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BCL CENTRAL COMMITTEE

19 'controversial' leaders to lose post

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League is going to drop at least 19 members from the organisation's recently announced committee following various allegations, said BCL insiders.

BCL General Secretary Golam Rabbani said they had served show cause notices to 16 "controversial" leaders on May 15. Eight of them failed to come up with evidence in favour of their innocence. As a result, they will be excluded from the committee.

"Besides, we found another 11 controversial leaders in the committee and will expel them," he said, adding, "these 19 posts will soon be declared vacant."

Asked about the delay in fulfilling his promise to expel the "controversial" leaders, Rabbani said BCL had verified the allegations with the help of different

intelligence agencies in the last 10-12 days, which took time.

He told this correspondent that they would issue a press release by night mentioning the names of the dismissed leader.

The press release, however, was not issued.

On May 13, Chhatra league, the pro-Awami League student body, announced its 301-member full-fledged central committee, creating huge controversy and demonstration by some of those who could not make it to the body.

During a meeting with BCL leaders at the Gono Bhaban on May 15, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the chief of the AL, directed Chhatra League President Rezwatul Haque Chowdhury Shovon to

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SHELTER FROM THE SUN...

Seeking relief from the scorching heat, an elderly woman sleeps in the shade of a tree in front of Bashundhara City shopping mall in the capital yesterday. People across the country have been experiencing mild heat wave for weeks.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

PRAYER TIMING MAY 29

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
3:46	12:45	5:00	6:44	8:00
JAMAAT	3:56	1:15	5:15	6:54
8:30				

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RAMADAN	MAY	SEHRI	IFTAR
23	29	6:44	
24	30	3:40	6:45
25	31	3:39	6:45

2 killed in Japan stabbing spree

17 more people, mainly children, hurt before attacker kills himself

AFP, Kawasaki

Two people including a schoolgirl were stabbed to death and more than a dozen injured in Japan yesterday in a rampage that targeted children as they waited for a bus.

The 51-year-old attacker, identified by police as Ryuichi Iwasaki, crept silently up behind a group of children at the bus stop and slashed randomly at them before fatally stabbing himself in the neck. He later died in hospital.

Police said an 11-year-old schoolgirl named Hanako Kuribayashi and a 39-year-old parent, identified as government official Satoshi Oyama, died in the attack, which shocked a country where violent crime is rare.

Seventeen more people, mainly young children, were injured, according to authorities who had previously given the schoolgirl's age as 12.

Koji Shimazu of the St Marianna University School of Medicine, told AFP that one woman in her 40s and three

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Middlemen are the culprits

Economists, experts say farmers deprived of fair price of rice as middlemen control market

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Middlemen control the rice market and they are the ones who are to blame for the fall in prices, noted economist and banker Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled said yesterday.

"A group of people favoured by the government forces farmers to sell rice to them at a low price. They make a quick buck ... They are the middlemen. They are very powerful," said Ibrahim.

Speaking at a discussion in the capital, the former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank suggested that

the farmers should unite by forming cooperatives or associations to resist the middlemen.

He also questioned the food minister's role in tackling the current situation, and urged him to be more responsible.

Right to Food Bangladesh, a coalition of different non-government organisations, in association with ActionAid Bangladesh organised the discussion on prices of agricultural products at the Jatiya Press Club.

The speakers cautioned the government that the farmers might decrease paddy farming in the next

major paddy cultivation seasons -- Aman and Boro.

As a result, the rice price may increase significantly next year, they opined.

To take control over the market, the speakers said the government should procure more paddy directly from the farmers and store them with the farmers and millers to overcome the shortage of granaries.

"Frustrated with the low prices, farmers will grow less paddy next year. So, it is clear that rice will be costlier next year," said Mohsin Ali, general

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HEALTH COMPLEX 3 hurt as plaster falls off ceiling

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Three people, including two children, were injured as the ceiling plaster of a health complex fell on them on Monday afternoon.

The injured are Tamim Mollah, 7, son of Uzzal Mollah, Nur Kusum, 22, and her daughter Sharmin Khanum, 5.

Kusum and Sharmin were released after they were given primary treatment.

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Setback for Mamata

Two TMC MLAs, over 50 councillors join BJP; Rahul Gandhi to stay as Congress president for next 3-4 months: sources

AGENCIES

In a big blow to Mamata Banerjee, two of her West Bengal MLAs and at least 50 TMC councillors yesterday defected to the BJP just days after the saffron party made significant inroads in the state. A CPM MLA has also jumped ship to the BJP.

BJP leader Mukul Roy's son Subhrangshu, who was suspended by the Trinamool for six years for "demeaning the party", Trinamool MLA Tusharkanti Bhattacharya and CPM legislator Debendra Nath Roy are among those who have joined the saffron party.

