

Cops to interrogate BNP joint secy-general Sohel

JNU CORRESPONDENT Two Dhaka courts yesterday directed police to interrogate BNP Joint Secretary General Habibun Nabi Khan Sohel at the jail gate within ten days in connection with two cases filed against him in February and July for causing violence and obstructing police from discharging duties.



Experts and stakeholders share opinions on the outcomes of a baseline survey on measures taken to stop violence against children, at The Daily Star Centre yesterday. It was organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST).

Children punished mostly for poor academic performance

Shows BLAST-Save the Children baseline study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Some 52.5 percent of children of the country face different forms of punishment both at home and outside while 15.2 percent experience sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), according to a baseline survey.

Prof Salma Akhter, consultant of ARCED Foundation; Advocate Tajul Islam, advisor of BLAST; and Mahbuba Akter, deputy-director of BLAST, presented the findings while educationist Rasheda K Choudhury addressed the programme as chief guest.

Blind aspirant

FROM PAGE 3 David Blunkett, who is blind since birth, was the home secretary of the United Kingdom from June 8, 2001 to December 15, 2004.

Becoming the CEO

FROM PAGE 5 said she was unhappy as her work did not leave time for much else. She wanted to live life on her own terms. Now, she is doing exactly that and earning five times more than that of her previous job.

HC order

FROM PAGE 3 against the siblings in 2010 for not submitting wealth statements, said Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik.

He also said the cases are now under investigation. Barrister Ajjamul Hossain argued for the siblings, while Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan appeared for ACC.

First death anniversary of Prof Aminul Islam today

CITY DESK Today is the first death anniversary of Prof Dr Aminul Islam, founder

vice chancellor and emeritus professor of Daffodil International University, says a press release. He was also a professor of soil science at Dhaka University and VC of National University.

Muzaffar Ali's

FROM PAGE 5 Barakanda of Meghna and in 1970, he cofounded Bangabandhu College in Manikchar of Homna. In 1984, he founded Muzaffar Ali Foundation in Sonargaon of Narayanganj for the welfare of underprivileged children.

Ctg candidates

FROM PAGE 5 Chattogram-4 (Sitakunda) candidate Didarul Alam submitted their nomination papers from AL at the returning officers' offices.

Chattogram Divisional Commissioner Mohammad Abdul Mannan said they distributed an adequate number of nomination papers and hoped that the election would be held in a free and fair manner.

According to the election schedule, deadline for submission of nomination papers ended yesterday.

Dhaka's microclimate

FROM PAGE 3 In the presentation, it was said that Dhaka will be the 4th largest megacity, considering its population, on the planet by 2025 but due to a lack of proper action plan, its microclimate situation is deteriorating fast.

Dr Atiq Rahman said water, energy and food management have to be in a coordinated manner as everything related to environment is linked to the three.

An official of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department informed the workshop that his office has set up 200 air quality monitoring stations across the city.

He said some more stations will be set up soon. Iqbal Habib said Dhaka's population grew enormously since independence while it lost greenery, ponds, and canals. But no action plan was implemented to recover the lost water bodies although it is still possible to recover those.

Prof Maruful Haque said the government undertakes too many policies and plans. However, little has been implemented. The lack of implementation has huge costs.

Prof Shamsul Alam said that Dhaka city's air quality is reaching a dangerous level and many diseases are the result of that.

He said the government has undertaken an 81-year Delta Plan to deal with environment and other issues, adding that the Delta Plan 2100 will be upgraded every five years to accommodate the emerging issues.

BNP banking on new faces

FROM PAGE 3 Dhaka city Jamaat leader Selim Uddin also submitted nomination form for the same constituency as a backup candidate. He is contesting as an independent candidate.

Ganasamhati Andolon's Chief Coordinator Zonayed Saki submitted his for Dhaka-12 as an independent candidate.

Since morning, the room of Dhaka Divisional Commissioner's office, where assistant returning officers (ARO) were completing necessary formalities, was almost packed with aspirants and their associates and journalists.

After lunch, police barred additional people from entering the RO office, which led to altercations with supporters of the aspirants.

Meanwhile, AROs had to work till 6:00pm as several aspirants came to the office a few minutes before the closing time at 5:00pm.

RO KM Ali Azam later told reporters that they did not receive any complaint about violation of electoral code of conduct. "We are committed to hold a free and fair election and have taken necessary measures to execute rules and directives of the Election Commissioners," he said.

He informed that only one candidate submitted nomination paper online.

Azmira Sultana, an independent candidate, submitted hers for Dhaka-14. A huge number of law enforcers were deployed in the area to avert any untoward situation. A total of 32 returning officers worked at six counters to collect nomination letters of candidates for Dhaka's 15 constituencies, said KM Ali Azam.

In total, 213 candidates submitted nominations for the 15 constituencies, said Mohammad Shahjalal, an ARO of Dhaka. Aspirants for the five seats -- Dhaka 1, 2, 3, 19, 20 -- outside the metropolitan area have submitted their nomination papers at the offices of respective AROs.

'EC DIDN'T ACCEPT NOMINATION' BNP standing committee member Mirza Abbas last night alleged that the Election Commission did not accept his nomination paper for Dhaka-9 constituency. "The returning officer did not accept his nomination paper for Dhaka-9," Mizanur Rahman Soheli, personal secretary of Mirza Abbas, told The Daily Star.

The BNP leader, however, has submitted nomination paper for Dhaka-8 constituency while his wife Afroza Abbas submitted hers for Dhaka-9, said Soheli. Abbas submitted the nominations through his representatives, he added. The Daily Star could not get comments of the returning officer in this regard.

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FROM PAGE 5 Esselborn said their aim is to support the university to develop and strengthen journalism education in Bangladesh, especially in the field of digital journalism.

Save the Children International Tender Cancellation Notice International tender for "Procurement and distribution of Medical Equipment, funded by USAID" published by Save the Children International in "The Daily Prothom Alo & The Daily Star" on November 14, 2018 has been cancelled due to some unavoidable circumstances. Senior Manager, Procurement and Supply Chain

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