

# New platform launched to ‘restore democracy’

UNB, Dhaka

“Ganotantra Uddhar Andolon”, a new platform of opposition parties, was launched yesterday in the city with an objective to “restore democracy” in the country.

Nagorik Oikya convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna came up with the announcement at a rally in front of Matsya Bhaban, marking the anniversary of the 11th national election.

Leaders of different opposition parties and civil society members took part in the rally, registering their protest against the last general election held on December 30, 2018.

“We have launched a new organisation, Ganotantra Uddhar Andolon. It’s not a platform only for Nagorik Oikya, BNP or other parties. Internationally-renowned photographer Shahidul Alam, and Dhaka University professors Asif Nazrul and CR Abrar also joined this programme to restore people’s rights,” he said.

Manna said they want to wage a strong movement with people of all walks of life to “restore democracy” in the country.

He urged all to continue the movement for the restoration of democracy until it succeeds.

Noted photojournalist and activist Shahidul Alam said the government has stolen the votes of people.

He said he wants to get back that Bangladesh for which people had waged the Liberation War and made supreme sacrifices.

“I think if we take to the streets imbued with the spirit of truth and fairness, we’ll get back that Bangladesh. A few people can’t snatch Bangladesh from us.”

Alam said he dreams of a Bangladesh where people of all walks of life can express their opinions freely.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President ASM Abdur Rob said, “Awami League leaders siphoned off crores of taka abroad by indulging in widespread plundering and corruption. We must resist and oust them,” he said.

Mentioning that Bangladesh’s election system is part of its constitution, Asif Nazrul said making this election system a “laughing stock” is tantamount to an act of treason.



Jute mill workers lie under a makeshift canopy on BIDD Road in Khulna during their hunger strike yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Undeterred by cold

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“The government repeatedly assured us of meeting our demands, prompting us to call off protests earlier.”

Boniz Uddin Miah, liaison officer of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) in Khulna, said in this situation they have nothing to do as the workers are not trusting the jute ministry or

BJMC.

To press home the demands, around 31,000 workers and their family members have been rallying in front of the main gates of their respective mills -- Star, Platinum, Alim, Eastern, Daulatpur, and Khalishpur in Khulna; and Jashore Jute Industries and Carpeting Jute Mill in Jashore -- since December 24.

# Lower court lawyers to face MCQ test for practicing at HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawyers enrolled to practice law at lower courts will have to pass a preliminary test, aside from the written and viva voce in order to practice law in the High Court from now on.

Earlier, lower court lawyers had to qualify in only a written and an oral test for practicing law in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court.

Bangladesh Bar Council, a statutory body regulating the country’s lawyers, issued a notification to this effect on Sunday saying that the next High Court permission preliminary exam will be administered in Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) format.

“The MCQ examination will be of 100 marks, with a required qualifying score of 50,” the notification said, adding that the duration of the exam will be one hour.

Form fill-up of the preliminary (MCQ) examination for permission to practice in the High Court Division will continue from March 1 to March 31, says the notification.

It said, “Advocates (having a valid registration card) who are entitled, under Article 21(1) and Rule 65A (i) of the Bar Council Order and Rules, 1972, to be permitted to practice in the High Court Division may apply in the prescribed form along with a payment fee of Tk 12,000 and form fee of Tk 1,500 in favour of Bangladesh Bar Council”.

## Body of 2-yr-old found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday recovered the body of a two-year-old girl from the tank of a sanitary latrine at West Sarafbhata village in Rangunia upazila of Chattogram, 15 days after she went missing from her grandfather’s house. The deceased is Jannatun Asifa, daughter of Jamir Uddin, said police.

Family members said, Jannatun’s mother went to visit her father at the village with her two children on December 12. On December 16, the mother went to attend an event with her five-year-old son, leaving Jannatun with her aunt at the house. She went missing that day, her aunt said.

Family members filed a general diary, said Sub-inspector Mahbub Hossain of Rangunia Police Station. Yesterday, locals found her body in the tank near the house. Police went to the spot and recovered the body, he said.

“We sent the body to Chattogram Medical College morgue for autopsy,” said SI Mahbub.

Filing of a case was under process with the police station, he added.

## AFM Obaidur no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AFM Obaidur Rahman, father of The Dhaka Times Editor Arifur Rahman Dolon, died of cardiac arrest yesterday in Faridpur.

Former senior principal officer of Rupali Bank, Obaidur was taken to Alfadanga Sadar Hospital after he fell ill at his home in Kamargram.

