



In a moment of spontaneous innovation, Lalbagh's Altaf Ali adjoined his van with the front-half of a motorbike to help run it faster. However, while the engineering behind it should be credited, it should be worth noting that vehicles of this kind are not the safest to run in the capital or its adjacent district roads.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW CEC

AL satisfied, BNP and JP critical, Zafrullah happy



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There is considerable doubt that the Election Commission will be able to conduct fair, impartial and credible elections.

Mujibul Haque Chunnu



I ask all opposition parties, including BNP, to accept the CEC. The new CEC will not do anything bad. He is a brave and honest man.

Zafrullah Chowdhury

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after the formation of the new Election Commission, major political parties and experts have come up with their response to the newly formed EC.

In a statement released yesterday, Awami League general secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, "We are satisfied that the EC has been formed as per the constitution and in line with the new law."

His remarks come despite the fact that the names proposed to the search committee by AL were not considered

for the new EC.

In his statement, Obaidul Quader also said, "We have confidence in the new EC. We hope that the next election under this EC will be free, fair and acceptable to all."

"It is also the expectation of the people that the new EC will present a free, fair and impartial election."

He urged all political parties to maintain a peaceful and democratic environment without resorting to any kind of irrational and controversial remarks about this commission for political gain only.

"We hope that other political

parties, including BNP, will fulfill their responsibilities and participate in the upcoming parliamentary elections," he also said.

On the other hand, BNP reiterated that the party will not join the 12th general election under the AL government, saying that the new EC changes nothing.

"Like we said before, we're least bothered about the new EC. Our main worry is over the election-time government," BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said yesterday.

Speaking at a discussion, BNP

secretary general Fakhrul said it is certain that there will be no election in the country if Awami League is there in the government. Because they'll try to snatch the results in their favour again, and while the rest of us sit and watch. So obviously, we won't join that type of election."

Meanwhile, Jatiya Party, the main opposition in parliament, termed the newly appointed EC an "Awami League-backed bureaucratic election commission".

Party Secretary General Mujibul Haque Chunnu said, "There is

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Help youths learn about our national heroes

PM opens scroll painting on Bangabandhu

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UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday emphasised on informing the youth about the struggles and sacrifices behind the achievements of the country.

"If the future generations know about the sacrifices and struggles, they will learn the value of patriotism. Their merits, knowledge and creativity will flourish," she said.

Hasina said this while inaugurating a 150-foot-long



scroll painting on the life of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The programme was held at National Museum at Shahbagh with the PM joining it virtually from Gono Bhaban.

She said the government has developed the country -- from 2009 to 2022 -- changing the lives of people significantly. She mentioned that poverty has been reduced and people are getting education and other facilities with development spreading to the rural areas.

"With these developments I think that people should know the sacrifices and struggles of those behind these achievements," she said.

"We have many historical events... Our children, youths and generations have to know this history. Knowing this, they will be imbued with patriotism and inspired to devote themselves to the welfare of the people," she said.

Thanking artists, poets, novelists and people of other sections for their efforts to bring Bangabandhu in their creative works over the years, Hasina said the scroll will be exhibited across the country in phases.

She suggested placing it permanently at Bangabandhu Mausoleum in Tungipara, the birth place of Bangabandhu.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee organised the event.

Shahjahan Ahmed Bikash painted the longest scroll painting of the country illustrating Bangabandhu's life and works. The exhibition will continue for two weeks.

PRAYER TIMING  
FEB 28



	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
Azan	5-15	12-45	4-30	6-05	7-30
Jamaat	5-50	1-15	4-45	6-10	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Sharif Uddin applies for job reinstatement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terminated assistant director of Anti Corruption Commission (ACC), Sharif Uddin, has applied for reinstatement in the job.

He submitted an application to the ACC chairman yesterday morning. In his application, Sharif iterated the achievements of his career, and appealed to that regard.

On February 16, the ACC had given him stand release as per 54 (2) of ACC (staff) rules, 2008.

Sharif had been conducting investigations into corruption allegations against different offices and hospitals.

He was posted at the Chattogram office for three years before being transferred in 2021. During his stint in Chattogram, he was investigating land acquisition scams in Cox's Bazar and had recommended that the ACC file corruption cases against a syndicate in the district.

The syndicate had looted public money by forging documents, and included a deputy commissioner, a deputy secretary, and a superintendent of police, an additional SP, a UNO and local Awami League leaders in Cox's Bazar.

Sharif was terminated following complaints filed by three individuals in September last year. Interestingly, all three were involved in the syndicate against whom Sharif had suggested prosecution.

He was transferred to Patuakhali in June last year, following this investigation.



Right outside the premises of Abahani field, an arrangement of exotic and local flowers, decorative plants ornate with colourful leaves can be noticed. Although one might mistake it for street decoration at first glance, it is in fact a nursery where Dhaka residents shop for different plants to enhance the beauty of their homes. This photo was taken yesterday from Satmasjid road.

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