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9 ministers dropped from AL committee

Cabinet reshuffle likely soon

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARIEE

Nine ministers have been dropped from the central working committee of the ruling Awami League as it continues efforts to separate itself from the government.

Yesterday, AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader announced the names of the leaders who were elected to the party's highest decision-making body.

Seven posts on the 81-member committee still remain vacant. They are an organising secretary, religious affairs secretary, industries and commerce secretary, treasurer and three executive members.

On December 21, the second day of AL's 21st triannual council, the party elected 42 office-bearers of the central working committee.

At the council, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was re-elected as the party president for the ninth consecutive time. Besides, Quader was elected general secretary for a second straight term. The two were elected unopposed.

After holding a meeting with AL chief Hasina, Quader yesterday announced the names of the new leaders at a press conference at the party president's Dhanmondi office in the capital.

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A rare solar eclipse as seen from the capital's Farmgate area at 10:56am yesterday. People in many places of Asia witnessed an annular solar eclipse, which is also known as a "ring of fire", yesterday. In an annular eclipse, the moon covers the centre of the Sun, giving it the appearance of a bright ring.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

MAYOR CANDIDATES IN DCC POLLS

AL may opt for a new face in south

Party in dilemma over north

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARIEE

The ruling Awami League is likely to pick a new face as its candidate for Dhaka South City Corporation mayoral polls, but it appears to be in a dilemma about choosing its mayor aspirant for Dhaka North City Corporation.

Fazle Noor Taposh, party lawmaker from Dhaka-10, is being considered to be a frontrunner for the AL ticket in the DSCC mayor election.

For the DNCC mayor polls, the AL may name either incumbent Mayor M Atiqul Islam or its presidium member Jahangir Kabir Nanak as its candidate, said party sources.

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BNP to bank on young candidates

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Keeping in mind the party's future leadership, the BNP wants to bank on young faces for the Dhaka north and south city elections scheduled to be held on January 30.

BNP leaders have been saying for a long time that young leadership will emerge and take the party's helm.

Party leaders, however, are sceptical

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Nur, his men now sued for murder attempt

DU CORRESPONDENT

Ducus VP Nurul Haque Nur and 28 other activists of Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Adhikar Sangrakkhan Parishad have now been accused in an attempted murder case.

DM Sabbir Hossain, former vice president of Shaheed Sergeant Zahurul Haque Hall unit Chhatra League, filed the case with Shahbagh Police Station yesterday. Some 15 to 20 unidentified people were also accused in the case, said police.

The development comes four days after Nur and his supporters came under attack from a faction of Muktiyuddho Moncho, mostly comprised of Chhatra League men, at his office at Ducus building of Dhaka University.

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FLAWED RAZAKARS' LIST Foolish to publish it without verification

Says Liberation War affairs minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque yesterday said it was foolish of his ministry to publish the Razakars' list without verification.

"We have acted like fools when we took the Razakars' list from the home ministry and published it without cross-checking. I have apologised for this mistake. But that doesn't mean that the list won't be published. The Razakars' list will surely be made," he said in Naogoan, reports Prothom Alo.

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