He breathed his last around 6:30am. He was 69.

After namaz-e-janaza, he was laid to eternal rest at his family graveyard at Kamargram.

## Man who rushed Avijit, Bonya to hospital testifies

JNU CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday recorded statements by two witnesses in a case filed over the murder of writer-blogger Avijit Roy on February 26, 2015. The defence cross-examined the witnesses.

Prosecution witness Jibon Ahmed, a photojournalist, chronicled his experience of the day before the court of Judge Md Majibur Rahman of the Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal of Dhaka.

In his statement, Jibon spoke of his role as a photographer of the crime scene and how he rushed Avijit and his wife Rafida Ahmed Bonya to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

Another prosecution witness, Tarifur Rahman, a hawker, told the court he went to the scene upon hearing of the incident and saw blood stains on the street.

Bonya -- a key prosecution witness -- did not appear before the court yesterday though she was summoned on December 11.

Ten out of 33 prosecution witnesses, including Avijit’s father Ajoy Roy, have testified before the tribunal so far.

Four accused -- Mozammel Hossain Saymon, Abu Siddiq Sohel, Arafat Rahman Siam and Shafur Rahman Farabi -- were produced during yesterday’s hearing.

Two other accused -- Sayed Mohammad Ziaul Haque alias Maj (sacked) Zia and Akram Hossain Abir -- are on the run.

The court set January 19 for the next hearing.

## Include youth leadership

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to increase its budget allocation for the youth sector.

Addressing the seminar, parliamentarian Nahim Razzaq of Awami League said youths have to be proactive and show urgency in achieving targets.

Emphasising the importance of student politics, he said it will be unfortunate if political activities at educational institutions are banned.

He stressed the need for formulating a national action plan in light of the National Youth Policy 2017.

Moderating the event, MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said besides focusing on their studies, youths have to look at social problems and demonstrate their critical thinking.

She stressed developing tolerance and

an accepting attitude towards dissenting views from childhood.

Nuzhat Choudhury, associate professor of Ophthalmology at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, said there is a need for developing skills among youths.

Sayed Zayadul Ahsan, editor of DBC News, said despite having a huge young population, there is a shortage of skilled workforce.

Farouque Ahmed, director general of Department of Youth Development, said they have been working to develop a database comprising information on the country’s young population.

Prof Shahab Enam Khan of International Relations department at Jahangirnagar University and Chief Executive Officer of iSocial, Ananya Raihan, among others, spoke at the seminar.

## Creating employment

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina’s economic adviser Dr Mashiur Rahman said creating employment has become a problem despite the country’s progress.

About the GDP growth in measuring a country’s development, he said it is true that GDP cannot measure all parameters of economic growth. But according to noted economists, he said, GDP growth is much more dependable as an individual unit

than other parameter of measurement of a country’s economic progress.

Nazrul Islam, a senior economist working for the United Nations, said environmental and social impact will have to be included while measuring the economic development.

Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha, a professor of Economics at DU, also spoke at the programme, presided over by Prof Siddique Rahman Osmani.

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### Invitation for Tender (OTM)

SI No.	Tender ID	Name of scheme	Package	Type/ method	Publication date & time	Closing date & time
01		Invitation for	1. Supply of 106 Nos. Computer for Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Dhaka. Price of tender schedule Tk. 8,000/- 2. Supplying, Installing, Testing & Commissioning of 01 (one) No. 630 Kgs, 04-stops lift (Control panel, traction machine and other related control accessories should be of 11-stops capacity) for Center for Advanced Research in Arts and Social Sciences (CARASS) Bhaban, University of Dhaka. Price of tender schedule Tk. 5,500/-			
02		Tender closing date and time (all tender)	Date: 14.01.2020			Time: 12:00 noon
03		Tender opening date and time (all tender)	Date: 14.01.2020			Time: 12:30pm
04		Website address (all tender)	Detail information and tender document will be available in the website of ( <a href="http://e-tender.univdhaka.edu">http://e-tender.univdhaka.edu</a> ).			

