

Ariful takes charge as Sylhet mayor

Re-elected Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) Mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury took charge of office yesterday afternoon.

After a ceremony at Nagar Bhaban, he took over the responsibility from Badrul Haque, secretary of the city corporation.

BNP's Ariful sealed victory for the second time in the July 30 SCC election, defeating AL's Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran.

Ariful said, "I would like to complete last term's unfinished works and then start to fulfil the promises I made in the election manifesto."

He also promised to address the city's waterlogging and traffic congestion issues.

On September 5, Ariful took oath at a function at the Prime Minister's Office in Dhaka. He then left for England and returned to Sylhet on September 27.

HC order on writ

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collectively submitted the petition saying 4,000 fictitious and malafide cases were filed across the country in September against leaders and activists of BNP and other political parties.

The cases were filed in order to create panic among the opposition political party men ahead of the next parliamentary elections, said in the petition.

During hearing yesterday, Dr Kamal Hossain, Barrister Moudud Ahmed and Advocate Khandker Mahbub Hossain appeared for the writ petitioners, while Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and Deputy Attorney General Ekramul Haque Tutul stood for the state.

Oppression has

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"The movement against the current autocratic government is yet to be formed properly because they didn't allow us to do so," he said.

Terming police "an entirely oppressive force", Manna demanded its reform.

About the strategy regarding the upcoming national polls, he said, "We will continue our movement till the end. In the meantime, if the election schedule is declared, we will accept it and carry on with our movement." He also welcomed Sonar Bangla Party and Janadal to Jukto Front.

CU teacher Maidul

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"We cannot remain silent in this situation, when one of our fellows is arrested, handcuffed and placed on remand," said Prof Shamsul Alam Selim of government and politics department.

Prof Ainoon Naher and Prof Mirza Taslima Sultana of anthropology, Prof. Nurul Islam of geography and environment, Md Ashraf Munim and Shormind Neelormi of economics took part in the programme, among others.

Demo postponed

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chain in front of the university around noon.

The speakers alleged that the decision of scrapping quota system is a conspiracy against the freedom fighters. They said it is their "constitutional right" to enjoy 30 percent quota privilege.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PEOPLE STAGE DEMO

Around 50 physically challenged people, under the banner of "Bangladesh Pratibandhi Shikharthi Oikya Parishad", demonstrated at Shahbagh in the afternoon.

They staged a sit-in on a road and reiterated their seven-point demand, including reservation of 5 percent quota for class-I and class-II jobs, and 10 percent quota for class-III and class-IV jobs.

They said they would continue their protest until their demands are met.

'RETAIN INDIGENOUS QUOTA'

Demanding 5 percent quota for class-I and class-II jobs, a group of indigenous people held a press conference at Dhaka University's Madhur Canteen around 11:30am. They urged the government to retain indigenous quota in civil service.

"Adivasi Quota Sangrakkhan Parishad" organised the event.

"Achieving good results is an uphill battle for indigenous students due to a lack of qualified teachers and poor school facilities in the hilly areas," said William Nokrek, coordinator of the platform, while reading out a written statement.

An indigenous student in the hilly areas

should not be compared to a student in Dhaka. It would not be wise to push the indigenous community into an "unequal competition" by scrapping quota privileges, he said.

"The quota reformists had demanded reformation, not abolishment and some lawmakers had also extended their support to retain indigenous quota," he added.

At Rajshahi University, around 30 indigenous students under the banner of "Adivasi Chhatra Parishad" staged a sit-in in front of the university around 6:00pm, blocking Dhaka-Rajshahi highway for an hour.

The platform will stage a protest rally at 4:00pm today at the base of Raju memorial sculpture and block roads at different places across the country.

On October 4, the government issued a circular abolishing the quota system for class-I and class-II jobs in the civil service.

According to the circular, recruitment in grade-9 (class-I) and grade-10 to 13 (class-II) at all government departments, autonomous or semi-autonomous institutions, and various corporations will be based solely on merit.

Until the abolishment, about 56 percent of government jobs had been reserved for candidates from various quotas. Of this, 30 percent were reserved for freedom fighters' children and grandchildren, 10 percent for women, 10 percent for people from underdeveloped districts, five percent for members of indigenous communities and one percent for physically challenged people.

Govt has deceived

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He also said as per the law, a separate agency will be formed which is disconcerting. The agency members will be acting as per the government's directives, he added.

Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, another BNP standing committee member, remarked that the government has undertaken a project. Enactment of the law [Digital Security Act] along with sending their party chief to jail, attempt to use electronic voting machines in the general election, and holding election under a partisan government are elements of the project, he said.

"They are snatching people's fundamental rights in a bid to implement their project," he added.

Terming the present government "fascist", BNP Standing Committee Member Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain said the Digital Security Act has been enacted to provide security to the government.

People expect that the opposition party will criticise the government but the government wants to "re-establish Baksal" in the country. They have completed all arrangements for this, he claimed.