They joined the BJP at the party's headquarters in New Delhi in the presence of BJP general secretary Kailash Vijaywargiya and Mukul Roy.

Mukul Roy is seen to be instrumental in engineering the defection of TMC leaders to

the BJP. Political watchers believe that Roy is one of the key architects of the party's best ever show in West Bengal, where TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee is in power since 2011.

BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijaywargiya had earlier announced that three MLAs and 50-60 councillors will join the BJP and added that more defections are expected in the future.

"Like the elections were held in seven phases in West Bengal, joining in BJP will also happen in seven phases. Today was just the first phase," Vijaywargiya said at a press conference in the national capital.

Earlier yesterday, 16 Trinamool councillors of the Kanchrapara Municipality withdrew their membership from the AITC Councillor Party, reported TOI online.

Meanwhile, Mamata has been invited

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Remains of Roman town found in UK

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Archaeologists have hailed the discovery of an entire Roman town and main road as "massive" for their understanding of ancient Kentish development.

The 18-acre site featuring Iron Age and Roman settlements contained rare coins, pottery and jewellery dating back as early as 30 BC, and was uncovered next to a major road in Newington, near Sittingbourne.

Evidence of a 7m-wide road was also found, alongside the remains of an ancient temple, close

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ROHINGYA RETURN UNHCR, UNDP extend deal with Myanmar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The UN Refugee Agency and the UNDP yesterday signed an extension of an MoU with Myanmar for one year. The deal is aimed at creating conducive conditions for voluntary and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh.

The memorandum of understanding was signed in Naypyidaw on June 6 last year.

The MoU provides a framework of cooperation to create improved and resilient livelihoods for all communities living in northern Rakhine state, according to a press release issued yesterday.

All the parties --

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১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটের প্রধান ৪টি নিরাপত্তা বৈশিষ্ট্য

জাতির জনক বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান এর প্রতিকৃতি সম্বলিত ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমানের নোট লেনদেনের সময় নিম্নবর্ণিত ৪টি নিরাপত্তা বৈশিষ্ট্য খেয়াল করলে আমরা সহজেই আসল নোট চিনতে পারব :

- ০১। নিরাপত্তা সূত্রঃ ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটের নিরাপত্তা সূত্র বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের লোগো এবং নোটের মূল্যমান মুদ্রিত আছে যা নোট এডিক-ওডিক (Tilt) করলে দেখা যাবে। জুন, ২০১৭ হতে প্রচলিত ১০০ ও ৫০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটটি এডিক-ওডিক করলে চুলের বেনী সদৃশ নিরাপত্তা সূত্রের একটি অংশ (Band) লাল হতে সবুজ রঙের পরিবর্তন হবে এবং অপরটির সম্পূর্ণ অংশে বাংলায় লেখা নোটের মূল্যমান দেখা যাবে। সাধারণ আলোয় নোটের মূল্যমান আংশিক দেখা গেলেও টেবিল দ্যাম্প কিংবা টর্চ লাইটের নিচে নোট ধরলে পুরো Band জুড়ে মূল্যমান দেখা যাবে।
- ০২। রূ পরিবর্তনশীল কাগজঃ ১০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোট এডিক-ওডিক করলে রং পরিবর্তনশীল কাগজে মুদ্রিত অংশ সোনালী হতে সবুজ এবং ৫০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটে এটি লাল হতে সবুজ হবে। তাছাড়া, ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটের পেছনে বামদিকে থাকা হালকা নীল রঙের BANGLADESH BANK লোগোটিও নোট এডিক-ওডিক করে দেখা যাবে।
- ০৩। অসমতল ছাপঃ ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমানের প্রত্যেক প্রকার নোটের সামনের ও পেছনের পিঠের ডিজাইন, মাঝখানের লেখা, ইংরেজী ও বাংলা সংখ্যার লেখা নোটের মূল্যমান, এটি সমান্তরাল হেলানো সরলরেখা এবং এর ঠিক নিচে অবস্থিত ছোট ছোট বৃত্তাকার ছাপ খসখসে অনুভূত হবে।
- ০৪। অতি সূক্ষ্ম আকারের লেখাঃ ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটের পেছনের পিঠের ডিজাইন অংশে অতি সূক্ষ্ম আকারে BANGLADESH BANK লেখাগুলো আতশী কাঁচ ছাড়াও উন্নতমানের স্মার্ট মোবাইল ফোনের ক্যামেরা প্রয়োজন মত জুম করে কিংবা "Flashlight & magnifying glass" App এর সহায়তায় নিচে প্রদর্শিত অংশগুলোর উপর মোবাইল ফোন ধরে দেখা যাবে।

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