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BANGLADESH ODI SKIPPER MASHRAFE, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING ALL THE WARM WISHES ON HIS 35TH BIRTHDAY (PAGE 16)



"I told police, you can ban my book. You can ban my cartoon but you cannot ban my mind."

MALAYSIAN CARTOONIST ZUNAR AT THE 3RD ASIAN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM CONFERENCE



"You cannot have 100 percent friends saying good things about you, even in your family."

SAUDI CROWN PRINCE ON TRUMP'S CLAIM THAT SAUDI DYNASTY CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT US SUPPORT (PAGE 10)

Khaleda taken to BSMMU

5-member medical board formed; BNP expresses displeasure, saying 3 docs on the board loyal to AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was shifted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) from Dhaka's Old Central Jail for treatment yesterday, in line with a High Court order.

The BSMMU authorities formed a five-member medical board to assess her health condition.

Khaleda, 73, has been suffering from problems in the knees and other ailments for long, according to government doctors who treated her since she landed in jail on February 8 in a corruption case. Her personal doctors who met her in jail said she suffered a "mild stroke" on June 5.

Soon after her arrival at the BSMMU around 3:40pm, hospital Director Brig Gen Abdullah Al Harun met the former prime minister at her VIP cabin along with other senior doctors.

The medical board will decide on the duration of her stay in the hospital, he told reporters later in the evening, adding that the team would hold a meeting at 1:00pm today to

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Police bring BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University from jail yesterday afternoon. She was admitted to the hospital and given a VIP cabin.

PHOTO:
RASHED SHUMON

CLAIM OVER ST MARTIN'S Myanmar ambassador summoned

UNB, Dhaka

Myanmar has come up with another false claim showing Bangladesh's St Martin's Island as part of its territory, prompting Dhaka to lodge a strong protest.

The government yesterday summoned Myanmar Ambassador in Dhaka U Lwin Oo and strongly protested the incident.

Rear Admiral (ret'd) M Khurshed Alam, maritime affairs secretary at the foreign ministry, summoned the Myanmar envoy to his office in the afternoon and handed over a strongly worded protest note to him.

However, the Myanmar envoy said it was a "mistake" to show the St Martin's Island as part of his country's territory, a diplomat told UNB.

If anyone looks back at the history since 1937, he will find that the island had never been a part of Myanmar. Dhaka says there is an "ulterior motive"

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Never said polls would be held this December

CEC now says

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Election Commission has never said the national polls would be held in December this year, claimed Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda yesterday.

People, who are saying that the election would be in December, are giving their opinions, he said while talking to reporters after visiting the stall of the EC at the Unnayan Mela at Sunamganj Govt Jubilee High School ground.

He said the commission was yet to fix the date for announcing the polls schedule.

However, on September 27 and August 7, the CEC said the election schedule would be announced this month and the election was likely to be held in December.

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Leave politics to politicians

President urges at DU convocation, slams professionals' tendency to enter politics after retirement



AGENCIES

President Abdul Hamid yesterday urged all political parties to promote those who have an early orientation in politics, as it is not right to become a politician overnight, reports UNB.

"I have been in politics for so many years ... but if I want to be an assistant professor at Dhaka University today, can I? Many government bureaucrats, army officers, doctors, engineers want to get involved in politics after retirement ... but why?"

Now, all political parties should think about it seriously," he said.

The president was speaking at the 51st convocation of Dhaka University at the central playground on the campus.

"It is not right to try to be a politician overnight without early orientation ... Those who are in politics since an early age should be given the opportunity to continue politics. There has been no qualitative change in politics, as professionals are making direct entry into politics," he observed.

"Experts are needed. So, political parties can invite professionals as experts, but they shouldn't invite them for direct engagement in politics. There's no problem if anyone enters politics directly without taking up any job."

The president urged the political parties to ensure utmost professionalism in politics to bring a qualitative change, BSS reports.

"Only the politicians, who do politics since early years in their life, will do politics," said the former speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad.

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SHAKIB INJURY A case of sheer negligence?



SPORTS REPORTER

Prior to his departure for Australia on Friday night, premier Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan said that his injured finger would never be the same again.

"This finger [his left little finger] will not be 100 per cent okay again. Since the bone is soft here, there is no possibility to fix it like it was before. By operating they [the doctors] will bring it to a position so that I can grip the bat well and continue my career as a cricketer," Shakib told reporters with a somber voice at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

His latest statement is quite moving, especially after the way his injury was handled by the team management during last month's Asia Cup in the UAE.

Bangladesh team manager Khaled Mahmud told reporters the night before

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WATCH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

100 police teams active nationwide

2 YouTubers held for 'spreading rumour'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 100 police teams across the country are monitoring social media to the prevent spread of rumours and fake news.

Police said the teams were formed as circulation of false information on social media platforms was causing deterioration in law and order.

The move came after various rumours were spread on social media centring the recent student movements for quota reform and road safety.

Each police team, with four to five members, has been working since the first week of last month, said Sohel Rana, assistant inspector general (media) of the police headquarters (PHQ).

The teams would be supervised by the cyber crime coordination team of the PHQ.

Led by an assistant superintendent of police, the teams have already been provided with necessary cyber monitoring tools. They will continue their work until the proposed Cyber Crime Investigation Bureau (CCIB) comes into effect, police officials said.

A coordination cell, which is monitoring activities of the teams, has been tasked with updating the policemen about fake news on social media, they said.

On the CCIB, a top police official said the specialised unit would be equipped with open source intelligence (OSINT), which helps law enforcers collect data from publicly available sources.

The software would be used to trace comments or posts

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Trucks won't carry goods from today

Owners, workers call indefinite strike to protest transport act

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Goods Transport Owners Workers United Association yesterday announced that truck owners and workers would abstain from work across the country from 6:00am today to press home their seven-point demand, including bringing changes to the Road Transport Act-2018.

Leaders of the platform, which represents around 80,000 owners and workers, said they would not transport any goods, including life-saving medicine and food, until their demands were met.

"The death penalty for truck drivers is an illogical punishment as they provide services to the nation by transporting goods. If the government does not take an initiative to amend the law, we will continue abstaining from work,"

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