5th phase on Feb 28: EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The fifth phase of the municipality elections will be held on February 28, the Election Commission announced yesterday.

Thirty-one municipalities will go for voting, through EVMs in this phase, EC Senior Secretary Md Alamgii said while announcing the schedule at a press briefing at the EC office.

The last date to submit nomination papers is February 2. Returning officers will scrutinise the papers on February 4, while the last date to withdraw candidacy is on February 11.

So far, Awami League candidates have clinched sweeping victories in the first and second phase of the elections.

In the first phase, held on December 28, AL contenders won in 18 municipalities out of 24.

MUNICIPALITY POLLS | FAKE N95 MASKS

HC upholds bail of JMI chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld a lower court order that granted bail to JMI Hospital Requisite Manufacturing Ltd's Chairman Abdur Razzak in connection with a case filed over supplying fake N95 masks for the use of healthcare professionals.

The court, however, ordered the investigation officer to complete the probe of the case in six months.

The HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Mohi Uddin Shamim came up with the verdict after rejecting a revision petition filed by ACC, challenging the lower court order.

On October 15 last year, a Dhaka court granted bail to Razzak in the

Dilu, a television and stage actor, director, theatre activist and playwright, was lauded for his performance as "Malu" in the hit television series,

His notable plays include "Tathapi" and "Somoy Asomoy", among

The actor's first namaz-e-janaza took place at Central Mosque, Dhaka University, said his son.

His body was kept at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy from 3pm to 4pm. Then, he was honoured with a ceremonial guard and buried following the second janaza at Banani graveyard after Asr prayers.

Road accidents kill 3, injure 17

Three people were killed and 17 injured in road accidents in two districts in the last two days, according to reports from

Our Manikganj correspondent reports, an auto-rickshaw driver was killed and 17 were injured as a bus hit the vehicle on Hemayetpur-Singair-Manikganj regional highway at Kitingchar in Singair upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased -- Shah Alam (32), son of Dulu Bepari was from Angara village in Singair.

Hafizur Rahman, additional superintendent of police (crimes and administration) in Manikganj, said the Dhakabound bus of Shuktara Paribahan plunged into a roadside ditch around 8:45am.

The injured were admitted to different hospitals, he said. The accident might have occurred due to dense fog, said

Our Faridpur correspondent reports, two people were killed when a Dhaka-bound fish-laden truck hit a rickshaw on Dhaka-Khulna highway at Mandartala in Sadar upazila of Gopalganj on Monday night.

The deceased were identified as Riajul Sheikh (17), son of Babul Sheikh from Parkusheli village in the upazila; and Sujan Gazi (30), son of Lal Gazi from Katabunia in Moralganj, Bagerhat.

They were in the rickshaw, said police. Quoting locals. Md Monirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said, "The rickshaw overturned following the accident."

TK 2,000cr Laundering

Two Faridpur UP chairmen sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent two union parishad chairmen of Faridpur to jail after their surrender in a Tk 2,000 crore money laundering case.

The chairmen are: Belayet Hossain Fakir of Kanaipur Union Parishad and Shahidul Islam Majnu of Ishan Gopalpur of Faridpur.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after the two surrendered before it, seeking bail in the case. During yesterday's hearing, the lawyers told the court that Belayet and Shahidul surrendered before the High Court on September 30 and November 26 last year respectively seeking bail in the case.

After the hearing, the HC granted them bail for four weeks and directed them to surrender before the sessions court before expiry of the period.

Their names came to light after two accused -- Sajjad Hossain alias Barkat and his brother Imtiaz Hasan Rubel -- named the two in their confessional statements given on July 26 last year.

CID has so far arrested 12 other accused, including Barkat and Rubel. Currently, Barkat, former Awami League general secretary of the unit, and Rubel, former president of Faridpur Press Club, and 10 other accused are in jail, while two others are on bail.

SM Miraj Al Mahmud, a CID inspector, lodged the case against Barkat and Rubel under the money laundering act with Kafrul Police Station on June 26 last year.

According to the case statement, they amassed huge amount of wealth after they won contracts from various government departments in the district through manipulation since 2010. They were allegedly involved in drug smuggling and land grabbing. The two became owners of around 23 buses, several trucks and cars.

Three bills

"Madrasah Education Board (Amendment) Bill" within

It was proposed to promulgate three ordinances "Intermediate and Secondary Education Ordinance 1961", "Bangladesh Vocational Education Board Act 2018" and "Bangladesh Madrasah Education Board Act 2020" to publish the results of HSC and equivalent candidates.

