

## Country already in election mood

### Says Shahriar Alam

UNB, Dhaka

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam yesterday said no one would be able to obstruct the upcoming national election.

He said the country's citizens are already in an election mood.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a seminar titled "Election in South Asia and Impact in the Region: Democracy and Continuity of Constitution," organised by IDDB at Jatiya Press Club.

Shahriar Alam noted that enemies of democracy remain active, emphasising that any domestic issue within Bangladesh can have repercussions across South Asia. He emphasised the need for collective efforts for the greater good. He said tremendous achievements have been made, especially in terms of relations between Bangladesh and India.

Abdul Mannan, former VC of Chittagong University; Gautam Lahiri, president of Press Club of India; and Mozammel Babu, editor-in-chief of Ekattor TV, among others, spoke at the seminar moderated by Daily Bhorer Kagoj Editor and Jatiya Press Club General Secretary Shyamal Dutta.

## 8.40 lakh BCL

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at the polling centres, created in light of the democratic environment, will be resisted," Saddam warned. The teams will work to re-elect Sheikh Hasina as the prime minister of the country, taking an oath to stand against all evil forces, as stated in a BCL letter issued regarding the team.

In the letter, the BCL central committee has set a deadline for forming these teams by November 26. It warned of taking organisational action if any unit fails to form the team within the stipulated time.

The instruction was issued in a letter signed by central BCL President Saddam Hussain and its General Secretary Sheikh Wali Asif Enan, dated November 17.

The letter specifies that each team should consist of 20 members, so if each team indeed comprises 20 members, there would be

a need for 840,000 leaders and activists across the country for this.

BCL sources said there are around 50 lakh BCL activists across the country.

According to the letter, committee members must be voters of the respective centre. The letter also mentions that teams from districts and metropolitan areas will receive training under the supervision of the central committee.

### No campaigning

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allocation, candidates will be allowed to campaign till 48 hours before the polls (8:00am on January 5).

During the campaign, the candidates should follow the code of conduct. The punishment for breach of code of conduct is a maximum six months' imprisonment or Tk 50,000 fine or both, according to the EC.

## Sufia Kamal's 24th death anniv today

CITY DESK

Today is the 24th death anniversary of Poet Sufia Kamal, also founder president



of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad and a pioneer of Bangalee women's emancipation.

Sufia Kamal (1911-1999) led the feminist movements that were shaped under her direct leadership at the beginning of the Pakistan era.

She was born to the Nawab family in Shaistabaad, Barishal.

Sufia broke countless barriers for women belonging to Muslim families by educating herself on her own, under the guidance of her mother, brother, and uncle.

She was involved in the 1969 mass upsurge and the non-cooperation movement of March 1971. She also edited the women's magazine "Begum" before partition of the subcontinent in 1947. Her "Ekattorer Diary" showcases the untold stories of 1971.

She received over 50 awards, including "Ekushey Padak", "Swadhinata Dibash Padak" and "Bangla Academy Padak".

Marking the day, different social and cultural organisations have arranged various programmes.

## Escaped militants

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every two weeks, he added.

Security analyst Maj Gen (ret'd) Abdur Rashid said not arresting the escaped militants is a failure of the law enforcers.

Rashid, however, said militant outfits operate activities secretly so it cannot be expected that

spend most of their time, energy, and money for hideouts once they escape.

"So, the militants will not get much time for devising an attack plan," he added.

However, investigators said both Soheli and Shamim were Ansar Al Islam's trainer and

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Security analyst

every effort will be a success. "As efforts are underway, we believe the success will come," he said.

Asked about potential threats, Rashid said abducting militants

operational wing members, so they can still be a threat.

But they too said the snatched militants would not be engaged in operational activities right now for fear of getting exposed.

## EC gets more

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Candidates can withdraw their candidacy by December 17 and the EC will assign a symbol to a candidate on December 18th, according to the schedule. Till then, all kinds of election campaigns are banned.

After the symbol allocation, candidates can campaign till January 5, 48 hours before the polling day.

The 2018 election was held 52 days after the schedule announcement; the 2014 election was held after 40 days, and the 2008 polls after 58 days.

However, election dates were deferred thrice during 2008 polls and once in 2018.

