

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

MD ABBAS

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 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.

AK AZAD KHAN
President of Bangladesh Diabetes Association

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.

NATIONAL POLLS

29 local observers
get EC green signal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday announced that 29 more local observers are eligible to get registration as local observers for observing the next general election.

These include two organisations — Election Monitoring Forum and Saarc Human Rights Foundation — who were earlier criticised for bringing in some inexperienced foreign nationals as observers in the last national elections.

The Election Monitoring Forum recently introduced some foreign nationals to the country as "foreign observers", who were actually either reporters or from other professions.

Applications of these two organisations were rejected in the first phase of approval of local observers. At that time, EC approved 66 local observers.

EC Additional Secretary Ashok Kumar Debnath yesterday told The Daily Star that the Election Monitoring Forum and Saarc Human Rights Foundation got approval as they fulfilled all criteria.

"If any aggrieved person raises objections regarding them, we will look into it," he added.

Aggrieved persons will have to lodge their objections against these 29 newly approved local observers with the EC within the next 15 working days.

PM to open, lay
foundation of 157
projects today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of 10,041 structures under 157 projects taken by 24 ministries and divisions today.

The premier will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of the projects — some of which are developed and others under development involving Tk 97, 471 crores — virtually from Gono Bhaban at 10:00am.

The Daily Star so far got information about the projects under six ministries.

Of the projects, 15 are being implemented by different agencies of the shipping ministry, according to a press release of the ministry.

Hasina will also open 15 projects including the Purbachal Expressway, which was recently renamed as Sheikh Hasina Swarani, under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. She will inaugurate four projects under the Primary and Mass Education Ministry.

Under one of the four projects, the authority has constructed buildings for 2,023 government primary schools across the country.

She will inaugurate four day-care centres implemented under a project of the Women and Children Affairs Ministry.

She will also open two technical training centres in Manikganj and Narayanganj, which were built under a project of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry.



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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