by former CU BCL president Mohammad Alamgir Tipu submitted a memorandum to the vice chancellor against Maidul Islam, an assistant professor of sociology department, and Khandakar Ali Ar Raji, assistant professor of communication and journalism department.

The two teachers were also declared persona non grata on the campus.

BCL men alleged that the teachers were supporting the quota reform movement, instigating others and spreading hate speeches against the government on Facebook.

Terming them Jamaat-Shibir agent, the BCL men claimed that the teachers also posted "defamatory status" about the prime minister.

VC Prof Iftekhar Uddin said they would look into the matter.

Earlier, assistant professor Maidul left the campus due to continuous threats from BCL activists.

## CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2018

### SYLHET

# Jamaat reorganising with eye on nat'l polls

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

Jamaat-e-Islami lost their registration as a political party in a High Court verdict in 2013, and lost its privilege to take part in any election, although it is a major part of BNP-led 20-party alliance.

But ahead of Sylhet City Corporation election, Jamaat-e-Islami has placed a candidate as an independent one, and is working to regain their political power by reuniting their supporters.

Jamaat-backed candidate in the city polls is the party's Sylhet metro unit's Ameer and former president of Islami Chhata Shibir's central body, Ehsanul Mahbub Jubayer.

BNP candidate Ariful Haque Chowdhury and other party leaders claimed that Jubayer is a dummy candidate of Awami League, to split the votes of the BNP-led 20-party alliance.

On the other hand, AL-nominated candidate Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran and other party seniors claimed that this is either a trick of BNP-led 20-party alliance, or their failure to keep unity.

BNP candidate Ariful will also see competition from his party's rebel candidate Badruzzaman Selim, who was the general secretary of the party's Sylhet metro unit.

Asad Uddin Ahmed, general secretary of Sylhet metro unit of AL, said BNP got a rebel of their own, and another from their alliance. "This is clearly their political problem. AL is no way liable to mechanise them to contest the polls," he said.

Jamaat candidate Jubayer told The Daily Star that the national election is one their reasons for participating in the city polls.

"Winning the city poll is definitely a key target of our party, but we are working to reunite our party followers and supporters targeting the upcoming national election," he said.

Ali Ahmed, general secretary of Sylhet district unit of BNP, said, "It is highly suspicious how Jamaat continued their political activities in Sylhet without any problem for the last couple of years while they were facing resistance by the ruling party all over the country."

"All the leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhata Shibir who were in jail for years, are now on bail and they are running the campaign for their candidate. It clearly shows that they have an understanding with the ruling party to get back to

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### BARISAL

# Guard polling centres, Alal tells party men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

BNP has called on its party activists and the general people to "guard the polling centres", to prevent irregularities and ensure free and fair election to Barisal City Corporation.

BNP Joint Secretary General Moazzam Hossain Alal made the remarks while speaking at a meeting of party men and activists at Barisal Press Club, organised by Labour Party's Barisal city unit.

He also urged citizens to perform their duties without fear.

"If you are afraid for a single day, you have to suffer for the next five years," he said.

Addressing the meeting, BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan said, "We do not want any repetition of the Gazipur election."

The citizens in Gazipur were denied their right to casting vote, he said, adding that they would unite against it if the same thing happens there.

Meanwhile, all mayoral candidates spent a busy day campaigning in the city.

AL-backed candidate Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah took part in an informal meeting at Jagadish Saraswat Girls' School.

On the occasion, he said most of the development works of Barisal region -- including declaration of a city corporation, announcement of a Barisal division and an initiative for establishing a public university -- were done during the AL-led government.

He also carried out campaign in C&B Road area.

Mayoral candidate of BNP Mojibor Rahaman Sarwar was busy with his campaign in Balabazar area.

He alleged that the administration is not ensuring a level playing field that is needed for a fair election, and accused the government of trying to conduct an election like the ones in Khulna and Gazipur.

He also demanded that ballot boxes be distributed in the morning on election day.

