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BRAHMANBARIA-2 BY-POLLS Conduct probe into candidate's 'going missing' EC asks local admin, police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission has ordered the administration officials and police to probe the allegations that a candidate of Brahmanbaria-2 by-polls has been "missing".

Abu Asif Ahmed, who is running as an independent from the Sarail Ashuganj constituency, has been missing for the last four days.

"We have asked the deputy commissioner, the superintendent of police and the election officer of Brahmanbaria to probe the matter," Election Commissioner Rashida Sultana told reporters yesterday.

"We learnt from the media that he has been detained."



Abu Asif Ahmed

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Security officials inspect the site of a mosque blast inside the police headquarters in Peshawar, Pakistan yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

61 killed, 150 hurt in Pakistan mosque blast

Many policemen among them; Tehreek-i-Taliban claims responsibility

AGENCIES

A suicide bomber blew himself up inside a crowded mosque in a highly fortified security compound in Pakistan yesterday, killing over 61 people, most of them police.

The attack happened during afternoon prayers in the provincial capital of Peshawar, close to former tribal areas along the Afghan border where militancy has been

steadily rising.

A frantic rescue mission was underway at the mosque, which had an entire wall and some of its roof blown out.

"Many policemen are buried under the rubble," said Peshawar police chief Muhammad Ijaz Khan, who estimated between 300 and 400 officers usually attended prayers at the mosque. "Efforts are being made to get them out safely,"

he added.

Bloodied survivors emerged limping from the wreckage, while bodies were ferried away in ambulances.

"It's an emergency situation," Muhammad Asim Khan, a spokesman for the main hospital in Peshawar, told AFP.

The death toll continued to rise as more bodies were pulled from

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2014, 2018 ELECTIONS

People voted for AL as it worked for them: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said people voted the Awami League to power in 2014 and 2018 national elections as her government worked for the development of the people.

The premier was addressing a programme at the capital's Ramna Batamul marking the opening of 11 projects under the housing and public works ministry. She joined the event virtually from the Gono Bhaban.

The projects were implemented by the Public Works Department, Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) and National Housing Authority in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.



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TEACHER RECRUITMENT 'BCL men' vandalise office of CU VC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The office of Chittagong University VC Prof Shireen Akhter was ransacked allegedly by a group of Chhatra League men yesterday "for not recruiting a former leader of the student organisation as a teacher".

The unruly Chhatra League men vandalised chairs, tables, crockery and several flower tubs in front of the VC's room around 4:00pm.

They also stopped shuttle train services between the university and Chattogram city, causing sufferings to students.

BCL insiders and campus sources said a faction of the

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Complete Roman city uncovered in Egypt's Luxor

CNN ONLINE



Archaeologists working in the southern Egyptian city of Luxor have uncovered a complete 1,800-year-old Roman city.

Mostafa Waziri, Secretary-General of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said the city dated back to the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD, and described it as "the oldest and most important city found on the eastern bank of Luxor."

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