"The law will not provide security to people but will be used to gag their voices," he said, adding that his party will wage movement to topple the government and ensure a fair and credible election.

Two-day int'l

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Prof Abu Saleh, vice chancellor of BUET said the conference can help policymakers from different countries to make development plans and processes in a right path.

Professor Dr Partha S Ghosh, senior fellow of Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, delivered the keynote speech.

Prof Dr Shafique Ahmed Siddique, Member of BUET Trust thanked participants at the conference.

Radwan Mujib Siddiq Bobby, councilor of Bangladesh Awami League and consultant at UNDP was present.

No party can breach our fortress: Ershad

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Terming Rangpur region "a stronghold of Jatiya Party", its chairman HM Ershad said that no other political party in the country can "breach the fortress".

He was talking to local journalists yesterday while visiting construction work of his residence "Sky View" at Senpara area in Rangpur city.

Ershad, also a special envoy of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said he was still unsure whether BNP will take part in the upcoming national election, but his party will definitely join the election.

"My party is ready for the election," he said. Jatiya Party has already decided to contest the election in all 300 constituencies.

Names of party nominees in 300 seats will be declared on October 20, said Ershad.

He, however, refused to comment on Jatiya Oikya Prokriya.

Ershad also denied to make any comment when asked if there is any chance of chaos during this upcoming election.

"There is no internal feud in Jatiya Party. We are united and our goal is to contest in all the 300 seats across the country in the upcoming general election," he said.

Ex-BNP lawmaker sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A Mymensingh court yesterday sent a former BNP lawmaker to jail in connection with a case filed against him under the Special Powers Act in February.

Shah Nurul Kabir Shaheen, a former BNP lawmaker of Mymensingh-8 constituency, was arrested from his residence in Ishwarganj early yesterday, said OC Ahmed Kabir Hossain of Ishwarganj Police Station.

Shaheen is also accused in three other cases, he said.

AKM Mahbubul Alam, organising secretary of BNP (South) district unit, protested the arrest.

ZIA ORPHANAGE GRAFT CASE

HC extends Khaleda's bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday extended till October 11 its earlier order that granted bail to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in Zia Orphanage Trust graft case.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman passed the order following a prayer moved by Khaleda's lawyer Advocate Abdur Rezak Khan, seeking extension of her bail.

Yesterday, the bench also continued hearing on Khaleda's appeal for the 20th day, challenging the trial court verdict that sentenced her to five years' imprisonment in the same graft case.

The court fixed 10:30am today for resuming the hearing, said Anti-Corruption Commission's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan.

On March 12, the HC granted four months' bail to Khaleda in the case filed by ACC.

The order expired on July 12. Since then, the HC bench extended the bail order seven times.

Only on signboard

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department, wishing to remain anonymous.

According to the architecture department official, the design is in the primary level now, and it is uncertain how long it will take to complete it. It usually takes between eight to 12 weeks to complete a design, but as it is a special area situated near the parliament, they are being cautious so that it does not conflict with the architectural code of the National Parliament, the official said.

Once the design is complete, it will be submitted to the MSW and the NFDDP. The MSW will show the design to the National Parliament Secretariat for approval. Then the PWD will estimate the cost of the whole design, and seek funding from the MSW. Upon receiving the funding, PWD will implement the design, according to PWD sources.

Meanwhile, many organisations that had praised the initiative when it was first taken, are now frustrated over the delay.

Mofijul Islam, deputy director of Society for the Welfare of Autistic Children, a platform working for differently-abled children, told The Daily Star, "The prime minister declared a couple of years ago that the field would be used as a playground for disabled persons, but till date there is nothing but a signboard. Only concerned authorities can tell why it is taking so long."

Contacted, MSW Additional Secretary (Institution and disabilities) Sushanta

Kumar Pramanik declined to comment, and directed this correspondent to NFDDP.

NFDDP Managing Director Mahmuda Min Ara said, "Several departments are involved in the initiative to implement it. Besides, we did not have permission to proceed with our work until June 2018, from the parliament secretariat, so it is taking time."

"We have done what we had to do so far. Once the Department of Architecture completes their design, the concerned departments can begin their work," she added.

Meanwhile, chief architect of the Department of Architecture Kazi Golam Nasir said, "Once the design is complete, we can proceed further."

The longest delay in the process so far has taken place at the National Parliament Secretariat (from July 4, 2017 to June 7, 2018). This correspondent contacted three officials of the secretariat -- Assistant Secretary (estate) Md Delwar Hossain, Additional Secretary Md Nuruzzaman and finally Senior Secretary Abdur Rob Howlader -- asking about the delay, but none of them were able to provide any explanation.

According to the National Taskforce on Disabilities-friendly Disaster Management Affairs, a total of 15,93,070 people with disabilities are registered in Bangladesh. The dilly-dallying and lack of accountability on the government bodies' part in ensuring something as simple as a playground, is demoralising for the community, according to those working for rights of the differently-abled.