### Enact new road

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Simin Hossain Rimi, chair of the parliamentary standing committee on cultural affairs ministry, said proper implementation of law has to be ensured to prevent road accidents.

"Besides, we have to be aware and willing to follow law," said Rimi, also a presidium member of Awami League.

With NITOR Director Prof Kazi Shamim Uzzaman in the chair, country coordinator of Global Health Advocacy Incubator Shariful Alam and Bangladesh Orthopedic Society President Prof Monayem Hossain, also spoke at the event.

## Probe launched

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Observing some of the project documents, a bill of Tk 2,98,000 was seen for observing National Mourning Day on August 15. However, according to teachers, the actual expenses, including lunch for 50 teachers and snacks for 30 students and printing a banner, was not more than Tk 50,000.

Tk 1.5 lakh was returned to the college fund after the issue made headlines.

Also, around Tk 6 lakh was spent for annual cultural programmes and sports competition. But the actual expenses were much less, said a teacher preferring anonymity.

Major irregularities were found in the Tk 3,35,000 bill, spent from college fund, for the farewell programme for 12th graders.

Israt Jahan, assistant

professor of the college's history department and convener of the programme, said, "I initially didn't sign the bill after finding irregularities. However, I had to approve it later upon the principal's request."

Mujibul could not be reached for comments despite several attempts.

PRAYER  
TIMING  
NOVEMBER 20

Fazr

Zohr

Asr

Maghrib

Esha

AZAN 5-05

12-30

3-45

5-21

7-00

JAMAAT 5-40

1-15

4-00

5-24

7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Time Extension of IFT for Media Coverage under framework agreement

With reference to Invitation for Tender for Media Coverage Service under framework agreement (Ref: IFT/SCI/BDCO/FY-23/0012(Manual)) published in "The Daily Star and Daily Prothom Alo on 29/10/2023; the tender submission date has been extended up to November 26, 2023, at 3PM. For detail, please download IFT from link <http://procurement.scbd.info/>.

Note: All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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Progoti Foundation for Education and Development

Permanent Sanad Holder

TENDER INVITATION

Tender is invited from the bonafide/intending suppliers/firms for the following items:

1. Printing of 2650 units Convocation Brochure for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation 2024 of East West University

2. Procurement of 28 units Computer with Monitor for 02 Labs (Big Data & Cyber Security Lab), department of CSE of East West University

3. Procurement of 02 types of Computer set, 02 types of UPS and 01 unit Speaker for various departments /offices of East West University

The schedule of the items with terms and conditions (hard copy) can be obtained from the Finance & Accounts Department (1<sup>st</sup> floor) of the University up to **06.12.2023** during office hours (**up to 03:00 p.m.**) on working days. The schedule of **item no. 2 & 3** will also be available in the e-tender process (<http://etender.ewubd.edu>). The price of the tender schedule (non-refundable) is **Tk.500/-** (excluding online service charge for e-tender process).

The interested bidders are requested to submit the tender schedule by **07.12.2023 within 02:00 p.m.** Hard copy of the tender must be dropped in the tender box kept at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Office of the Treasurer (Room No-316) of the University. The tender(s) submitted within the deadline will be opened on **the same day (07.12.2023) at 02:30 p.m.** at the Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor) of East West University in presence of the bidders (if any) by ensuring health safety.

The bidders must mention the "name of the item" at the top of envelop. Otherwise the bid document will be treated as cancelled.

East West University authority reserves the right to accept any tender in full or part of it or reject all tenders without mentioning any reason thereof.

Chief of HR & Logistics

স্থান পরিবর্তন

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পুরাতন ঠিকানা:

সাঁউথ ব্রিজ স্টেটার  
হোভিং # ০৫, রোড # ১১  
খাদেমুল বাসার রোড, বনানী, ঢাকা।

নতুন ঠিকানা:

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হোভিং # ই-১১৮, রোড # ১১  
খাদেমুল বাসার রোড, বনানী, ঢাকা।

২৪ ঘণ্টা কল সেন্টার: ১৬২২১

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## OCT 28 VIOLENCE

# 6 BNP men held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch (DB) of police yesterday said they arrested six activists of BNP and its affiliated bodies for their alleged involvement in the attack on police and setting fire to vehicles on October 28.

