

AL-backed panel sweeps Dhaka bar election

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-Awami League lawyers' group "White Panel" has gained a landslide victory in the Dhaka Bar Association (DBA) election, bagging all 23 posts in the 2023-2024 executive committee.

Dhaka Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Abdullah Abu, who acted as chief election commissioner, announced the results at DBA office yesterday.

Mizanur Rahman Mamun was elected president with 7,883 votes. His "Blue Panel" opponent Khorshed Miah Alam got 1,035 votes.

Khandakar Golam Kibria Jobayer was elected general secretary with 7,614 votes, defeating Blue Panel contestant Sayed Nazrul Islam, who got 1,514 votes.

The BNP-backed lawyers' group Blue Panel on Thursday boycotted voting in the polls bringing allegations of irregularities and rigging against Abdullah Abu.

However, Abdullah Abu said pro-BNP lawyers' allegations were totally false, fabricated and vague.

The two day election for the new committee at DBA was held on Wednesday and Thursday where a total of 9,243 out of 19,618 lawyers cast their votes.

A total of 46 candidates from the two panels contested in the polls against 23 posts.

Mosquitoes invade Khulna

Authorities failing to control the menace, claim dwellers

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

After winter ended, mosquitoes took control of Khulna, making life difficult for many city dwellers. Locals claim that the situation has been going on for a long time, with the authorities continuing to turn a blind eye.

Swarms of mosquitoes from nearby ponds, bushes, water bodies, and drains invade houses shortly after sunset, disrupting students' studies, residents' sleep, and other household activities.

This makes them vulnerable to serious diseases, including malaria, dengue, yellow fever and even zika virus, according to physicians.

According to the conservancy department of Khulna City Corporation, mid-February to the third week of March is the mosquito breeding season.

Anwar Hossain, a resident of Alamnagar area of KCC ward-12, said, "I did not see any mosquito



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Khulna City Mayor

control initiative even once this month. I have to spend Tk 360 to 400 every month to buy coil."

Jahangir Hossain, who runs a tea stall in Moilapota area, said if mosquito coils are not lit in his shop after evening, the situation becomes unbearable.

"My business usually picks up from evening as customers start gathering around during this time. But I have been receiving far fewer people in my stall lately due to mosquito menace," he added.

He also claimed that he had not seen anyone from KCC conducting anti-mosquito drives in the last two months.

Advocate Md Babul Howladar, member secretary of Khulna Citizen Society, echoed the same.

According to KCC data, the city corporation spent Tk 2.10 crore in 2014-15, Tk 2.50 crore in 2015-16, and Tk 2.80 crore in 2016-17 for mosquito control initiatives.

The budget grows year after year, and in 2021-2022 Tk 3.18 crore, and in 2022-23 Tk 3.25 crore were allocated for this purpose

According to Md Abdul Aziz, KCC chief conservancy officer, black oil (80 percent diesel and 20 percent furnace oil) is being sprinkled in city drains to prevent mosquito breeding. A fogger machine operation is also underway to kill mosquitoes.

"We already bought larvicide, adulticide, kerosene oil, diesel, perfume, furnace oil, light diesel

etc... Every day, 31 permanent staffers and 31 temporary ones conduct anti-mosquito drives in all the wards of KCC," said Abdul.

"People should be aware too. Garbage should not be thrown in the drains. Besides, flower gardens, canals and ponds need to be clean," he added.

Contacted, Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque said, "City dwellers should work with the city corporation. Otherwise, we will be unable to solve this problem alone due to a shortage of human resources."

"Besides, the problem will reduce once we finish the ongoing project of excavating drains, culverts and canals in the city," he added.

Two youths who were picked up return home



Mehedi Hasan Jamal Uddin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The two youths who were picked up from Jail Gate area in Lalmonirhat, after being acquitted of a militancy case, returned home yesterday.

A group of masked people took them from the spot on February 21. Families of the youths later claimed that a law enforcement agency took them to Dhaka for interrogation.

The law enforcers handed over the two youths -- Mehedi alias Mehedi Hasan, 27, from Hatibandha upazila, and Jamal Uddin, 32, from Kaliganj upazila -- to their families in Dhaka at 11:30pm on Friday, family members told The Daily Star yesterday.

Jamal is doing his master's at a college in Dhaka, and Mehedi is studying at Fazil level at a madrasa in Lalmonirhat.

Mehedi's father Abdul Latif told this newspaper that the law enforcers took them to Dhaka for questioning.

The youths were taken to their village homes yesterday, said families.

According to court sources, a case was lodged against six youths for allegedly being involved in banned militant organisation JMB in 2017.

In this case, four youths -- including Jamal and Mehedi -- were acquitted. Two other youths were jailed for 42 years.

Lalmonirhat Sessions Judge and Special Tribunal-1 Judge Md Mizanur Rahman delivered the verdict on February 19.

Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ershadul Alam told The Daily Star that he heard that two youths missing from Jail Gate were rescued in Dhaka.

He said they returned home, but he has no information about how they went missing and how they were rescued.



The 12th Inter-school Bangla Olympiad 2023 -- organised by International Hope School Bangladesh -- was held on its premises at the capital's Uttara yesterday. More than 1,500 students from around 100 schools across the country participated in it. School Principal Roksana Zarin and Bangla Olympiad Coordinator Kamrul Ahsan, among others, spoke on the occasion. The Olympiad's prize-distribution ceremony will be held on March 11 at International Mother Language Institute Auditorium in Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

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Youth hacked to death in Tangail

Locals set house of suspected killers on fire



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A youth was stabbed to death in Delduar upazila of Tangail yesterday morning.

Locals torched the house of the suspected killers after police recovered the body of Mohammad Raihan, 20, a resident of Nalua village in the upazila. The body, which was found beside a house near Pathrail-Gadatala road, bore injuries marks, said police.

