



Faruque Azad

Omar Faruque of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) has been elected president and Dip Azad of Nagorik Television secretary general of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) for the next two years.

A total of 34 candidates vied in the election against 10 executive posts.

Shahjahan Sardar, chairman of the election conducting committee, announced the results at Jatiya Press Club on Saturday night.

Other elected office bearers are Vice President Madhusudan Mondal, Joint Secretary General Sheikh Mamunur Rashid, Treasurer Khairuzzaman Kamal and Office Secretary Sebika Rani.

Four elected executive members are Ummul Wara Sweety, Dr Utpal Kumar Sarker, Nure Jannat Akter Sima and Sheikh Nazmul Haque Saikat. Voting was held at 10 units of BFUJ -- Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna, Jashore, Bogura, Rajshahi, Kushtia, Narayanganj, Mymensingh and Cox's Bazar.



Star journo wins best reporting award

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury handed over the awards to the winners. Each awardee received a Rony of Samakal; Abbas Uddin Nayan certificate, crest and Tk 75,000 prize

Rashidul, a senior reporter of The Daily Star, won the award in print Alo; Md Kabir Hossain of Dainik category for a report titled "Crimes Amader Shomoy; Md Jobair Hossain behind Brahman cows: Shady businesses manipulate system to dodge ban on import of the cattle breed, make hefty

profits," published on July 19, 2021.

The other award recipients (print and online category) are Abu Saleh and Jebun Nesa Alo of The Business Standard; Asaduzzaman, Naznin Akhter and Rozina Islam of Prothom of Dhaka Post; Md Shahedul Islam of Bangla Tribune; SAM Hamid-uz-Zaman of Jugantor; Ziadul Islam of

24; and Shafiq Shaheen of NTV were awarded.

Kaler Kantho and Rafiqul Islam Sabuz of Somoyer Alo.

In the television and radio category,

Sushanta Sinha and Abu Saleh Md Parvez Sazzad of Jamuna Television; Kaberi Maitraya and Md Adnan Khan of Ekattor Television; Md Mazharul Islam and Kawser Soheli of Maasranga Television; Shahnaz Sharmeen of Nagorik TV; Sadman Sakib of Channel

Propaganda BNP's last resort

Refuting BNP's allegation that the government barred the priests of temple from talking to BNP leaders, Quader said only BNP leaders and activists can make such false allegation.

Meanwhile at a programme in Rajshahi, Information Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday said the plan to destroy the communal harmony in the country has been made by a top BNP leader staying in London.

"BNP had planned to destroy the country's communal harmony after holding a month-long meeting... The recent plan to foil communal harmony is part of their conspiracy," he said.

The minister came up with the observation while addressing a press briefing at the Rajshahi Circuit House.

Hasan, also AL joint general secretary, termed the persons involved in the communal violence enemies of the country and said all the perpetrators must be brought to book as soon as possible.

He said the extremist organisations, including BNP and Jamaat, remained active in destroying the country's communal harmony with an ulterior motive to hinder

the development activities. But the government has tackled the violence strictly, he said, adding around 100 cases were recorded and about 700 persons were detained so far.

Replying to a query related to the involvement of a BCL activist of in Pirganj arson attack, the minister said the person was ousted from BCL long time ago. So, his liability can't be pressed on BCL, he added

An effort to bring children

Save the Children in Bangladesh country director Onno van Manen requested mass media to highlight content on the importance of education to encourage children to return to school and in turn help recover from the Covid-19-induced learning loss.

Coordinated initiatives and planning between the government, non-government organisations and mass media are required to bring vulnerable children back to regular schooling, said Golam Kibria, head of education at Educo Bangladesh.

Organisations running the campaign are Brac, Campaign for Popular Education, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Educo Bangladesh, FIVDB, Friendship, Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh, Handicap International -- Humanity and Inclusion, Jagorani Chakra Foundation, Plan International Bangladesh, Room to Read Bangladesh, Save the Children in Bangladesh, Sightsavers Bangladesh, Sesame Workshop Bangladesh, Stromme Foundation, Teach for Bangladesh, VSO, World Vision Bangladesh, and YPSA.

