

# Seat sharing

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The Daily Star that AL backtracked on its decision to make public the list of alliance candidates fearing that leaders deprived of tickets could join arch-rival BNP and Jatiya Oikyafront.

That would be embarrassing for the AL-led alliance and it was the reason for the AL making a strategic decision, they said.

They said according to "strategic reason", aspirants of all other components of the alliance would file nomination papers before the deadline.

The discussion on seat sharing would resume after tomorrow.

Ruling AL had a series of meetings with its allies to finalise seat-sharing but could not get it done as partners, particularly JP, were firm on their demands for seats.

On several occasions, top leaders of the alliance said they would make public the final list of alliance candidates by yesterday.

AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader on Sunday said they would reveal the list at 3:00pm yesterday through a joint press conference of alliance partners at the AL President Sheikh Hasina's Dhanmondi office.

The party yesterday held a press conference only to say that they were deferring the discloser.

"We have changed our earlier decision [to disclose names of the nominees]. Due to tactical and technical reasons, we have decided to make public the list of the alliance candidates after scrutiny of nomination papers [on December 2]."

Quader said at the press conference. He said they made the decision to avert possible misunderstandings with alliance partners. He reiterated that the AL would share 65 to 70 seats with its partners.

"Election is a game of strategy. We want to remain in an advantageous position," he said.

He asked the media not to make public names of alliance nominees before the alliance officially reveals them "to avoid confusion and embarrassment".

According to Quader, AL aspirants who got nomination papers on Sunday would start filing them today. Aspirants of AL-led 14-party alliance and Jatiya Party would also submit their nomination papers from today, he said.

An hour and a half after the press conference, JP Secretary General Ruhul Amin Hawlader at party chief HM Ershad's Banani office said around 200 JP aspirants were ready to file their nominations papers in equal number of constituencies.

The party yesterday started handing out nomination letters to its aspirants from party chief's office.

Echoing Quader's statement, he said the list of alliance nominees would be finalised after the end of nomination paper scrutiny.

The JP secretary general said there might be some seats in which both AL and JP aspirants could run.

A JP presidium member requesting not to be named said, "You have seen a number of AL leaders join the Gonoforum and the BNP as they were not given AL tickets. The Awami League didn't make public the list of grand alliance nominees today [yesterday] to stop such incidents happening again."

Two leaders of alliance partners -- Workers Party and JSD (Inu) -- agreed with the JP presidium member's view.

About seat-sharing, a JP leader close to HM Ershad said the AL had agreed to give them 45 seats but the JP boss was pressing AL for five to six more.

The AL on Sunday handed over nomination letters to its candidates to contest in 248 seats. Multiple AL candidates were nominated in eight constituencies. The party also nominated candidates in five constituencies where there are JP incumbents.

MP aspirants of Workers Party, both factions of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, and other components of the 14-party alliance and Juktofront would start filing nomination papers from today, party leaders told The Daily Star. Around 34 aspirants of Workers Party, 45 of JSD factions, and 50 of Juktofront are likely to submit nomination papers, sources said.

# Ex-BCL leader

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Cumilla Sadar (south) Police Station, said two attackers on a motorcycle shot Delwar point-blank when he was walking on a road in Shambakshi area around 9:45pm.

He was declared dead after being taken to Comilla Medical College Hospital.

Syed Nurul Islam, superintendent of Cumilla police, said Delwar had disputes with local Awami League men as he was a councillor candidate in the last city polls.

Police were investigating the murder, he added.

# 'Criminal' shot

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leaving Emon critically injured, said the deputy commissioner.

Emon was declared dead after being taken to Mitford Hospital while his associates managed to escape the scene, according to police statement.

Police claimed to have recovered a revolver and five bullets from the spot.

# Eight militants indicted

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arms; and Rakibul Islam, so-called religious trainer. All of them are behind bars.

The tribunal also issued arrest warrants for the two other accused, Shariful Islam Khaled and Mamunur Rashid Ripon, who are on the run.

On July 1, 2016, armed militants stormed the Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital's Gulshan and killed 20 hostages, mostly foreign nationals.

Two police officials were also killed during the 12-hour standoff. Police held home-grown militant group "Neo JMB" responsible for the country's worst ever terrorist attack.

On July 23 this year, Inspector Humayun Kabir of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit submitted charge sheet to the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka, accusing the eight and naming 21 people as prosecution witnesses.

