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Will work following ideals of Bangabandhu Says Justice Obaidul Hassan, takes oath as 24th chief justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Obaidul Hassan took oath as the 24th chief justice of Bangladesh yesterday.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath at Bangabhaban at 11:00am, said Supreme Court sources told.

The prime minister was not present at the oath taking ceremony as she is abroad. Cabinet members, former chief justices, judges, and family members of Hassan attended the ceremony.

Later in the day,

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Justice Obaidul Hassan taking oath as the 24th chief justice. President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath at Bangabhaban yesterday morning.

PHOTO: PID

Snap illegal power lines immediately Demands JS body

UNB, Dhaka

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry yesterday recommended the government to disconnect illegal electricity lines on an urgent basis and take steps immediately to identify snapped power lines during natural disasters.

The parliamentary watchdog also suggested ensuring power supply by determining the actual demand of electricity in different areas of the country.

The recommendation came from the 41st meeting

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There will be a 'constitutional gap' if polls not held on time: EC Alamgir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Election Commissioner Md Alamgir yesterday said a "constitutional gap" will be created if the next general election is not held by January 29 next year.

"There has to be an election in any situation, otherwise there will be a constitutional gap. If that gap is created, there will be chaos in the country," he said. "The Election Commission cannot allow that to happen," Alamgir told reporters at his office while answering journalists' questions.

The current parliament expires on January 29. According to the constitution, the national election must be held at any time in the final 90 days of the parliament's tenure. The 90-day countdown starts on November 1.

His comment comes at a time when the ruling Awami League and opposition BNP and several other parties are at odds over the polls time government.

AL says the polls will be held under the current government as per the constitution, while the opposition is demanding a caretaker government.

The opposition also wants reconstitution of the current EC.

Alamgir said there might be some sort of "political crisis" over such disagreements between political parties, but that doesn't mean that the parties are not in the course of election.

TEENAGER MURDER

16 boys sentenced to various terms

STAR REPORT

A juvenile court in Barguna yesterday sentenced 16 boys to different terms in prison for killing a teenager named Hridoy in 2020.

Twelve of them were sentenced to 10 years and the rest to seven years in prison, reports our Patuakhali correspondent.

The juveniles, aged between 16 and 17, will be at correctional facilities until they are 18, at which point they will be taken to prisons, says the verdict.

Three of them are on the run.

Barguna Juvenile Court Judge Moshir Rahman Khan delivered the verdict convicting the boys of beating Hridoy, 14, to death in Barguna town on May 25, 2020, which was Eid day. The next day, Hridoy's mother Feroza Begum filed a case with Barguna Sadar Police Station accusing 20 people.

'We oppose external interference' Says Chinese envoy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

China opposes any kind of external interference in Bangladesh, said Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen on Monday.

China supports Bangladesh in safeguarding national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, he said. He made the remarks at a reception marking the 74th anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China at a city hotel.

"...all countries should abandon the cold-war mentality and zero-sum game," he added.

Choose eco-friendly candidates for polls Bapa urges political parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon yesterday demanded political parties to not nominate candidates who are responsible for pollution, in the upcoming national polls.

A group of environmentalists and teachers brought forth this demand during a press conference at the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium.

Bapa President Nur Mohammad Talukder said some dishonest businessmen, officials, ministers and MPs are responsible for air and environmental pollution, leading to public health and lives being put at risk, just for profit.

The government complies with the demands of all of these high-profile polluters, which has resulted in Bangladesh's average life expectancy falling by eight years. All political parties should only nominate environment-friendly candidates, said Bapa Vice President Iqbal Habib.

DU Geography and Environment Department Chairman Professor Shahidul Islam, Bapa Joint Secretary Ahmed Kamruzzaman Majumder, and national committee member Gaus Peyaree also spoke at the event.

Promote self-regulation in media

Speakers tell event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There is an absence of editorial guidelines in media houses, which creates scopes for external factors to control journalists and newsrooms, according to a study.

The study, titled "Advocacy for Enhanced Media Self-Regulation in Bangladesh," was conducted by three International Training Program (ITP) members from Bangladesh in support of the Sweden-based organisation NIRAS, in collaboration with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

This study was coordinated by MRDI.

Mir Masrur Zaman, director of the Society for Media and Suitable Human Communication

Techniques (SoMaSHTe), presented the research findings at a stakeholders' consultation on media self-regulation during "Research Findings Dissemination and Opinion Mobilization," held at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

"The constitution of Bangladesh has mentioned the right to information and freedom of speech, but simultaneously, there are many laws used for suppressing the voice of journalists," the study said.

The report also pointed out the absence of any specific law to protect journalists. In addition to this, two more research reports were also presented at the event.

"Bangladeshi media leaders and professionals are worried about the

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Overgrown bushes, dumped non-biodegradable waste, and algae choke the Kunipara end of Hatirjheel lake in the capital. The current state of the water poses a serious threat to the waterbody's marine biodiversity while its stench is unbearable for the area's residents. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

85pc used 'Surokkha' to get jabs

Says MJF study on Covid vaccination

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 85 percent people voluntarily registered for Covid-19 vaccines through "Surokkha" app while the remaining 15 percent registered in person during special vaccine campaigns or at vaccine centres, according to a Manusher Jonno Foundation study.

The findings of the study, titled "The Feedback State: Listening and Responding to Bangladesh's Citizens During the Covid-19 Pandemic" was revealed yesterday in an event held at a city hotel.

Around 2,400 individuals (50

percent male, 50 percent female), from rural and urban areas of 33 districts, participated in the study.

According to the study, 36 percent of respondents availed government healthcare services during the pandemic, either personally or for their families. Among them, 20 percent utilised telemedicine services.

Approximately 11 million and three million telehealth consultation calls were made in 2020, and 2021 respectively.

Additionally, 70 percent received information through

private television channels, 34 percent from BTV, 27.3 percent through social media, 24.7 percent through announcement using loud speakers, 12 percent via SMS from mobile operators, 11.3 percent through local government representatives, 1 percent from upazila Facebook pages, and 5.3 percent from other sources.

Of the respondents, 48 percent obtained information about the pandemic from family and community members.

Speaking at the event, lawmaker

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AL unfazed by US visa policy Speakers tell Jubo League event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Awami League is undeterred by the US visa policy and sanctions, said AL presidium member AHM Khairuzzaman Liton in Rajshahi yesterday.

He was speaking at the triennial conference of Rajshahi Jubo League. The day-long conference was held on Pathanpara Road.

It featured discussions on the US visa policy, where party leaders criticised BNP's reliance on foreign powers and called for unity among party members.

Information Minister Hasan Mahmud expressed concern over the US ambassador's comments on media personalities and their inclusion in the visa policy. He viewed this as an interference with the independent media.

JL Chairman Sheikh Fazle Shams Parash highlighted the challenges faced by the organisation due to intra-party feud. He stressed the importance of overcoming these issues.

No new committee was announced during the conference, with party members indicating that it would be revealed later.

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