Admission test for Buett held

CITY DESK

The admission test for first year honours course of 2018-2019 academic session of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buett) was held on Sunday, said a press release.

A total of 12,138 students appeared for the exams against 1060 seats under different faculties of the university.

Prof Saiful Islam, vice-chancellor of Buett visited the examination centres with Prof Farida Nilufar, Prof Md Saifur Rahman, Dr M Kaykobad, Prof Quazi Deen Mohd Khosru, Prof SM Mahbubur Rahman and other teachers.

Results are expected to be published on 27 October, 2018, the release added.



As part of the golden jubilee celebration of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College in Barishal, a procession was brought out in the city yesterday.

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Youth held for rape attempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was arrested yesterday for allegedly attempting to rape a 19-year-old pregnant woman in the capital's Mohammadpur area, police said.

The arrestee was identified as Mehedi, 22, a neighbour of the victim. The victim was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday after Mehedi allegedly kicked her in the abdomen on Sunday, the victim's husband said.

The incident took place when the victim's husband, a construction worker, went to work leaving her alone at home.

Mehedi forcibly went inside the house and attempted to rape the woman, the victim's husband said. At one point, he kicked her and she started to bleed.

Mehedi was held captive by the victim's husband in their house until police came and arrested him. A case has been filed against Mehedi with Mohammadpur Police Station. Police later produced him before a Dhaka court seeking seven-day remand.

Three judges appointed to Appellate Division

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three High Court judges have been appointed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

The judges are Justice Zinat Ara, Justice Abu Bakar Siddique and Justice Md Nuruzzaman, Law Secretary ASSM Zahirul Haque Dulal told The Daily Star.

The president made the appointment as per the constitution, he said, adding that the law ministry issued a gazette notification on the appointment yesterday.

The new judges will be sworn in today.

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain will administer oath to them at the Supreme Court's Judges' Lounge at 10:30am, said SC Registrar General Md Zakir Hossain.

With the latest additions, the number of Appellate Division judges stands at seven. The three judges have been appointed, since the apex court is going through a shortage of judges for more than two years.

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House # 6, Road # 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212

Tender Ref. no 42.06.2626.101.06.001.18-1593 Date : 07 October, 2018

Invitation of Tender for

Construction of Shore Piles for the multi-storied CEGIS Bhaban (Building) in 10 (ten) katha plot at Plot No. F-14/E, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

1	Name of Organization	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS)
2	Invitation for	Procurement of Works
3	Invitation Ref No. & Date	42.06.2626.101.06.001.18- 1593, 07 October, 2018

KEY INFORMATION

4	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

5	Source of Fund	CEGIS Fund
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

6	Project name	Construction of CEGIS Office Building
7	Tender Package Name	Construction of Shore Piles by rotary drilling for CEGIS Building at Plot No. F-14/E, Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka
8	Last Date and time of Selling Tender	28 October, 2018 by 04:00 p.m.
9	Last date & Time of receiving tender	29 October, 2018 by 01:00 p.m.
10	Opening Date & Time	29 October, 2018, 03:00 p.m.
11	Name & Address of the office for Selling, receiving & opening of Tender Document	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services, House # 6, Road # 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212
12	Place, date and time of Pre-tender meeting	Conference Room of CEGIS office Date: 18 October, 2018, Time: 10:30 a.m.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

13	Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	Tenderers shall have the following minimum level of eligibility and qualification criteria: (a) Five years general experience in construction of Shore piling works (b) Successfully completed at least 2 contracts of Construction of cast-in-situ piles by rotary drilling of minimum diameter 600 mm. and length not less than 20m. within the last 5 years, each with a value of minimum Tk. 175 lac (Taka One hundred Seventy five lac) (c) The average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk. 500 lac (Taka five hundred lac) over the best 3 years of last 5 years (d) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 150 lac (Taka One hundred and fifty lac) and other criteria specified in the Tender Document.
14	Brief Description of Works	Construction of 600 mm. dia. and about 20 m. long cast-in-situ RCC Shore Piles (As specified in the tender document)
15	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 2000.00 (Taka Two thousand) only (non-refundable)
16	Tender Security	Tk. 5.00 (five) lac. in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft in favor of CEGIS
17	Completion Time	2 (Two) months from the date of issuance of Work order

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

18	Name, Designation and Address/Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Sarfaraz Wahed, Project Director, Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services House # 6, Road # 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 Phone # 88-02-58817649-52, E-mail: mswahed@cegisbd.com
19	Tenderers having quoted the tender price above or less than 10 (Ten) percent of the official cost estimate, the tender will be rejected	
20	The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive tenderer with no arithmetical or other anomalies in the amount quoted, fulfilling the criterion mentioned in Sl. No.13 and in the Instructions to Tenderers (ITT) and Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of Tender Document	
21	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender process.	

M. Wahed

Project Director, CEGIS Office Building Construction Project