Other candidates -- Iqbal Hossain Taposh, Abul Kalam Azad, Dr Manisha Chakrabarty and Obaidur Rahaman Mahabub -- also sought support from voters in different areas of the city.

## BRAWL IN BARISAL LAUNCH TERMINAL

# Case filed over assault on cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal police filed a case on Sunday in connection with assault and attempted murder, after they were at the receiving end of muscle power exercised allegedly by a ruling-party leader's men at the city's launch terminal on Saturday.

Two high-ranking officials, accompanied by other members of police, went to the terminal to see off two top government officials on that day. The incident happened at the VIP lounge in the terminal.

The accused men, one of whom had a gun, claimed to be involved with the security of a Dhaka City Awami League leader. They beat up three policemen, attempted to open fire and abduct a senior assistant commissioner of police, and tried to take away a camera from a constable, according to the case filed by a sub-inspector of Barisal Kotwali Police Station.

However, police in the case accused 20-25 unnamed people and named only one, Saikat Imran. They, however, did not explain the reason behind it.

The case fails to name the person with the gun and the AL leader who allegedly had a heated exchange of words with police.

Witnesses and sources, however, said the AL leader was Shahe Alam Murad, general secretary of the party's Dhaka City (south) unit. More than 200 people came to the launch terminal to see him off that day, they said.

Murad could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts. His phone was found switched off.

Nizam Mahmud Fakir, sub-inspector of the police station, filed the case for assault, attempted murder, and obstructing government employees discharging their duties.

According to the case, Deputy Inspector General of Police Shafiqul Islam of Barisal Range, and Barisal Metropolitan Police Commissioner (acting) Mahfuzur Rahman, arrived at the VIP lounge of a Dhaka-bound launch to see off Faiz Ahmed, secretary to public administration ministry, and Sajjadul Hassan, acting secretary to the Prime Minister's Office.

The police high officials saw a huge gathering inside the lounge, and there was a middle-aged man sitting on a sofa with a firearm.

The BMP commissioner and the DIG asked people, except travellers, to leave the lounge.

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The damaged portion of a metal road divider disrupts movement of vehicles and puts them at risk of accident on Bijoy Sarani in Dhaka. Heavy vehicles might have hit the divider on Monday night. The mangled divider was seen till yesterday morning.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## 5 diagnostic centres, hospitals fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion-3 (RAB) in a drive yesterday fined five different hospitals and diagnostic centres in the capital Tk 21 lakh on various charges, and shut down two.

Executive Magistrate Sarwoer Alam said they slapped the penalties during a drive on the private hospital's laboratories and pharmacies.

The businesses that were fined various amounts are -- Islami Bank Central Hospital, Ifty Diagnostic Center, Royal Diagnostic Center, Rajdhani Diagnostic Center and Islami Bank Specialized Hospital. Of them, Ifty and Royal diagnostic centres were closed down for providing medical reports without conducting tests, Sarwoer Alam told The Daily Star.

A mobile court of Rab has fined Tk 21 lakh to five different hospitals and diagnostic centres in Paltan area for keeping a huge volume of expired reagents in the laboratory, expired medicines in the operation theatre, and for giving report without conducting tests," Major Abdullah Al Mehedi, deputy director of Rab, told The Daily Star.

Representatives of the Directorate General of Drug Administration or DGDA and Directorate General of Health Services were also present during the drive.

## Confirm tickets for hajj aspirant by Aug 2

Religious affairs secy urges 44 agencies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Religious Affairs Secretary Anisur Rahman yesterday called upon 44 hajj agencies to ensure air tickets for hajj aspirants by August 2 for timely renting of houses and arranging catering services in Saudi Arabia.

He also warned the agencies that the Saudi government this year confirmed that no extra slots for hajj flights will be provided.

"So the air tickets must be ensured in proper time. The last hajj flight of Biman and Saudi Airlines is scheduled to leave Dhaka on August 15 and August 17 respectively. No one will be able to leave for hajj after that," he said.

The secretary was attending a meeting at the secretariat with 44 hajj agencies, which were yet to confirm the air tickets. "I'm still hopeful that there will be no problem with the tickets...," he added.

Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB)

## Road accidents kill 2, injure 15

STAR REPORT

Two people were killed and 15 others injured in road accidents in two districts on Monday and yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Thakurgaon, a teenage girl was killed and 15 others injured as a bus fell into a ditch beside Thakurgaon-Dinajpur highway in Khochabari village of Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Nupur Akhter, 19, daughter of Mohammad Nabi from Baliajangi in the district.

Police said the accident happened as the driver lost control over the vehicle.

The injured were taken to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital.

In Rajbari, a youth was killed as his motorbike hit a rickshaw-van in Ruppur area under Kalukhali upazila on Monday afternoon, said police.

The deceased is Galib Hasan, 17, son of Mohammad Ali from Tangrapara area in the upazila.

On July 10 last year, the HC

granted an anticipatory bail to Joynul Abedin in connection with the ACC notice.

The bench also issued a rule the same day, asking the government and the anti-graft watchdog to explain why Joynul Abedin should not be granted permanent bail.

The ACC in July 2010 sent a notice to the former apex court judge asking him to submit his bank statement to the anti-graft body.

He later obtained anticipatory bail from the HC fearing arrest by the ACC.

The HC granted anticipatory bail to Joynul Abedin although there was no specific case against him, Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik said.

"He did not submit any bank statement to the ACC", AKM Amin Uddin added.

Barrister Mainul Hosein appeared for Justice Joynul Abedin.

### Moudud's graft case transferred to another court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday transferred a corruption case against former BNP law minister Moudud Ahmed from the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka to another court.

The bench of Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice SM Kuddus Zaman passed the order following a petition filed by Barrister Moudud Ahmed seeking the transfer of the case from the court of Judge KM Imrul Kayes to a different court.

Moudud told The Daily Star that the HC yesterday did not disclose the name of the court. It will be known when the HC releases full text of its order.

He said the HC on July 25 last year transferred the case from the court of Judge Imrul Kayes to the court of then Metropolitan Senior Special Judge of Dhaka Kamrul Hossain Mollah.

Judge Kamrul Hossain has been appointed as a HC judge and Judge Imrul Kayes has become the judge of Metropolitan Senior Special Judge of Dhaka.

In July last year, Moudud expressed no confidence in Judge Imrul Kayes.

Talking to The Daily Star, Laila said she was not aware of her husband having any enmity with anyone.

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The OC also said Shariful was suffering from depression since his daughter left for the USA.

Over a month ago, Shariful left home in a similar fashion and was traced the following day by local police at the river terminal in Barisal, police and family members said.

## Teenager goes missing in Raozan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A madrasa student has been missing for three days since Sunday at Raozan upazila in Chittagong, said his family.

Mohammad Sahabuddin, 14, son of Shafikul Alam is a fifth grade student at Muhius Sunnah Madarsa, said Mohammad Kefayetullah, officer-in-charge of Raozan Police Station.

Sahabuddin left the house on early Sunday morning for classes, but he did not return home till the evening, said his father.

The family then searched for him and on Monday morning they found his school bag, ID card and his punjabi in a bush near their house in South Hingla area, he said, adding, "When I went to the madrasa searching for my son, one of the teachers told me that Sahabuddin did not show up in the previous day."

A general dairy was filed by the family with Raozan Police Station in this regard.

The OC however said the boy's family did not inform him about the recovery of the boy's bag, ID and clothing.

## GM of BSCIC 'missing'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The general manager of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) has been "missing" for the last six days, said his wife in a general diary (GD) filed on Thursday.

Laila Jesmin, wife of Shariful Islam Bhuiyan, 58, in the GD filed with Paltan Police Station, said her husband did not return home since he went out without informing anyone around 10:45am on July 11.

While leaving the house he was casually attired and did not take his cellphone or any money with him, according to the diary.

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## HC verdict on ex-judge Joynul's bail tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) will deliver its verdict tomorrow on a bail petition filed by former Justice Md. Joynul Abedin, in connection with an Anti-Corruption Commission notice seeking his bank statements.