

Menon for reviving 'dignity of elections'

UNB, Dhaka

Though he claimed that the 11th national election was held successfully, Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon yesterday put emphasis on reviving the "dignity" of elections.

"All will have to be alert so that the success which the 14-party alliance achieved under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina to ensure a neutral election and people's voting rights is not lost. The election will have to be brought back to its due dignity," he told parliament.

Menon, former social welfare minister, made the remarks joining the general discussion on thanksgiving motion on the president's speech in the House. "The last parliamentary election was held in a successful manner, but the experiences of that election are not good in all cases," he said.

About the upazila elections, Menon said, "A negative perception over the election has recently been created in public mind, and people have lost their interest to cast votes. To remove this perception, the upazila polls must be free and neutral."

Nipah virus

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The investigation found that those who died had fever, headache, vomiting, and infection. Nipah virus was not found in samples of living persons of the family.

"In the investigation, it was not known if the deceased had a history of drinking raw date palm sap (a popular drink), but the investigators think four of the victims were infected by Nipah virus from the other," said the IEDCR statement.

Nipah virus generally transmits through drinking date palm sap infected by bats carrying the virus.

Meerjady has advised all not to drink raw date sap.

If anyone is infected by Nipah virus, health personnel and family members should use masks and gloves when they take care of the patients, and wash hands with soap afterwards. The patients should be kept in isolated environment, she said.



Students celebrate after their school wins a prize in "Best Primary School in the Country" category.

Government Kindergarten Primary School is the first in Sylhet to receive this honour. The photo was taken yesterday from the school's campus in Zindabazar.

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Two held with firearms in Ctg

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Police yesterday arrested two youths with firearms in port city's Chandaon area. The arrestees are Surya Chakma, 23, and Mintu Chakma, 27.

OC Abdul Basher of Chandaon Police Station said police arrested the duo along with two firearms and five rounds of bullets at a house in C&B Tek Bazar area in the morning.

During primary interrogation, they introduced themselves as members of MN Larma-led Jana Samhati Samity (JSS), said the OC. "We're verifying their claim," he said, adding that a case was filed.

Locals start

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canals 15 days ago and already cleaned some of them. But Tajkathi canal is yet to be cleaned, he added.

Md Anisuzzaman, superintendent engineer of BCC, said, "We welcome such initiative taken by people. BCC is sincerely trying to clean the canals and drains."

The Daily Star has been running a series of special reports focusing on the situation of all the canals of Barishal city. The last part of the series will be published soon.

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Meanwhile, Lucy's brother Syed Aminul Haque, who lives in Sweden, returned home in January 2014 and came to know on January 20, 2014 that their land was sold through forged documents.

On January 30 that year, Syeda Shahriar Begum filed a fraud case against Syed Selim Ahmed and several others with Tejgaon Shilpanchal Police Station.

Criminal Investigation Department investigated the matter and later Anti-Corruption Commission probed into it, found allegation against Lucy and four others, and pressed charges against them in March 2014.

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banning any sort of monetary exchange for recruitment of foreign workers. If that is done, visa trading can be stopped and other labour-recruiting countries can also follow it, he added.

The migration cost for those going to Saudi Arabia is Tk two to three lakh, though ideally a migrant should not pay any fees, according to recruiting agencies and migrant rights activists.

High cost of migration leaves the migrants in debt bondage and forced labour, one of the chronic problems in labour migration sector, said Syed Saiful Haque.

Khaleda not getting proper

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ministry, Khaleda Zia also signed the contract following rules," he said.

Advocate Masud Ahmed Talukder, a lawyer for Khaleda, said he has filed a petition with the court regarding Khaleda Zia's treatment. "We have also filed a time petition as we are yet to receive the certified copies of the case," he added.

ACC Public Prosecutor Mosharrif Hossain Kajol said Khaleda Zia can get treatment according to jail code. He also claimed that Khaleda's lawyer is only delaying the hearing, citing lack of documents.

Meanwhile, the court asked Khaleda's lawyer if a lower court can pass an order on Khaleda's treatment as there is already an

existing order in this regard. The High Court on October 4 last year directed the government to immediately admit Khaleda Zia to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University for treatment.

Advocate Masud told the court that members of the government medical board have met Khaleda in jail on February 24. "The BNP chief said she is not fit enough to sit in the courtroom for the proceedings," the lawyer claimed.

The court fixed March 19 for the next hearing on the case.

On February 12, a petition was filed with the court by one of Khaleda's lawyer, seeking treatment for the BNP chief. However, the court has not decided on the matter yet.

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Invitation for Tender

1.	Ministry/ Division	Planning Division
2.	Agency	Programming Division, Planning Commission
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Strengthening Development Budget Management Capability of Programming Division through Establishing a new Digital Database System (SDBM) Project
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
5.	Invitation for	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Server and Computer Equipment to Programming Division, Planning Commission
6.	Invitation Ref. No.	20.06.0000.002.14.044.18-
7.	Date	03.03.2019
8.	Procurement method	Open tendering method (National).
9.	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget, Government of Bangladesh
10.	Project code	224128700
11.	Project name	Strengthening Development Budget Management Capability of Programming Division through Establishing a new Digital database system (SDBM) Project
12.	Tender package No.	gd8
13.	Tender package name	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Server and Computer Equipment to Programming Division, Planning Commission
14.	Tender publication date	By 04.03.2019
15.	Pre-Bid meeting date, time and Place	March 11, 2019 at 3:00 pm at meeting Room, Room # 20, Bhaban-2, Planning Commission, Sher-E-Bangla Nager, Dhaka
16.	Tender last selling date	24.03.2019 (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)
17.	Tender closing date and time	25.03.2019 at 3:00 pm
18.	Tender Opening date and time	25.03.2019 at 3:30 pm
19.	Name & address of the office	SDBM Project, Room # 34, Bhaban-7, Planning Commission, Sher-E-Bangla Nager, Dhaka
20.	Selling tender document Receiving tender document Opening tender document	SDBM Project, Room # 34, Bhaban-7, Planning Commission, Sher-E-Bangla Nager, Dhaka Meeting Room, Room # 34, Bhaban-7, Planning Commission, Sher-E-Bangla Nager, Dhaka
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