While placing the bill, the education minister said as per existing laws, there is no provision to publish the results of

Since it is not possible to hold examinations during the pandemic, the amendment bills were placed, she added.

The results will be published after coordinating 75 percent of the SSC and 25 percent of JSC-JDC results, Dipu

The HSC and equivalent examinations were postponed due to Covid-19 situation.

On January 11, the cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina approved amending the Intermediate and Secondary Education Ordinance 1961, Bangladesh Vocational Education Board Act 2018 and Madrasa Education Board Act 2020 allowing the education boards to publish results without holding examinations during any crisis.

In December last year, the education minister said the government would promulgate an ordinance for publishing the HSC results of 13,65,789 candidates under

The scheduled HSC and equivalent examinations were cancelled on October 7 due to the pandemic.

In October, the education ministry formed a sevenmember technical committee for developing a method to JSC results.

who will get certificates without sitting for the examinations as it is the first time in the history of the country that a public examination has been cancelled.

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The motorcyclist then fled, leaving his vehicle behind, as other officers stationed at the checkpoint and locals approached the scene, said the police official.

Police rescued the sergeant with his dress stained with blood.

They seized the motorcycle and learnt that it belongs to one Belal Hossain, a herbal medicine trader from the city's Laxmipur Bhatapara area

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Contacted, Ahsanul Haque, legal advisor of KDS Group told The Daily Star, "In this digital era, it is easy to steal a car without being there physically. We don't understand how the police gave the report without recovering the car." He also said every case they have filed is based on

Asked why 28 cases had to be filed, he said, "According

to law, separate cases have to be filed against each annual audit report."

Since discrepancies were found in multiple reports, a number of cases were filed, he said.

Asked why the cases were filed so long after he quit his job, he said, "The cases were filed only when authorities came to know about the irregularities. The company trusted Munir, and he misused this opportunity to make false documents for audit, and did not allow anyone else to look into this matter."

About filing cases against his family members, Ahsanul Haque said, "Munir has spent the money on his wife and family, so cases have been filed against them too."

Common people

Earlier, talking to reporters at Zia's grave, Fakhrul said the government has completely failed to control the corona situation. "They're now indulging in plundering and corruption in the name of vaccine procurement."

He also feared that the vaccination drive may become a total mess because of the government's corruption.

BNP arranged the camp at the party's Nayapaltan central office from 10am to 2pm, marking the 85th birth

Ziaur Rahman was born on January 19, 1936 at Bogura's Bagbari. He founded BNP in 1978 and became the country's seventh president. Zia was assassinated by a group of army officers at Chattogram Circuit House on

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million cubic metres of maintenance and conservation dredging.

The speakers suggested dredging of these rivers to increase the navigability. It will increase irrigation and flourish tourism, they said. State Minister for

Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury, present at the programme as the chief guest, said 10,000km of waterways would be preserved in the country. Environmentalists,

civil society members and iournalists at the event called for the eviction of illegal occupants while launch owners appealed for dredging round the year. Divisional

Commissioner Dr Amitabh Sarkar presided over the programme and BIWTA Chairman Commodore Golam Sadeq, Barisal city corporation mayor Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah, and river dredging specialist Fida Ali spoke as special guests.

Campaign gathers

Asked, AL mayor candidate Rezaul said Engr Mosharraf and the central organising secretary have already joined his campaign. More central leaders would arrive soon.

Meanwhile, BNP central standing committee member Ameer Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury joined the campaign for BNP candidate Dr Shahadat Hossain on January 18.

He attended a views-exchange with party leaders and activists to formulate a strategy for electioneering.

BNP central organising secretary (Chattogram division) Mahbubor Rahman Shamim, however, has been actively involved with the campaign since January 8.

Similar to AL camp, due to the pandemic, many veteran central leaders of BNP will not participate in the campaign actively, said party sources.

Contacted, Shamim told The Daily Star they are being cautious due to the Covid-19 situation.

"Khasru bhai is already here. I have been conducting campaign from the very first day," he said. "More central leaders would come to Chattogram soon.' Asked, BNP mayor candidate Shahadat said central

Islam Alamgir would come to Chattogram soon to campaign for him. Meanwhile, arrival of central leaders have also made supporters and activists of both AL and BNP more

leaders including party secretary general Mirza Fakhrul

Abdur Rahman, an AL activist in Panchlaish area, and Emdad Hossain, a BNP activist in Bakalia area, said their parties have been campaigning relentlessly in different areas everyday.

CCC polls is scheduled to be held on January 27.

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