

BNP'S OCT 28 RALLY

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jatiotabadi Ainjibi Forum (BJAF), a body of pro-BNP lawyers, yesterday alleged that a total of 13,386 opposition leaders and activists have been arrested through filing 613 cases centring BNP's October 28 rally.

"We are anxiously witnessing that law enforcers are taking many of the arrested BNP men on remand and collecting so-called confessional statements. Those statements are being published in the media intentionally, which can be called media trial as well. Law enforcement agencies are implementing the ruling party's political agenda through these acts," BJAF Secretary General Kayser Kamal said in a written statement.

He placed the statement before a press conference organised by BJAF at Supreme Court Bar Association.

Kayser, also BNP's legal affairs secretary, said the High Court has issued directives in 2012, 2015 and 2019 prohibiting the media trial after arrest and remand of people, and following that is mandatory for law enforcers.

CGF ASSEMBLY

Army chief
leaves for
Singapore

BSS, Dhaka

Chief of Army Staff General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed left Dhaka for Singapore

to join the general assembly of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) to be held on November 14-15, said an ISPR release yesterday.

The army chief will attend the general assembly as the president of Bangladesh Olympic Association, and will also cast vote in the CGF executive committee polls, it said.

National Olympic committee representatives from different countries will participate in the assembly.

The army chief will also participate in the "Workshop and Regional Meeting", and "Presentation and Pre-assembly Discussion".

He will return home on November 16.

LAKSHMIPUR-3, B'BARIA-2 BY-POLLS

EC cancels results
of 3 polling stations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday cancelled the results of one polling station in Lakshmipur-3 and two in Brahmanbaria-2 constituencies due to irregularities in by-polls.

There will be no need for fresh voting at these centres since the total votes cast here are lower than the margin between the winners and second placeholders.

EC secretary Jahangir Alam told reporters at the EC office that cases would be filed against two persons involved in irregularities in Lakshmipur and action would be taken against polling officers of all three polling stations under the Election Officers Special Act, 1991.

The centres are Jatrapur Noorania Hafizia Madrasa and Sharifpur Government Primary School in Bahmanbaria-2 constituency and Dakshin Gaguria Government Primary School centre in Lakshmipur-3.



People in droves attended an Awami League rally at Khulna Circuit House ground yesterday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressed the event, organised by Khulna city and district AL, as the chief guest.

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7 out of every 100 youths have diabetes

Study stresses early detection

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A recent study reveals that over 7.4 out of every 100 young people aged 15 to 35 in Bangladesh have diabetes, with a higher prevalence among females at 7.8 percent compared to males at 6.9 percent.

Centre for Global Health Research, BADAS, and Non-Communicable Disease Control of DGHS conducted the study last year on 2,468 individuals (ages 15-35) from eight divisions: Dhaka, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barishal, Mymensingh, Sylhet, and Chattogram.

"It is alarming that our young population is diagnosed with diabetes. Most of them are not aware of this, and they do not undergo tests," Dr Bishwajit Bhowmik, chief investigator of the study, told The Daily Star.

He said 70 percent of diabetes cases are preventable.

In such circumstances, the country observes World Diabetes Day today with the theme "Diabetes: Know your risk, know your response."

Those who don't walk for more than 30 minutes a day and do not control their obesity are more prone to diabetes, the study observed.

It said 26.5 percent of the young population who participated in the study had obesity problem, and the

prevalence of obesity is higher in males compared to young females.

Around 61 percent of the young population does not show symptoms despite having diabetes, it further said.

The study says the young population is diagnosed with diabetes due to their dietary habits.

"Early detection and proper treatment can help control diabetes effectively," Dr Bishwajit said.

Diabetes is becoming increasingly prevalent in Bangladesh. The International Diabetes Federation estimates currently 1.30 crore people are living with diabetes, and it projects the number to be 2.23 crore by 2045. Additionally, 43 percent of people remain undiagnosed, it said.

Bangladesh is currently eighth in the world by the total number of people with diabetes. By 2045, the position is expected to move to seventh, according to IDF.

National Professor AK Azad Khan, president of Bangladesh Diabetes Association, during a press conference yesterday at Birdem Hospital, said diabetes is preventable and it is only possible when people are aware of the risk factors. "That's why we all — those who have diabetes and those who do not have — need to know about the risks in order to prevent and control the disease," he said.

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Two sisters found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two sisters died after suffering injuries inside their home in Dhaka's Hazaribagh area early yesterday.

The deceased are Jasmin Akhtar, 44, and Nasrin Akhtar, 36.

Both had speech impairments and mental health issues, said police and family members.

Nasrin had cuts on her right leg and below the left ankle, while Jasmin had a deep cut on her throat, said Shawon Kumar Biswas, a sub-inspector of Hazaribagh Police Station.

Police said they were primarily suspecting that it was a murder-suicide.

"Two sisters were dead and we are investigating it keeping all possible

aspects in mind," Ahad Ali, officer-in-charge of Hazaribagh Police Station, told The Daily Star.

SI Shawon said both women were unmarried and used to live with their mother and brother Nazir Hossain.

The incident took place when their brother was out of home and mother was in another room, he said.

The mother saw them lying in a pool of blood around midnight and informed her son Nazir who took Nasrin to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared her dead around 12:30am, the SI said.

The body of Jasmin, who died at home, was later sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Dengue claims 8 more lives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least eight dengue patients died, including two from Dhaka, in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new deaths, the total number of deaths rose to 1,740, of which 330 are from Dhaka, according to the DGHS.

The total number of dengue cases this year rose to 2,93,572.

A total of 6,017 patients are still undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country.

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