Humayun is also the investigating officer of the case.

Yesterday, the court asked the accused to appoint defense lawyers. But the accused said no lawyer wanted to defend them.

The tribunal then advised them to seek help from legal aid organisations.

According to the charge sheet, "Neo JMB" militants had planned the attack for six months. Their intention was to create "unrest" in Bangladesh and turn it into a "terrorist state".

Despite being involved in the attack, 13 other "militants" were not named in the charge sheet as they were killed in encounters with law enforcers at different places in the country.

The five gunmen, who held diners hostage and got killed, are Nibrash Islam, Mir Sabeh Mubashir, Rohan Imtiaz, Khairul Islam Payel and Shafiqul Islam Uzzal.

The eight killed in other operations are Tamim Chowdhury; Sarwar Jahan, a top operative of mainstream JMB and financier; Nurul Islam Marzan, a Chittagong University student and café attack coordinator; Jahidul Islam, a retired major and trainer; Basharuzzaman Chocolate, a software engineer; Abu Raihan Tarik, a top operative; Tanvir Kaderi, a banker and financier; and Mizanur Rahman alias Chhoto Mizan, supplier of grenades.

The investigators, however, didn't

name former private university teacher Hasnat Reza Karim in the charge sheet as they found no evidence against him after analysing accounts from wit-

# Six in jail



Rashed Rakibul



Mizan Mahfuz



Sagor Rajib

# Two absconders



Khaled Ripon

nesses and arrested "militants". Hasnat, who along with his family members went to the café on the day of the attack to have dinner on his daughter's birthday, was arrested on August 3, 2016 and later made an accused in the case.

After submission of the charge sheet in the case, the jail authorities released him as per the court's order.

# Russia-Ukraine

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Security Council was set to hold an emergency session yesterday. Nato also called an emergency meeting on the incident.

Ukraine's Western allies accused Russia of using force without justification, while Kiev urged its partners to impose further sanctions on Moscow.

"These were planned acts of armed aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine," Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin told reporters in Kiev.

"We will demand (at the Security Council) the immediate release of our sailors and the liberation of our ships."

He said talks were underway, with the European Union and others, on increasing sanctions imposed on Russia.

Moscow insisted Kiev was to blame, with Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov saying: "The Russian side acted strictly within both domestic and international law."

"DANGEROUS METHODS" Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov accused Kiev of a planned provocation and of using "dangerous methods" that put ships in the area at risk.

The crisis unfolded as two small Ukrainian warships and a tugboat were heading through the Kerch Strait, a waterway that gives access to the Sea of Azov from the Black Sea and which is used by both Ukraine and Russia.

Ukraine said a Russian border guard vessel rammed the tugboat and then fired on the ships, immobilising all three. It said the Kerch Strait was blocked by a tanker and that Russian military aircraft were flying over the area.

Russia's FSB security service, which oversees border forces, confirmed weapons had been fired and the vessels seized, accusing the Ukrainian ships of "violating the Russian border".

Ukraine said six of its servicemen were injured, two seriously. The FSB said only three had suffered non-life threatening injuries and were given medical treatment.

Russian news agencies quoted port officials in Crimea as saying the strait was reopened to traffic early yesterday.

The confrontation is a dangerous development in the long-running conflict pitting Ukraine against Moscow and Russian-backed rebels in the east of the country. More than 10,000 people have died in the fighting.

The United States and EU have imposed sanctions on Russia over the conflict and yesterday European capitals rallied behind Kiev.

"I condemn Russian use of force in Azov Sea. Russian authorities must return Ukrainian sailors, vessels & refrain from further provocations," EU President Donald Tusk tweeted.

TENSIONS OVER SEA ACCESS France also called on Russia to release the sailors and ships, with the foreign ministry saying "nothing appears to justify the use of force" by Russia.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said any Russian "blockade" of the Sea of Azov was "unacceptable".

Tensions have been building over the Kerch Strait, where Russia has built a new bridge that gives it a land connection to Crimea, annexed by

# Dead fish

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the end of next year, according to spokesman Rune Thomas Ege.

The company aims to have six of its 17 ships capable of using a combination of biogas, batteries and liquefied natural gas, the cleanest of fossil fuels, by 2021.

Norway, which already has buses that run on biogas, has large fishing and forestry industries which produce vast amounts of organic waste.

