



UP ELECTIONS

Winning all too easy

300 chairman candidates win polls uncontested in four phases, most of them from Awami League

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One in 10 winning chairmen candidates in the ongoing union parishad elections has so far been elected unopposed, almost double the ratio compared to that of the last UP polls in 2016.

Election Commission data shows that 300 chairman have been elected unopposed in the four phases of UP polls this year. Elections to 2,203 UPs have taken place so far in three phases. Another 840 unions will go to polls on December 26 in the fourth phase.

In 2016, a total of 207 chairman candidates were elected unopposed in elections to 4,107 UPs in six phases, meaning one in 20 winning chairman were elected uncontested.

Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, Election Commission Joint Secretary SM Asaduzzaman said a total of 48 chairman candidates were declared elected unopposed in the fourth phase of UP polls slated for December 26.

Monday was the last day for withdrawal of candidature in the fourth phase polls and the EC released the related data yesterday.

Asaduzzaman said another 135 general member candidates and 112 member runners for reserved seats for women were also elected uncontested in the fourth phase.

Most of the chairman candidates elected unopposed are nominees of the ruling Awami League, said party sources.

However, experts expressed resentment

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The activities of gangs, which knock out their victims to rob them, have been on the rise in recent times. A victim, who lost everything he had on him, was found in the capital's Paltan area yesterday. Locals were taking him to a nearby hospital on a rickshaw van.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Next gen to lose \$17tn due to pandemic

Finds WB, Unesco, Unicef global report

STAR REPORT

A generation of students now risks losing \$17 trillion in lifetime earnings in present value, or about 14 percent of today's global GDP, as a result of Covid-19 pandemic-related school closures, according to a new report published on Monday by the World Bank, UNESCO and UNICEF.

The new projection reveals that the impact is more severe than previously thought of, and far exceeds the USD 10 trillion estimates released in 2020.

In addition, "The State of the Global Education Crisis: A Path to Recovery" report shows that in low- and middle-income countries, the share of children living in "learning poverty" -- already 53 percent before the pandemic -- could potentially reach 70 percent given the long school closures and the ineffectiveness of remote learning to ensure full learning continuity during school closures.

"The Covid-19 crisis brought education systems across the world to a halt,"

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50YRS OF BANGLADESH

Cronyism raising inequality

Say experts at conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite progress in various economic and human development indicators, crony capitalism or cronyism is growing in Bangladesh as a few powerful members of the business class, bureaucrats, and politicians exercise a monopoly power in areas controlled by the state, resulting in rising inequality.

At the same time, shrinking democratic space, characterised by marginalisation of political opposition, intolerance of non-sanctioned political activities compared to the period of Bangladesh's independence, are thwarting the aspiration for an inclusive, humane society set during the Liberation War.

Economists expressed these

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

India derides UN proposal for ceasefire

DECEMBER 8, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

INDIA DISPUTES US, UN

A senior Indian spokesman today disputed statements by a White House spokesman that Indian military intervention in East Pakistan had foiled American efforts to persuade the Bangalee "insurgents" and the Pakistan authorities to reach a political settlement.

The Washington statements are "contrary to facts and without understanding of the situation," the official said. "To say that the Government of India hindered any peace efforts is totally wrong," he added. He said the proposals the United States had made for a political



settlement were neither new nor realistic.

Indian delegates also derided today the General Assembly's call for a cease-fire in the war with Pakistan and indicated India would not obey it. Samar Sen, the chief Indian delegate, said, "The Assembly, as usual, is extremely noble in adhering to principles, but not very realistic."

The Pakistani delegation

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ROHINGYA HATE SPEECH

Refugees sue Facebook for \$150b

AFP, Los Angeles

Rohingya refugees sued Facebook on Monday for \$150 billion over claims the social network is failing to stem hate speech on its platform, exacerbating violence against the vulnerable minority.

The complaint, lodged in a California court, says the algorithms that power the US-based company promote disinformation and extremist thought that translates to real-world violence.

"Facebook is like a robot programmed with a singular mission: to grow," the court document states.

"The undeniable reality is that Facebook's growth,

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'Black box' to gather climate data for future civilisations



CNN ONLINE

Every time new climate research is published, news headlines are posted or tweets are shared, a giant steel box perched on a granite plain in the Australian state of Tasmania will be recording it all.

With its thick steel walls, battery storage and solar panels, the developers of "Earth's Black Box" say the city bus-sized structure will be

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PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 8

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00
JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



People, mostly of middle and lower income groups, throng the makeshift shops on the footpaths near Baitul Mukarram National Mosque to buy winter clothes yesterday. Many markets in the capital had similar crowds in recent days as the mercury dropped following a spell of showers.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Vaccine mandates should be 'last resort'

Says WHO Europe, urges better protection of children; UK confirms community transmission of Omicron

AGENCIES

The World Health Organization (WHO) in Europe yesterday cautioned against making Covid vaccines mandatory, while urging better protection of children among whom cases are high.

Europe is battling a fierce surge in the pandemic, with the WHO registering 120,000 Covid-related deaths on the continent since November 23 when it warned of up to

500,000 more deaths by March 2022.

Regional director Hans Kluge said compulsory vaccines should be "an absolute last resort and only applicable when all other feasible options to improve vaccination uptake have been exhausted".

Noting that mandates have increased vaccine uptake in some cases, Kluge said these were "context specific", and added that the effect mandates may have on "public confidence and public trust" must

also be considered.

The regional health bloc also noted that the number of cases had increased "across all age groups, with the highest rates currently observed in the five to 14 years age group."

"It is not unusual today to see two to three times higher incidence among young children than in the average population," Kluge told a press conference.

"The health risks extend beyond the

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আয়করের ২য় কিস্তি প্রদান সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

কর অঞ্চল-১১, ঢাকার অধিকৃতরাধীন সম্মানিত করদাতাদের জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৪ ধারা মোতাবেক যে সকল করদাতার সর্বশেষ নিরূপিত আয় ৬,০০,০০০/- টাকার বেশী তাদের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদান বাধ্যতামূলক। আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৫/৬৬ ধারা অনুযায়ী সর্বশেষ নির্ধারিত (সাধারণ অথবা সার্বজনীন স্বনির্ধারণী পদ্ধতিতে) আয়ের ভিত্তিতে ২০২০-২০২৩ করবর্ষের অগ্রিম আয়করের ২য় কিস্তি ১৫/১২/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে পরিশোধের বাধ্যবাধকতা রয়েছে।

যথাসময়ে অগ্রিম কর পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ করদাতাগণ এর ক্ষেত্রে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৭০/৭৩ ধারা অনুযায়ী সরল সুদ এবং ১২৫ ধারা অনুযায়ী জরিমানা আরোপের বিধান রয়েছে। সকল সম্মানিত করদাতা/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে সরল সুদ ও জরিমানা এড়ানোর লক্ষ্যে যথাসময়ে ২০২২-২০২৩ করবর্ষের ২য় কিস্তির অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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