

## No exams for first graders

Students to be evaluated via assessments

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There will be no examination for first grade student in the current academic year, according to a directive of the Directorate of Primary Education (DPE).

The directive, issued on Tuesday, said instead of graded examinations, the performances of the students will be evaluated through continuous assessment in accordance with the new curriculum.

The notification, signed by Monish Chakma, director of the Policy and Operations wing of DPE, included seven such directives for the upazila or thana education officers.

As per the directive, the evaluation process for classes 2-5 will continue to follow the procedures used before the pandemic.

## SHIP RECYCLING Bangladesh to ratify 'Hong Kong Convention'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will ratify the Hong Kong Convention that sets the obligation for the safe and environmentally sound ship recycling within 2023, said Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun yesterday.

He said this at a bilateral meeting with a delegation of Norway led by its Deputy Minister of Environment Ragnhild Sjoner Syrstad.

The convention came into being in 2009 in a diplomatic conference in Hongkong. It sets standards for safe and environmentally sound recycling of end-of-life ships.

Minister Nurul Majid sought cooperation from Norway to build a research and training institute for shipbreaking industry.

Ragnhild Sjoner Syrstad, deputy minister of Norway for Environmental Affairs, said through the ratification of Hong Kong Convention, Bangladesh will be able to lead the shipbreaking sector globally.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
MAY 11

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-10	12-45	5-00	6-36	8-00
JAMAAT 4-45	1-15	5-15	6-40	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Children fill up their water bottles from a tube-well, brimming with laughter and playfulness. Even with temperatures rising, these little ones find relief and joy in the simplest of things. This photo was taken in Khulna's Dumuria area recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## National polls to be held under Hasina-led govt

Reaffirms Awami League

STAR REPORT

The ruling Awami League joint general secretary Hasan Mahmud yesterday categorically said the next national elections will be held as per the constitution and under the present government.

He said this while exchanging views with reporters on contemporary issues at his ministry, reports BSS. Replying to a query, he said the AL general secretary Obaidul Quader replied to a question of reporters over the election-time government. It was not a proposal.

On Sunday, Quader said if BNP announces its participation in the national election, the government might consider to keep the party in the election-time government.

But yesterday, he said there is no foreign pressure on the government to restore the polls time caretaker government according to BNP's demand.

"They [foreign countries] have not uttered a single word of what BNP is demanding... They [however] want a free and fair election," he told reporters.

He said BNP was campaigning for incumbent government's resignation, parliament's dissolution and restoration of caretaker government system. "None of their three demands succeeded in gaining any foreign support."

He said, "It is BNP's right to participate in the polls... the government will not invite them and it is not a privilege for BNP."

When his attention was drawn towards suspended Gazipur mayor Zahangir Alam's campaign against AL candidate, Quader said the decision on Zahangir will be taken after consulting the issue at the party forum. "Zahangir was elected mayor from the Awami League... but we do not know whether his mother had any affiliation with Awami League... it is not our agenda to stop her..." he said.

Will create more jobs, if reelected

Rajshahi Mayor Liton tells journos at meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Mayor AHM Khairuzaman Liton yesterday said if re-elected he will generate more employment in the region by expanding small and medium cottage industries and arranging loans for entrepreneurs.

Liton, also presidium member of Awami League, was exchanging views with journalists at Rajshahi Nagar Bhaban.

Liton said he will resign on May 18 to contest the June 21 Rajshahi City Corporation election.

He said he is also planning to expand the 96 square kilometres city to a nearly 400sq km one.

Liton also detailed his development activities in the last five years.

He regretted that construction of some thoroughfares in different areas remained unfinished due to the negligence of some contractors.

## 5 CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS

### BCC market floor now a campaign office of AL

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

The ruling party's supporters in Barishal city have reportedly occupied a floor of a market belonging to the city corporation and transformed it into a campaign office for their mayoral candidate.

The move comes a month before the mayoral election and has sparked concerns about the abuse of power and circumstances for a fair and transparent election.

Despite eyewitnesses claiming that the space was taken over by former leaders of the Chhatra League, a student wing of the ruling party, the authorities concerned have denied knowledge of the incident.

Locals seeking anonymity said former Chhatra League leader of Barishal City unit, Tarek Bin Islam, and his associates broke open the lock of a 3,000 square feet space on the second floor of a market in ward-19, which had been left abandoned for four years.

They then allegedly occupied the

space to use it as a campaign office for Abul Khair Abdullah, the Awami League mayoral candidate, in the upcoming June 12 election.

Swapan Kumar Das, administrative officer of BCC, said the corporation owns the market. However, he claimed that they did not know anything about the incident.

Meanwhile, Advocate Afjalul Karim, election agent of the ruling party candidate, said he was unaware of the matter and there was not supposed to be an election camp at that location.

Contacted, Tarek Bin Islam said the space was not being used as an election camp, but as a party office. He argued that there was already a party office in the same location, which had been handed over to a children's organisation. So they needed a new space.

Meanwhile, Shah Sajeda, former convenor of Sacheton Nagorik Committee of Barishal, said the city corporation should take a stern approach to stop such incidents.



Amidst allegations of political takeover, a cleaning staff is seen sweeping the floor of a market in Barishal city. Supporters of the ruling party have allegedly occupied the space and transformed it into a campaign office for their mayoral candidate. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Abide by polls code

EC sends letter to Monnujan, Palak, GM Quader ahead of their Khulna, Barishal visit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission has instructed two state ministers to adhere to the electoral code of conduct during their visit to Khulna ahead of the city corporation election.

Begum Monnujan Sufian, state minister of Labour and Employment and Zunaid Ahmed Palak, state minister of Information and Communication Technology, are scheduled to visit Khulna from May 12 to 14.

The returning officer of the Khulna City Corporation, Md Alauddin, sent separate letters to the state ministers' personal secretaries. The letters reminded them of the provisions of the electoral code of conduct, which state that important persons such as state ministers cannot engage in electioneering.

The EC also send a similar letter to Deputy Leader of the Opposition at parliament GM Quader, also chairman of Jatiya Party. GM Quader is scheduled to visit Barishal on May 11.

Khulna and Barishal city polls will be held on June 12.

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1	829608 GDP-3/MA-103	Construction of 50m Long RCC Girder Bridge on Ghior Head Quarter -Shamganj GC Road Over Ichamati River At Ch.900m Under Upazilla: Ghior, District: Manikganj. Road ID: 356222002	OTM	31 May -2023 16:00 & 01 June -2023 16:00

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