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Pori weds Razz, expecting their child



BB for gradual depreciation of taka

Shamim Osman

breaks silence,

code of conduct

Taimur's campaign

coordinator arrested

Ruling Awami League lawmaker Shamim

Osman finally broke his silence and asked

AL leaders and activists in Narayanganj

to work in favour of Selina Hayat Ivy, the

party's mayor candidate in the January 16

By doing so, he, however, violated the

The development came yesterday in the

electoral code of conduct, as no MP is

wake of allegations that the influential

Osman family in Narayanganj threw its

who is running for the mayor as an

The long-standing bitter rivalry

weight behind Taimur Alam Khandakar,

between Shamim and Ivy has come back

to the fore in the run-up to the election.

Taimur's Election Coordinator Monirul

Islam, who is the acting convenor of

Meanwhile, police yesterday detained

allowed to join electioneering.

independent candidate.

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA AND SANAD SAHA



Russian troops will leave KZ



Diokovic released, drama continues

Covid curbs return from Thursday

STAFF CORRESPONDNET

The Covid curbs are back five months after relaxation as the government looks to stem the tide of Covid-19 cases that can potentially cripple the economy and overwhelm hospitals once again.

On the day that the country announced the highest number of Covid-19 cases in four months, the cabinet division issued a notice with an 11-point directive for public movement from January 13.

No social, religious or political gatherings and rallies at open places are allowed until further notice.

Mask wear is mandatory in all public places, including shops, markets, shopping centres, restaurants, offices and courts. Mobile courts will be operated countrywide to penalise violations of the health guidelines.

Bus, launch and train must operate at half capacity. The authority concerned will issue a specific notice on the matter along with the date the restriction

To dine at restaurants, a vaccine certificate must be furnished, while students aged 12 years and above will not be allowed to attend classes in-person unless they are vaccinated after January 15.

STORM

- Buses, trains and launches will operate at half capacity
- Drivers and helpers must carry vaccine cards
- Unvaccinated students above
- Proof of vaccination needed
- International arrivals must produce vaccine cards and get
- * No visitors allowed in airport
- on those without masks Local admin to take necessary

steps if cases spiral

will take effect. Drivers and their assistants in vehicles must provide proof of vaccination.

No visitors will be allowed at airports. All international arrivals SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

GOVT'S PLAN TO KNOCK OUT BREWING COVID

- 12 will not be allowed in schools
- at restaurants
- antigen tests
- Mobile courts to slap penalty

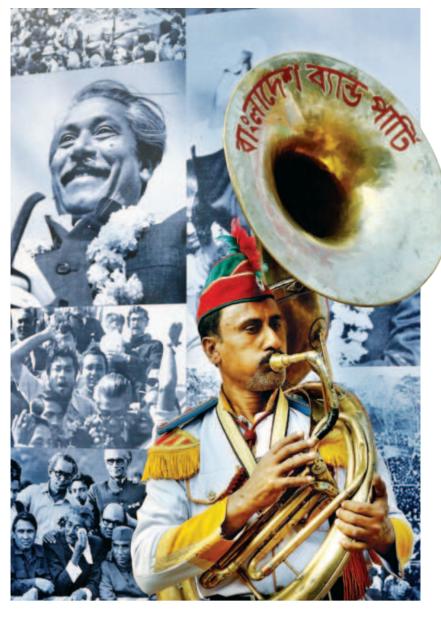
Jayedul Alam, the district superintendent of police, said they arrested Monirul as he was facing around three cases over vandalism and sabotage. The cases were filed in March last year but he was not on bail, the SP said.

'SYMBOL MATTERS'

Narayanganj BNP.

Since the NCC polls campaign kicked off, AL leader Ivy had been alleging that her rival Taimur was contesting the election as a "candidate of Shamim", who Ivy had defeated in the previous election.

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A marching band member playing a sousaphone at a rally marking the historic Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman yesterday in the Secretariat area. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

No 'crossfire' deaths since **US** sanctions

MUNTAKIM SAAD

No "gunfight" took place in the country between law enforcers and criminals since December 10 last when the United States imposed human rightsrelated sanctions on the Rapid Action Battalion and seven of its top officials. Before December

10, killing of people in "shootouts" had become a regular occurrence, data of human rights organisation and media reports show.

Hours before the imposition of the sanction, a suspected "robber" was killed in a "gunfight" between Rab and "a gang of robbers" in Barguna's Patharghata upazila. Just four days before, two more suspected "robbers" were killed in another such "shootout" with the elite force in Bhola.

Three accused in the Cumilla ward councillor murder case, were killed in two "gunfights" between police and criminals early on November 30 and December 2 last year.

Human rights defenders say the pause in such killings shows that continuing killing in the name of "gunfight" or stopping it solely depends SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