The government and its stakeholders made children's safety a top priority before reopening educational institutions. To bolster that effort, the organisations launched the campaign on February 10, organisers said.

Stromme Foundation Country Coordinator Mizanur Rahman, World Vision Bangladesh Director (Communications, Advocacy) Tony Michael Gomes, Communications Manager at World Vision Bangladesh Devashish Ranjan Sarker, Save the Children in Bangladesh Senior Manager (Media and Communications) Nusrat Amin and others spoke at the event.

| Hefajat chief

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Mohibullah maternal uncle of Junayed Babunagari, former amir of the organisation. He was made Hefajat chief after the sudden demise of Junayed Babunagari on August 19.

He is the chief adviser of Hefajat-e-Islam Bangladesh and chancellor of Al-Jamiatul Islamiah Azizul Uloom Babunagar.

Pori Moni

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to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

Rab detained Pori Moni and Dipu on August 4. They seized alcohol and narcotics from Pori Moni's residence.

The following day, the two were shown arrested in the case filed under the Narcotics Control Act with Banani Police Station.

On September 1, Pori Moni was released from jail on ad-interim bail, four weeks after her arrest.

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Better care for stroke patients

hospital's neuromedicine or neurosurgery ward with other patients, said CMCH Director Brig Gen SM Humayun Kabir. "Each of the wards have 45 beds but treat over 150 patients a day. So, it is difficult for doctors and staffers to give their full attention to only stroke patients.'

"We have launched the unit so that stroke patients get the highest attention there," he said. "We have provided all logistic facilities and deployed additional manpower to properly run the unit."

It is the second such unit dedicated for stroke patients in the country, he said, adding that before this, the facility was only available at National Institute of Neurosciences and Hospital at Dhaka's Agargaon.

Prof Shahena Akter, principal of Chattogram Medical College, said the not only coming from Chattogram, but

is the only tertiary hospital in the region, critical patients from the seven districts go

Prof Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury, head of CMCH's neurosurgery department, said thrombolytic treatment, the process by which blood clots in blood vessels are broken down, would be introduced at the unit, which will help save lives.

Contacted, Prof Noman Chowdhury, head of CMCH's neurosurgery ward, said because of his ward always operating beyond capacity, there is no scope to pay special attention to only stroke patients.

For example, he said, 165 patients were receiving treatment at the ward on Monday. "So, I think the unit will be of great use," he added.

"If a person feels vertigo with vision unit would hugely benefit stroke patients problems all of a sudden, in association with feeling weak in hands or legs on one also from adjacent districts, including side of the body, they may be having a Cox's Bazar, Feni, Noakhali, Rangamati, stroke and should be taken to the hospital

Killing in Rohingya camps

The association of ARSA with all criminal activities has created a negative image of Rohingyas, he argued. "It can be understood that a force is trying to create a negative image of the Rohingya and posing obstacles so that effective leadership cannot be formed."

Regarding the role of the international community apart from the UN to resolve the Rohingya crisis, Prof Ahmed said China, Japan and India are the "big friends" of Myanmar.

To resolve the issue, India and Japan can play a big role in keeping their business and geopolitical interests aside. "They can do their business but

the Rohingya issue should be settled

On the issue of drug trade, he said it is unclear why the international community is not putting pressure on Myanmar to put a stop to such activities.

Prof Ahmed said Rohingyas need to check the internal clashes but if the clashes take place centring drug and if Myanmar does it intentionally, the UNODC can play a big role.

"The Rohingya population living in Cox's Bazar is bigger than the population of Bhutan and almost double that of the Maldives. In any society, such incidents are bound to happen but we have to be mindful that such incidents are not repeated," Ahmed said.

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