The announcement comes as the cruise sector faces heavy criticism for its climate footprint and its impact on air quality.

A large cruise ship powered by highly-polluting heavy fuel oil emits almost as many fine particles daily as one million cars, according to German environmental group Nabu.

Yesterday, a French court fined cruise company P&O and its US captain 100,000 euros (\$114,000) for knowingly using fuel with excessive sulphur levels, the first such ruling in France.

Norway has a "zero emission" target for cruise ships and ferries navigating its fjords listed as world heritage sites by Unesco by 2026 at the latest.

Hurtigruten, which aims to become carbon neutral by 2050, has ordered three hybrid battery/diesel vessels which the company said will be "the first cruise ships in the world that will be able to operate completely emission free for periods of time".

The spokesman said that is "and something deemed almost impossible just a few years back".

The first of those three ships should enter into service in May 2019.

# Indigenous

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A three-member medical board of Bandarabazar Hospital conducted an autopsy yesterday morning. One of the members, preferring anonymity, said the victim was strangled to death following rape.

A case was filed by the victim's sister, police said, adding that an investigation into the incident was underway.

CHATTOGRAM MINOR 'RAPED' In Boalkhali of Chattogram, an 11-year-old was allegedly raped by her tutor.

The girl's family said she went to the house of Aktarul Alam, alias Munshi Miah, 68, in Syadnagar village in the upazila on Sunday morning for Arabic lessons.

While Aktarul allowed all other students to leave after the session, he, however, did not let the girl leave, Sairul Islam, officer-in-charge of Boalkhali Police Station, said.

In the absence of his family members in his house, Aktarul raped the girl and also "took pictures and recorded video clips" of the incident, the OC said, referring to the case statement.

When the girl reached home in tears, her mother asked her what happened and learned that she was "raped" by the tutor.

After a case was filed yesterday, police arrested Aktarul and the girl was sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for medical examination, Sairul said.

# Economic

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point for Bangladesh, he said.

Oikyafront leader and Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain said the opinion of Reza was not Oikyafront's manifesto.

Leaders of the Oikyafront, the alliance of BNP and several other opposition parties, will announce its manifesto before the press very soon, said Kamal.

Replying to a query, Kamal also reiterated that there was a possibility of election rigging. He urged the people to guard polling centres.

He explained that guarding polling centres did not mean pushing the people towards a civil war.

Over the last few days, some people are wrongly explaining that people guarding polling centres means pushing them towards a civil war, he said.

Gonoforum General Secretary Mostafa Mohsin Montu said they sold nomination forms to 350 aspirants and 113 of them had been selected for being nominated by the party.

He added that they were talking to the Oikyafront leaders to obtain the final nomination letters for the maximum number of Gonoforum nomination seekers.

# 2 EU election

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politicians and common people.

A diplomatic source said although the EU would not send any observer team because of a lengthy preparatory process, it would closely monitor the next national election in Bangladesh.

The EU would be keeping an eye on the developments in the coming weeks, the source said.

The EU thinks sending a credible observer mission is a very big operation as it involves a good number of observers and needs a long preparation.

# TALIBAN AMBUSH

# 22 Afghan cops killed in Farah

AFP, Herat

At least 22 police officers were killed in a Taliban ambush in western Afghanistan, a health official said yesterday, in another blow to Afghan forces already suffering record casualties.

The attack on the police convoy in Farah province follows a wave of violence across Afghanistan in recent weeks, including a suicide bombing inside an army base mosque on Friday, and intensifying efforts to convince the Taliban to end the 17-year war.

At least two police officers were wounded in Sunday's ambush, said Shir Ahmad Weda, director of the public hospital in the provincial capital.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack in a WhatsApp message, saying 25 police were killed and four wounded.

"Four vehicles were destroyed and a large quantity of weapons were seized," Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, a spokesman for the militants, added.

Provincial police spokesman Mohibullah Mohib said the convoy had been travelling from Farah city to Juwain district when it came under attack.

Mohib put the death toll at five with another seven wounded.

Afghan government and military officials often downplay the casualty toll of security forces, while the Taliban frequently exaggerates the number its

fighters have killed or wounded.

The Taliban and its smaller rival the Islamic State group (IS) have been inflicting record casualties on local forces this year.