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## e-Tender Notice

(Invitation for Tender Notice Number: 03/2019-20)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

SI No.	Tender ID	Name of scheme	Package	Type/ method	Publication date & time	Closing date & time
1.	405630	Construction of classroom of 70 No. Kulurchar Bepari Para Government Primary School under NBIDGPS Project-1	e-Tender/ NBIDGPS/ SHE/SHE/2019-20/W1.06042	NCT, LTM	01-Jan-2020 14:00:00	16-Jan-2020 14:00:00
2.	403679	Construction of classroom of 3 No. Shannashir Char Government Primary School under NBIDGPS Project-1	e-Tender/ NBIDGPS/ SHE/SHE/2019-20/W1.05854	NCT, LTM	01-Jan-2020 14:00:00	16-Jan-2020 14:00:00
3.	403663	Construction of classroom of 94 No. Andharia Sutipar Government Primary School under NBIDGPS Project-1	e-Tender/NBIDGPS/ SHE/SHE/2019-20/W1.05853	NCT, LTM	01-Jan-2020 14:00:00	16-Jan-2020 14:00:00
4.	403612	Construction of classroom of 53 No. Munshir Char Government Primary School under NBIDGPS Project-1	e-Tender/NBIDGPS/ SHE/SHE/2019-20/W1.05852	NCT, LTM	01-Jan-2020 14:00:00	16-Jan-2020 14:00:00
5.	403591	Construction of Dokkhin Nabinagar Govt. Primary School under NBIDNNGPS Phase-1	e-Tender/NBIDGPS/ SHE/SAD/2018-19/W1.04603	NCT, LTM	01-Jan-2020 14:00:00	16-Jan-2020 14:00:00
6.	403521	Construction of Upma Govt. Primary School under NBIDNNGPS Phase-1	e-Tender/ NBIDNNGPS/SHE/S AD/2018-19/W1.04602	NCT, LTM	01-Jan-2020 14:00:00	16-Jan-2020 14:00:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Document last selling date and time is 16-Jan-2020, 12:00. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd))

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## Lawmaker Yunus Ali laid to rest



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Family and well-wishers bid farewell to Gaibandha-3 MP Yunus Ali Sarker as he was laid down at his family’s graveyard in Bhatgram village of Sadullapur upazila around 4:30pm yesterday.

He was buried near his parents’ graves.

His final namaz-e-janaza was held earlier at Bhatgram High School grounds, where several thousand people attended.

Before that, two namaz-e-janazas of the lawmaker were held -- one at the south plaza of the National Parliament building in the capital, and another at Rangpur Medical College Hospital premises.

Yunus Ali died on Friday at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital, after suffering from lungs-related complications.

## Padma bridge

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percent, Quader said.

The minister said he had discussions with Japanese Ambassador Ito Naoki about the development projects in which Japan is involved and requested him to expedite the pace -- especially starting physical work of the four-lane Chattogram-Cox’s Bazar Highway.

He said physical work of Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) 1 and 5 will start soon. The tunnel under Karnaphuli river has witnessed 50 percent progress so far, the minister added.

## Star journo

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The winners were announced at the annual general meeting of CRAB at Dhaka Reporters’ Unity (DRU). Each winner will get a crest, certificate and cheque for Tk 25,000.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal was present at the programme as chief guest. Rab director general Benazir Ahmed, CRAB president Abul Khayer, and DRU president Abul Kalam Azad were also present.

The other awardees are -- Huzaifa Muhammad (Ahmed Zayee) of daily Prothom Alo for best investigative report in print; Khan Muhammad Rumel of Somoy TV for best investigative report in television; Asif Zaman Sumit of Deepto TV for best report on repression on women and children in television; Dipon Dewan of Banglavisjon for best report on human rights in television; and Amanur Rahman Roni for best report on human rights (Akhteruzaman Lablu Memorial Medal).

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## Corrigendum-02

Sub: Operation and Management (O&M) of existing modern real time web based online centralized toll collection and weigh scales system with web based monitoring and related services of Meghna and Meghna-Gomti Bridges at 42nd and 43rd km of Dhaka-Chattagram National Highway (N-1) under Road Division, Narayanganj for 03 (three) years.

Eol Ref.No. DZ-02/Eol/Toll (Meghna and Meghna-Gomti Bridges)/2019-2020, Date: 17/11/2019

Ref: Eol Notice Memo No. 4809-DZ Date: 17/11/2019

The following amendment (as shown in column-4) is hereby made to the Eol notice for the abovementioned work. The participants are advised to submit their Eol with due consideration to this amendments. This corrigendum is a part of the Eol notice. All other terms and conditions of Eol notice will remain unchanged. The participants must submit this corrigendum 02 along with their EOI document duly sealed and signed.

SI No.	Reference	To be replaced	Replace with
1	1	3	4
1	Time and date of Eol submission	02/01/2020 03:00pm (Bangladesh Standard Time)	14/01/2020 03:00pm (Bangladesh Standard Time)

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