



BNP CANDIDATES FOR DEC 30 POLLS

## 150 finalised, rest in wait

Full list after EC disposes appeals against nomination rejection

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The BNP has finalised candidates in at least 150 constituencies and will pick contenders for the remaining seats after the Election Commission decides the fate of many of its leaders' appeals against rejection of their nomination papers.

Top leaders of the party chose the 150 candidates for the December 30 election after holding a series of meetings in the last three days.

They consulted acting party chief Tarique

Rahman, who has been in London since 2008, in this regard. The party may start issuing letters today to the selected contenders, say insiders.

The finalisation of candidates is being delayed because of rejection of the nomination papers filed by many of the party leaders, they said.

As many as 141 BNP leaders saw their nomination papers rejected on various grounds, including conviction and defaulted loans. Almost half of them are strong contenders, added the insiders.

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Be visible, vibrant

Unhappy CEC tells electoral enquiry bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing dissatisfaction with the electoral enquiry committees, Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda yesterday advised their members to be proactive for winning people's trust.

"We had formed 122 electoral enquiry committees on November 25. We had expectations that at least 122 complaints would be disposed of. But you did not even resolve 22 complaints," he said. "It's because you haven't completed your preparation."

Huda was addressing the inaugural session of a conference at the Election Commission Secretariat.

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### NOMINEE AFFIDAVITS

Tk 2.67cr fortune, nothing in banks

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Dinaipur-1 lawmaker Manoranjan Shill Gopal, his wife or any of his dependents do not have a single penny in banks, although the family's net wealth grew 38 times in the last 10 years.

In 2008, his own deposit in bank and other financial institutions was Tk 3 lakh, which rose to Tk 10.1 lakh in 2013, according to his affidavits submitted to the Election Commission.

In those years too, his wife and other dependents had no money in banks.

However, his family's net wealth rose to Tk 2.67 crore in 2018 from Tk 7 lakh in

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## 543 appeals; only 3 days to settle

EC hearing starts today to decide fate of Khaleda and others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission today starts the mammoth task of disposing of 543 appeals against returning officers' nomination rejections.

The pile of appeals includes BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's appeals filed yesterday.

The EC will get only three days to finish the job, as it has to be done before December 9, the last date for withdrawing candidature.

According to the EC's plan, the full commission would sit at the EC Secretariat today at 10:00am to dispose of the first 160 appeals, in the order they were filed. Tomorrow, it would decide on the next 233 and the fate of the remaining 150 would be decided on Saturday, said EC Secretary

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Students of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College demonstrate at its gate demanding punishment of the principal yesterday for what they said was instigation to suicide. Arित्रy Adhikary, a student of the school, died by suicide on Monday after teachers reportedly told her father that she had been expelled from the school for cheating in exams.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## 3 teachers suspended amid outrage

DB arrests one of them; Viqarunnisa Noon School acts on ministry order over 9th grader's suicide after her parents' 'humiliation', protest continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Viqarunnisa Noon School and College yesterday suspended its under-fire acting principal Nazneen Ferdous, morning shift in-charge Zinat Akhtar, and class teacher Hasna Hena over the suicide of ninth-grader Arित्रy Adhikary.

Late last night, the Detective Branch of police arrested Hasna Hena in a case filed in connection with instigating the suicide.

"She [Hasna Hena] was held in Uttara area around 11:00pm. We are taking her to the DB office [on Mintoo Road]," Khandoker Nurunnabi, deputy commissioner of the DB (east) of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star.

The teachers were suspended following an education ministry order and with students' protest gaining momentum.

In a letter, the ministry also ordered the

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Hasina 26th most powerful woman

Says Forbes' global list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been ranked 26th in this year's Forbes list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women.

The US-based business

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## HSBC congratulates Biman Bangladesh Airlines on launching of two new 787 Dreamliners, "Aakashbeena" and "Hangsabalaka".

As a proud financier of "Aakashbeena" and "Hangsabalaka", HSBC is honoured to be a part of the country's continual journey towards development and prosperity. We congratulate Biman Bangladesh Airlines for introducing these two state-of-the art aircrafts that further modernise the national flag carrier.

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