At least 27 soldiers were killed in Friday's suicide attack in a mosque on an army base in the eastern province of Khost.

IS claimed responsibility for the explosion, which also wounded at least 79 service members.

That came days after a suicide assault on a religious gathering in Kabul that killed at least 55 people and wounded 94.

Since the start of 2015, when local forces took over from US-led Nato combat troops to secure the country, nearly 30,000 Afghan soldiers and police have been killed, President Ghani revealed this month -- a figure far higher than anything previously acknowledged.

Experts have warned the attrition rate is unsustainable.

US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad expressed hopes in Kabul earlier this month that a peace deal to end the war could be struck before the Afghan presidential election, scheduled for April 20.

His comments underscore an apparent increasing sense of urgency in the White House and among American diplomats for such a deal to be done quickly.

# Rohingyas go on 3-day strike

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staged a demonstration in the camps.

Their major demands include guaranteeing citizenship, ensuring security by the UN for those in Rakhine and repatriating them to their original households instead of the camps set up by Myanmar government.

Refugee Rehabilitation and Repatriation Commissioner Abul Kalam denied the claims of forcible distribution of the identity cards.

"These cards are registration cards that will be used as identity cards. The perceptions they have about these cards are totally baseless," he told The Daily Star.

Abul Kalam said he went to the camps yesterday to talk to the Rohingya leaders and explained what the cards were.

There was no question of forcible repatriation, he added.

Asked about the Rohingyas' perception of the smart cards with biodata being shared with Myanmar and that Myanmar authorities were also imposing such cards, he said, "These cards are only for internal use in Bangladesh, not for sharing with any others."

On the use of the word 'Rohingya' on the smart cards, Abul Kalam said it was not necessary to write it.

He said that only some shops at the camps were kept closed and that most Rohingyas, who work for the aid agencies in the camps, were on duty.

The Rohingyas, who have been living in Myanmar for generations, were denied citizenship, freedom of movement, health services and higher education since 1982. They were also not recognised as ethnic Rohingyas, but illegal migrants from Bangladesh.

The Myanmar government wants the Rohingya to accept National Verification Cards (NVC), saying it is a pathway to citizenship. However, the Rohingyas believe that accepting the NVCs will make them illegal citizens and they will eventually be denied

citizenship.

Sixty-year old Rohingya Nurul Islam said he had to flee to Bangladesh thrice -- once in 1978, then in 1991 and last in 2017 when some 750,000 Rohingyas fled the military campaign in Rakhine state of Myanmar.

"Should we continue the process of fleeing violence in Myanmar to Bangladesh and return? We want citizenship and then only we will go. We are the people of Myanmar and we are Rohingya. Our Rohingya identity has to be written in the smart cards," he said.

The Rohingyas see the inclusion of their ethnicity in the cards as an issue of identity and survival, although the UNHCR and Bangladesh authorities did not include it.

"If Rohingya is not written on the card, we will be regarded as illegal migrants from Bangladesh, which we are not. We are Rohingya. We want our identity," said Nurul Islam, a Rohingya leader in Kutupalong.

In a written notice, the Rohingya demanded that their ethnicity be included in the smart cards, and the authorities stop collecting their bio data or share the data already collected.

UNHCR Spokesperson in Cox's Bazar Caroline Gluck said the cards would help the Rohingyas access services and enables the agency to build a database that would make it easier to provide assistance, reports Al Jazeera on November 23.

The cards are also "an important milestone in contributing to securing the identities of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh", she said.

The agency plans to finish the scheme by the end of this year, with 27,000 people registered so far.

Gluck also said the agency had worked with the Bangladesh authorities to hold community meetings with refugees and their leaders to dispel "false rumours that the card was linked to repatriation".

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07	Ctg.01/Dev./2016-2019Ver/Wd-17	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st, 2nd & 3rd floor in/c Sanitary & Water Supply And Electrification Works at Akubandani Waresh Mohsenia High School, Boakhal, Chattogram.	253354 OTM	09-Dec-2018 16:00:00	10-Dec-2018 13:00:00
08	Ctg.01/Dev./2016-2019Ver/Wd-10	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st, 2nd & 3rd floor in/c Sanitary Water Supply & Electrification Works at Barakal Abdul High Anowara Begum Girls School, Chandanais, Chattogram.	253347 OTM	09-Dec-2018 16:00:00	10-Dec-2018 13:00:00
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