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Mash may buy AL nomination form today

Shakib backtracks on decision

SPORTS REPORTER

If things go as planned and injury does not sideline the country's most popular cricketer Mashrafe Bin Mortaza leading up to next year's ICC World Cup, Bangladesh might present an MP [Member of Parliament] at the global showpiece event.

And as a first step towards that lofty personal goal, Bangladesh's most successful ODI captain will appear at Awami League president's Dhanmondi office to collect his nomination paper today.

Mashrafe will contest the 11th parliamentary elections to be held on December 23 with Awami League ticket, said Md Abu Naser, senior information officer of the ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, yesterday.

Although the party spokesman had also informed about another popular cricketer Shakib Al Hasan's

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BNP to join election

Standing Committee decides in principle, insiders say; 20-party, Oikyafront want polls deferment

SHAKHAWAT LITON *and* MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The BNP-led 20-party combine and Jatiya Oikyafront have decided in principle to join the upcoming national election but they will request the Election Commission to defer the polls, insiders say.

Senior leaders of the two opposition alliances are likely to meet the EC tomorrow to discuss this and also urge steps to ensure a congenial atmosphere for facilitating their participation in the polls.

They will also express dissatisfaction over unveiling of polls schedule "hurriedly", sources said, adding that they may send a letter to the EC today seeking time for the meeting.

Top Oikyafront leader Dr Kamal Hossain and BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir will hold a press conference at 1:00pm today explaining their stance on the current political situation.

Besides, the alliance will write to the Election Commission today requesting deferment of the election schedule by around a month, sources said last night.

It may also stage a march towards the Election Commission office, likely on Tuesday, to materialise its demands. The date of the programme will be formally announced from today's press conference.

The commission has fixed December 23 for the 11th parliamentary polls. As per the constitution, the election must be held on or by January 28.

Last night, a number of developments came from separate meetings of the BNP standing committee, the 20-party combine and the Oikyafront, a new alliance of BNP and several other opposition parties.

The BNP standing committee decided in principle that the party, which boycotted the 2014 general election, will join the upcoming polls. The same decision came at the meetings 20-party combine and Oikyafront.

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Supporters of Awami League nomination seekers gather on Sat Masjid Road near the party chief's Dhanmondi office yesterday, blocking traffic. There was a similar situation in the area on Friday when the AL began selling nomination papers ahead of the parliamentary polls. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

GRASSROOTS' ROLE IN NOMINATION

AL ignores RPO, its charter

SHAKHAWAT LITON *and* RASHIDUL HASAN

The ruling Awami League appears to have ignored the electoral law and its own charter in the nomination process for parliamentary candidates in the next national election as the party didn't allow its grassroots leaders to make preliminary selection of contenders.

Section 90B (iv) of the Representation of the People Order (RPO) empowers the grassroots of all registered political parties, including the AL, to play a role in choosing parliamentary candidates.

Around 3,200 nomination forms sold over last 2 days

According to the RPO section, the grassroots will send a list of prospective candidates from each constituency to the party's central parliamentary board, which will finalise the nomination of candidates, taking the list into consideration.

The provision introduced before

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2 teenagers killed in AL infighting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two teenage "supporters" of an Awami League nomination seeker were run over and killed by a pickup fleeing an attack allegedly by a rival group in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday.

They were identified as Mohammad Sujon, 17, assistant of a mason, and Arif Hossain, 14, a printing press worker.

Armed with hammers, sharp weapons and brickbats, the attackers swooped on the supporters of Sadek Khan also in Shampa Market, Sunibir Housing

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The future of living

Urban life in Dhaka is going through rapid transition and city dwellers are more aware than ever about aesthetics and modern amenities in their dwellings. The opportunity of addressing new demands is pushing real estate companies to develop innovative solutions in order to stay ahead of the curve. Through a special publication, The Daily Star explores the emerging trends in Bangladesh real estate.

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Brutes on the loose

Kill woman after throwing her father off a running bus

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Savar*

A woman was killed in a moving bus after her father was pushed off the vehicle on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Savar on the outskirts of the capital on Friday night.

The incident may remind one of the rape and murder of law student Rupa Khatun inside a running bus in Tangail over a year ago.

Police and family sources said Jarina Khatun, 45, along with her father Ali Akbar, 75, of Khaj Kawali village in Sirajganj's Chauhali upazila, went to Ashulia's Unique area a few days ago to visit her daughter Rozina, who recently became a mother.

