

N'GANJ 4 MURDER CASE

HC confirms death for 2, acquits 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

High Court yesterday confirmed death penalty of two and acquitted 11 persons out of 23, who were sentenced to death by the trial court for killing four activists of Awami League and Chhatra League at Arahazar in Narayanganj in 2002.

The death sentences of Zahirul Haque Bhuiyan alias Zahir Member and Abdul Ahad were confirmed.

The HC bench of Justice SM Emdadul Hoque and Justice KM Zahid Sarwar Kajol commuted death sentence of Faruk, Khokon, Dalim, Ruhel, Liakat, Al Amin and Ruhel to life imprisonment.

The 11 acquitted are Siraj Uddin alias Siraj, Sahab Uddin, Md Halim, Yakub Ali, Amir Hossain, Abul Kamal, Rafiq Miah, Golam Azam, Abdul Hye, Harun and Tajuddin, Deputy Attorney General Sujit Chatterjee Bappi told The Daily Star.

On March 12, 2002, Abdul Barek, brother of former president of Arahazar upazila unit Chhatra League Rafiqul Islam, his cousin Badal, AL activist Faruk and Kabir Hossain were picked up from Ajar Ali Spinning Mills and taken to Laxmibardi Samaj Kalyan Office at Gopaldi. They were tortured to death.

On May 17, 2017, a Narayanganj court sentenced 23 people to death.



Chaos unfolds as a fleet of CNG-run three-wheelers occupies almost the entire road in the Jurain Rail Gate area. Due to this illegal parking, vehicular movement often comes to a grinding halt. Despite the inconvenience faced by commuters, authorities seemed to have turned a blind eye to the situation. This photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Make polls participatory
CEC urges all political parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibur Awal once again urged all political parties to take part in the next general elections to make it participatory and festive yesterday.

He was talking to reporters after holding a meeting with the Krishak Sramik Janata League President Kader Siddique.

He said during the election there will be a "political" government and a "bureaucratic" government. "By bureaucratic government, I mean from cabinet secretary to assistant secretary and political government from deputy minister to top... We will try to exercise our control over both the governments."

The CEC said they repeatedly came to know that there are complaints that police play a negative role. "It's not the police, rather some candidates try to bias the police locally... I'm not blaming the police," he said.

PRAYER TIMING
MAY 17

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

KCC MAYORAL POLLS

Seven submit nominations

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A total of 195 aspirants – including seven mayoral – submitted nomination papers for Khulna City Corporation election yesterday, on the last day.

So far, 236 aspirants bought nomination papers, according to the EC office. Of them, eight are for mayoral post, 188 for the councillor posts and 40 for the 10 reserved pots.

Babul Rana, general secretary of Khulna city unit of Awami League, said former mayor of KCC and president of the city unit AL Talukdar Abdul Khaleque from the party submitted nomination papers.

The other mayoral aspirants are Md Shafiqul Islam Madhu from Jatiya Party, Maulana Abdul Awal from Islami Andolan Bangladesh, SM Sabbir Hossain from Zaker Party, and independent Al Amin Md Adullah Chowdhury, SM Shafiqur Rahman, and Engineer Syed Kamrul Islam.

The last date for withdrawal is May 25. Around 5,35,528 voters are expected to cast their votes on June 12.

POLLS TO 5 CITY CORPORATIONS

POLLS CODE VIOLATIONS
Six councillor candidates fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six councillor candidates contesting in the Barishal City Corporation polls were fined Tk 68,500 by the Election Commission yesterday for violating the election code of conduct.

Zakir Hossain Bhulu, the councillor candidate of ward 12, was fined Tk 5,000, Sheikh Anwar Hossain, the candidate of ward 5, was fined Tk 20,000, Shahid Khan Azad, the candidate of Ward 22, was fined Tk 20,000. Besides, three other candidates were fined Tk 23,500 in total. They were penalised for bringing out motorcade rallies, although it's strictly prohibited in the election laws.

The City Corporation (Election Code of Conduct) Rules 2016 state that candidates or their supporters can organise street rallies and indoor meetings only after informing the local law enforcement authorities 24 hours in advance. No candidate can start campaigning using any electoral symbol before the official allotment, which is scheduled for May 26 in this case.

According to Executive Magistrate Abi Abdullah, the candidates have previously received warnings for breaking the code of conduct. Ten mayoral, 146 councillor and 42 candidates for the reserved female councillor seats, have submitted nomination papers to run in the June 12 election.

We are facing threats from ruling party men: Zahangir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Suspended Gazipur city mayor Mohammad Zahangir Alam, who is currently campaigning for the mayoral bid of his mother in the upcoming polls, yesterday alleged that they were facing threats from supporters of the Awami League nominated mayoral candidate.

"We are being intercepted by goons campaigning for the ruling party men... and being intimidated," he said.

When asked if they had filed any general diary, Zahangir deemed the act meaningless, questioning the purpose of filing a GD if the threats were coming from individuals who were supposed to ensure justice.

Zahangir emphasised his determination to support his mother in her mayoral bid till the very end.

