



## BNP out to make JS polls questionable

**PM tells reception in Germany**

UNB, Munich

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said the BNP had an evil intention to make the December 30 general election questionable and it is still trying to do so.

She was addressing a civic reception accorded to her by expatriate Bangladeshis at Sheraton

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## 100 YABA GODFATHERS, DEALERS Stage set for surrender today

*Trade of crazy drug still on*

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT, from Teknaf

For the first time in the country, around 100 yaba godfathers and dealers will surrender today at a formal programme in Teknaf, the entry point for the deadly drug from Myanmar.

Of them, 10 are local elected representatives, 35 top listed godfathers and the rest listed dealers. They are accused in three to 16 cases each, district police sources said.

The ceremony will be held on Teknaf Pilot School ground in the presence of Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, Home Secretary Mustafa Kamal Uddin and

Inspector General of Police Mohammad Javed Patwary, said police.

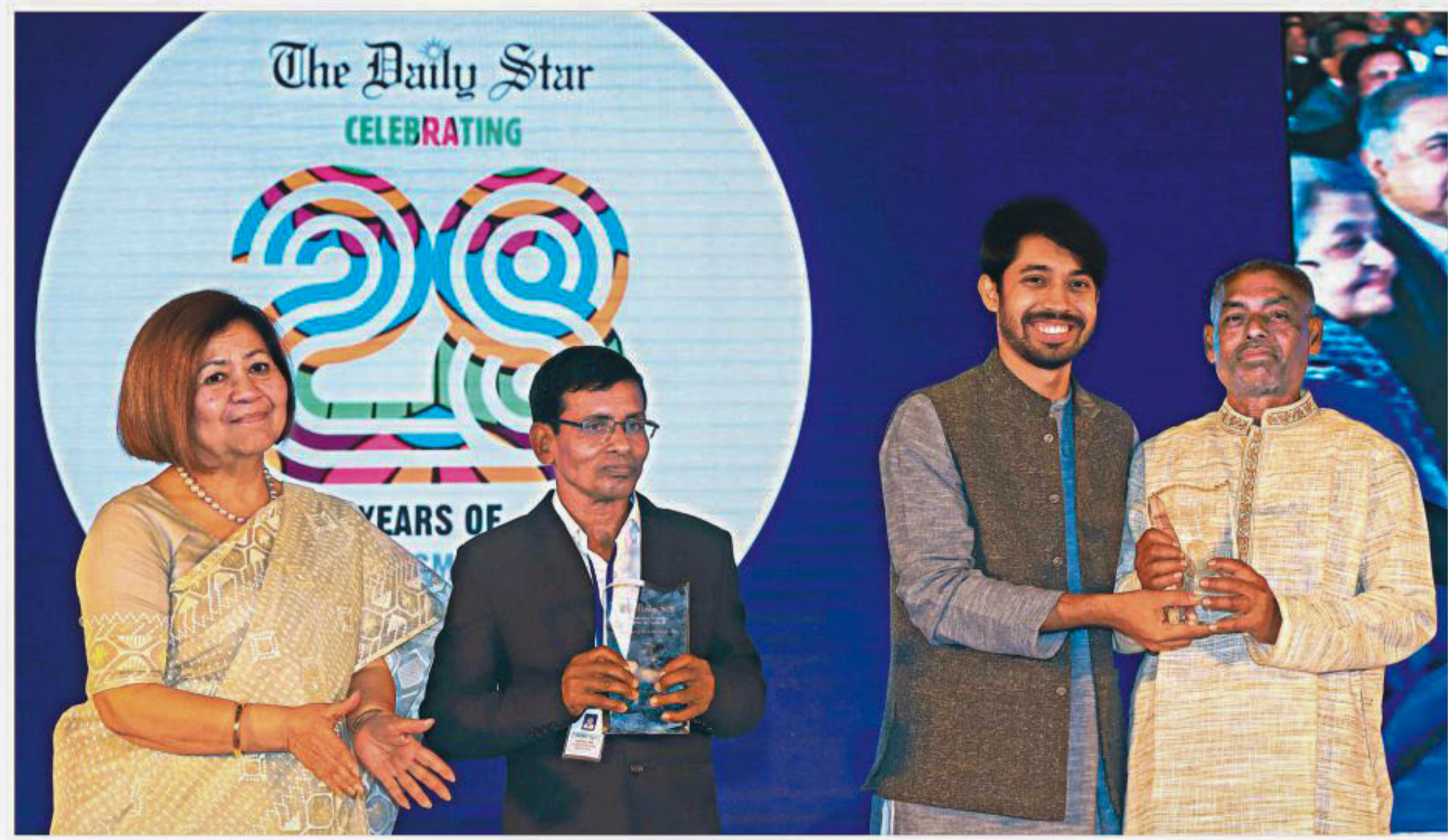
A big stage has been set up and a seating arrangement made for 5,000 people. On the left side of the stage, a space of about 20ft by 20ft has been kept for those surrendering today.

Police have been making announcements in various areas of Teknaf for the last four days and asking locals to join it.

Those surrendering today will "not receive any general amnesty" but have to face legal action as per the law, police sources say.

The formal surrender comes after a massive anti-narco crackdown left nearly 300

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Retired schoolteacher Taherul Islam, *extreme right*, receives a crest from Ayman Sadiq, founder of 10 Minute School as another teacher Satyajit Biswas, *second from left*, and Mediaworld Ltd Chairperson Rokia Afzal Rahman stand beside them at the 28th anniversary of The Daily Star at the capital's International Convention City Bashundhara yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Jamaat faces heat over '71 apology

*Razzaq quits party for its failure to apologise for anti-Liberation role; reform call grows louder*

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and RASHIDUL HASAN

Jamaat's assistant secretary general Barrister Abdur Razzaq has resigned from the party, a move insiders say will create pressure on Jamaat to reform its charter.

Razzaq, also the chief counsel for some senior Jamaat leaders convicted of war crimes, took the decision citing the party's failure to apologise for its role in the Liberation War and bring reforms to its constitution.

The move came amid a rift between the party's young and

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Abdur Razzaq

## NEWS ANALYSIS

### A rude wake-up call for hospitals

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

What happens when a fire breaks out at a crowded shopping mall or a government hospital? A flurry of questions comes to one's mind: which shopping mall; which hospital; how crowded the place is, and so forth.

The city residents saw fire at both such places in a span of thirteen years. There was a blaze at the Bashundhara City Shopping Mall at Panthapath in 2006, and only a couple of days ago, a fire broke out at Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, one of the busiest government hospitals in the country.

Thankfully, there was no heavy casualty, except for the untimely death of an infant, who lost his life while being taken out of the hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

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SATYAJIT BISWAS

## Two lighthouses honoured

*The Daily Star celebrates 28th anniversary, hands awards to two exceptional teachers*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The old saying "No Teacher, No Nation" points to the fact how indispensable teachers are in building a nation. After all, they are the embodiment of knowledge and wisdom, the lighthouse without whom building an enlightened nation would not be possible.

And like in every other profession, a few among them have a level of dedication that is often unmatched, and goes on to show there is no benchmark that may not be pushed up.

Take Satyajit Biswas. He has never taken leave in his three-decade teaching career. Nor has he ever been late in class at

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## Al Mahmud passes away

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Al Mahmud, one of the major poets of Bangla literature, died around 11:00pm at the Intensive Care Unit of a city hospital yesterday. He was 83.

Earlier on February 9, he was admitted to Ibn Sina Hospital in Dhaka's Dhanmondi area as he was suffering from multiple old-age complications for a long time.

Mir Abdus Shukur

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