Following the visit, Ali and Jarina got into a Tangail-bound bus at the local bus stop around 5:00pm on Friday. Rozina's husband Nurul Islam saw them off.

Nurul said he called Ali over his phone around 9:00pm and came to know that the father and daughter were beaten inside the bus and Ali was dragged out of the vehicle in Moragang area of Ashulia.

Talking to The Daily Star, Ali said there were 10 to 12 passengers when he and Jarina boarded the bus. After some

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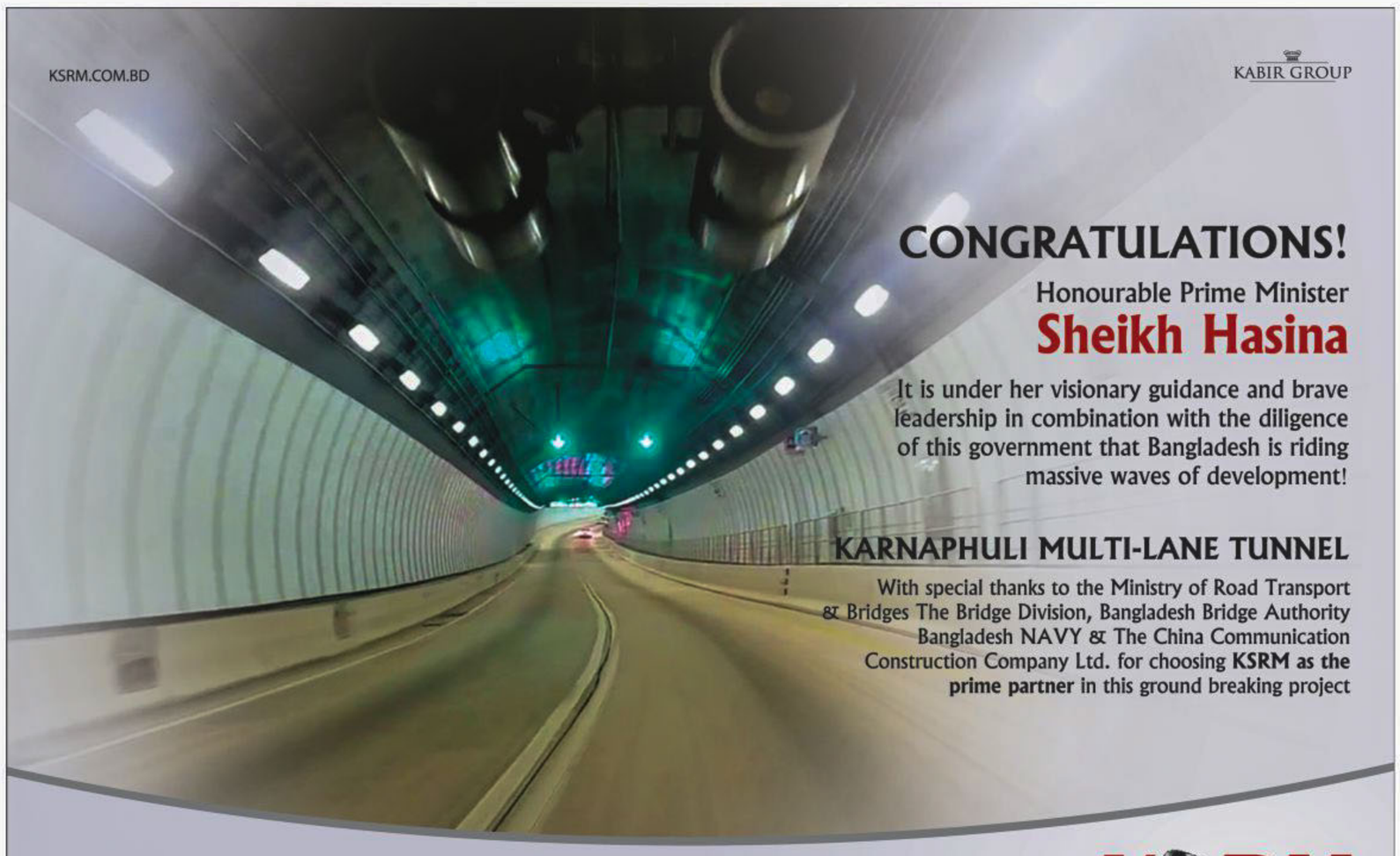

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