Asked about his permanent expulsion from the party, he said he does not believe anyone except Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Maintaining

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RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

Govt ineffective to stop communal violence: US report
Cites allegations from minorities in Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Religious minority rights organisations have criticised the arbitrary detention of community members, often without bail, on false charges of blasphemy under the Digital Security Act, according to a US report published yesterday.

It said members of religious minorities said the government was ineffective in preventing communal violence against religious minorities and did not protect minorities from forced evictions and land seizures stemming from land disputes.

The US State Department report on "International Religious Freedom 2022" said Bangladesh's constitution designates Islam as the state religion but upholds the principle of secularism. It also prohibits religious discrimination and provides for equality for all religions.

However, in 2022, religious minority organisations and local human rights groups said communal violence against religious minority communities continued throughout the year. Ain o Salish Kendra stated 12 incidents of violence against religious minorities in both homes and places of worship took place in 2022, injuring five persons.

Referring to the reports of minority groups, the US report said property and land ownership disputes and forced eviction cases, including some involving the government, remained unresolved in 2022. Land disputes occurred in areas near new roads or industrial development zones, where land prices increased.

ROBBING EXPAT

BCL leader, three others sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A Narayanganj court sent a Chhatra League leader and three of his accomplices to jail in a case filed for stealing Tk 17 lakh from an expatriate.

Tapu Chandra Ghosh, vice president of the district unit of BCL, is the prime accused; other accused are Md Rohan, 21, Krishno Chandra Rajbongshi, 32, and Ershad Sheikh, 24.

According to police, Uzzal Hossain, a Saudi expatriate, lives in Cumilla's Meghna. On April 4, he sold some gold bars to a jewelry shop at Kalirbazar in Narayanganj. While returning home in a CNG-run auto-rickshaw, carrying Tk 17 lakh, he was intercepted by the BCL leader's gang near Hazi Saheber Mor.

They identified themselves as detectives and robbed him. Two days later, the victim filed a case against unnamed people with Bandar Police Station.

Rezaul Karim, an inspector of Bandar police outpost, said they arrested the four on Saturday.

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INVITATION FOR RE-TENDER-OTM (International Competition)

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science and Technology
2. Agency	Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR)
3. Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR), Dr. Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh.
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka
5. Invitation for	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Scientific Equipment.[Name of equipment: Item no. (1) INDUCTIVELY COUPLED PLASMA OPTICAL EMISSION SPECTROSCOPY (ICP-OES) (Details will be found in the Tender Document)].
6. Invitation ref. no.	39.02.0000.022.35.292.23
7. Date	16.05.2023
KEY INFORMATION	
8. Procuring method	Open Tendering Method (International Competition)
9. Budget and source of fund	GoB
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
10. Tender last selling date	14.06.2023 during office hour
11. Tender closing date & time	15.06.2023 at 1.00 PM.
12. Tender opening date and time	15.06.2023 at 2.00 PM.
13. Name & address of the office selling tender document	Cashier, BCSIR, Secretariat building (3 rd floor), Dr. Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.
14. Name & address of the office receiving tender document	Office of the Secretary, Secretariat building (4 th floor) BCSIR, Dr. Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.
15. Name & address of the office opening tender document	Office of the Secretary, Secretariat building (4 th floor) BCSIR, Dr. Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.
INFORMATION ON AWARD	
16. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science and Technology.
17. Eligibility of tenderer	* The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of similar type of goods. * The satisfactory completion of supply of similar scientific equipment/ instrument of minimum 100% (Hundred percent) of the total value of the item quoted by the Tenderer under maximum 5 (five) contracts in the last 5 (five) years. * Details will be found in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of the Tender Document.
18. Brief description of goods	As per attached specification in the tender document.
19. Brief description of related services	As per attached specification in the tender document.
20. Price of tender document	Tk. 2,000.00 (Two Thousand) (Non-refundable)
21. Evaluation will be done "Item by Item" basis.	
22. Description of goods	Tender security (Tk.) The amount of Tender Security shall be at least 2.0% (Two percent) of the total value of the item quoted by the Tenderer in favour of secretary, BCSIR by a tender security.
	Completion time in months/days 90 (Ninety) days from the date of contract signing.
PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS	
23. Name of official inviting tender	Shah Abdul Tarique
24. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Secretary, BCSIR, Dhaka.
25. Contract details of official inviting Tender	Secretary, Secretariat building (4 th Floor), BCSIR, Dr. Quadrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205, Tel: 58610717
26. The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

(Shah Abdul-Tarique)
Secretary

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e-Tender Notice (Re-Tender)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of:

Sl No.	Tender ID Ref No. Tender/proposal status	Name of work	Publishing date, closing date
01	ID: 833260 MEMO: 1242 Date: 15/05/2023	Construction of 02 (two)-storied Sakhipur Thana Building with 06 (six)-storied foundation including civil work, internal sanitary and Electrification, Septic tank, soak wall, pump house, RCC Road and Centry box at Shariatpur Zilla.	16/05/2023 12:00 31/05/2023 12:00

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