The victim's family said Raihan was missing since Friday night. Later, his body was found beside the house of Marjina Begum, an alleged drug trader. Police said they had arrested Marjina

a week ago on charge of trading drugs. A local court sent her to jail. Police detained two sons of Marjina, who are also drug traders, in connection with the murder, said Officer in Charge of Delduar Police Station Nazrul Islam Mridha.

Following their detention, a mob vandalised their house and set it on fire, the OC added. Raihan's body was sent to Tangail General Hospital for autopsy.

"After preliminary investigation, police suspect that the youth was murdered centring a dispute over trading drugs. However, it will be ascertained after an investigation," the OC said.

Stop plastic usage in Cox's Bazar, Rohingya camps

Speakers demand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tonnes of plastic waste is produced in Cox's Bazar and Rohingya camps every day, which ultimately end up in rivers and sea, said speakers at an event in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

They demanded to stop plastic use to save biodiversity, in a programme titled "Using Plastic Must be Stopped in Cox's Bazar and Rohingya Camps".

The speakers said plastic covers about 40 percent of the ocean surface, and scientists fear that there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2030.

Speakers also said the Bhakkhali river of Cox's Bazar is full of polythene now. The use of plastic in Cox's Bazar and Rohingya

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**Tender Notice e-GP (LTM)**

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for construction/Up-gradation/Conversion of overhead electrical distribution line Under the geographical area of Jashore PBS-1/2, Khulna, Satkhira, Kushtia, Meherpur, Jhenaidah & Magura PBS. Tender submission deadlines are mentioned below:

SL. No.	Sub-Package No.	Description of Works	Tender ID No.	Closing & Opening Date	Closing Time	Opening Time
1	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-45-01	Construction of 7.698 Km New & Up-gradation of 7.889 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Jessore PBS-1.	753691	14/03/23	10:00	10:00
2	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-45-02	Construction of 7.213 Km New & Up-gradation of 8.451 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Jessore PBS-1.	753692		10:30	10:30
3	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-46-01	Construction of 7.759 Km New & Up-gradation of 6.958 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Jessore PBS-1.	753693		11:00	11:00
4	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-46-02	Construction of 6.701 Km New & Up-gradation of 8.251 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Jessore PBS-1.	753694		11:30	11:30
5	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-48-01	Construction of 9.192 Km New & Up-gradation of 1.442 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Jessore PBS-2.	753695		12:00	12:00
6	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-314-01	Conversion of 0.118 Km LT to HT, 7.463 Km HT Single Phase to HT Three Phase & 1.813 Km Insulated Conductor under the Geographical area of Jessore PBS-2.	753696		12:30	12:30
7	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-16-01	Construction of 8.283 Km New 33 KV Electrical Source Line under the Geographical area of Khulna PBS.	753697		13:00	13:00
8	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-16-02	Construction of 12.226 Km New 33 KV Electrical Source Line under the Geographical area of Khulna PBS.	753698		14:00	14:00
9	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-20-01	Construction of 16.439 Km New 33 KV Electrical Source Line & Up-gradation of 2.375 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Satkhira PBS.	753699		14:30	14:30
10	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-66-01	Up-gradation of 19.565 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Satkhira PBS.	753700		15:00	15:00
11	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-66-02	Up-gradation of 18.740 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Satkhira PBS.	753701		15:30	15:30
12	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-67-01	Up-gradation of 19.530 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Satkhira PBS.	753702		16:00	16:00
13	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-57-01	Up-gradation of 20.266 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Kushtia PBS.	753703		10:00	10:00
14	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-57-02	Up-gradation of 20.240 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Kushtia PBS.	753704		10:30	10:30
15	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-63-01	Construction of 2.165 Km New, 0.392 Km Dismantling & Up-gradation of 11.732 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Meherpur PBS.	753705		11:00	11:00
16	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-63-02	Construction of 2.878 Km New, 1.081 Km Dismantling & Up-gradation of 16.333 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Meherpur PBS.	753706	11:30	11:30	
17	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-64-01	Construction of 1.918 Km New, 0.394 Km Dismantling & Up-gradation of 16.139 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Meherpur PBS.	753707	12:00	12:00	
18	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-64-02	Construction of 2.786 Km New, 1.557 Km Dismantling & Up-gradation of 15.696 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Meherpur PBS.	753708	15/03/23	12:30	12:30
19	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-15-01	Construction of 9.140 Km New 33 KV Source Line, Up-gradation of 2.243 Km 33 KV Source Line and R & I of 4.106 Km 33 KV Source Line under the Geographical area of Jhenaidah PBS.	753709	13:00	13:00	
20	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-15-02	Construction of 9.332 Km New 33 KV Source Line, Up-gradation of 1.466 Km 33 KV Source Line and R & I of 3.922 Km 33 KV Source Line under the Geographical area of Jhenaidah PBS.	753710	14:00	14:00	
21	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-51-01	Construction of 0.804 Km New, Up-gradation of 9.730 Km R/R of 2.096 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Jhenaidah PBS.	753711	14:30	14:30	
22	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-322-01	Construction of 0.184 Km New & Conversion of 16.628 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Magura PBS.	753712	15:00	15:00	
23	MCEP/BREB/KD-W-322-02	Construction of 0.428 Km New & Conversion of 17.064 Km Electrical Line under the Geographical area of Magura PBS.	753713	15:30	15:30	

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no off line/hard copies will be accepted. Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) and BREB Prequalification enrollment are required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents (TK-1000/-) from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any e-GP registered banks' branches up to 13/03/2023 at 17:00. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP helpdesk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)). The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all the Tenders Proceedings without any Reason.

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