The arrestees are Ismail Patwari, Mustafa Kamal Sumon, Abdullah Al Sayed Rony, SM Murad Hossain Mamun, Maksudur Rahman Masud, and Md Al Amin.

They set fire to vehicles and attacked police in front of the Kamalapur Railway Officers Quarters, said Harun Or Rashid, an additional commissioner (detective branch) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

"Video footage shows Ismail attacking the police with two green coloured plastic sticks along with others," said the DB chief.

He said Roni, Murad, and Masud admitted their involvement in the attack

on the chief justice's residence, vandalism of vehicles, assault on police, and setting fire to the police box.

These three were also seen in various video footage, said Harun.

Arrestee Sumon also attacked police and broke the tooth of a policeman, he said, adding Sumon even posted a picture of the incident and wrote on Facebook, "I gave them tooth breaking response".

Meanwhile, Al Amin was arrested on the charge of setting fire to a bus.

In reply to the reporter's query, Harun said, "We are getting complaints that people are being picked up from different places using the name of DB. We have said one thing many times before, if DB members arrest someone then it is made as per legal process or against specific complaint."

"We have also instructed all DB members to carry id cards and uniform at the time of drives," he added.

Bangladesh Development Bank Ltd

Head Office, BDBL Bhaban  
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IT Operation Department

Invitation for Re-Tender

Reference: 11.2/319/

Date: 20/11/2023

Re-Tender is invited for Purchase of outsourcing service to provide Data Center and other support (365 days 24/7) for 3 (three) years. Necessary information is given below:

01.	Procuring entity	IT Operation Department, Bangladesh Development Bank Limited (BDBL), Head Office, BDBL Bhaban, 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka-1000.
02.	Procurement method	Through Open Tendering Method (OTM) of Public Procurement Rules, 2008 and The Public Procurement Act, 2006 (Corrected up to 2019).
03.	Invitation for Re-Tender No.	BDBL/ITOD/OTM/04
04.	Source of funds	BDBL own fund.
05.	Brief description of the goods and services	Tender is invited for Purchase of outsourcing service to provide Data Center and other support (365 days 24/7) for 3 (three) years.
06.	Work description	- On site 1st level operational support of the following items like: Servers, Precision Air Conditioner, Comfort Air Conditioner, CCTV, VESDA System, Fire Detection, Auto Fire Suppression, Online UPS, AVR, Power Monitoring, Environment Monitoring and other Services. - Other Hardware and Software related services as per requirement.
07.	Name & address of receiving tender document	IT Operation Department, Bangladesh Development Bank Limited (BDBL), Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level-06), 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka-1000.
08.	Last date and time for selling tender schedule	06/12/2023 up to office hour.
09.	Last date and time for submission	07/12/2023 up to 03.00pm.
10.	Date, time and place for tender opening	All tenders will be opened at IT Operation Department, Head Office, Dhaka on 07/12/2023 at 03.30pm (Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend at the time of opening of tender).
11.	Eligibility tenderer	<b>Qualifications</b> - Educational Qualification of Prospective Service Engineers: Minimum Diploma Engineer (Computer Science/Electrical/Electronic or Equivalent) from any government approved Polytechnic Institute or higher. - Service Engineer should be an expert in the above-described services. -Attested copies or all certificates must be given. -Resume signed by Prospective Service Engineers including mobile number and e-mail ID must be given. <b>Other Requirements</b> ● Bidder must submit Company profile. ● Up-to-date income tax clearance/return submission certificate; ● Bidder must have at least 02 (two) years' experience in providing outsourcing service to Data Center and other related support. ● A declaration that the Bidder has not been blacklisted/debarred by any government agency must be submitted. ● Up-to-date trade licences certificate.
12.	Tender security	Tk. 1,00,000.00 (Taka one lac) tender security money only will be required in the form of Pay Order (refundable) in favor of Bangladesh Development Bank Limited, Head Office, Dhaka.
13.	Price of tender schedule	Tk. 1,000 (Taka one thousand) will be required in the form of Pay Order (non-refundable).

BDBL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender either in part of full without assigning any reason whatsoever. If occur any government holiday, then the tender opening date will be shifted to next working day.

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Ministry of Cultural Affairs

Bangladesh Copyright Office

Agargaon, Dhaka

Memo No: 43.29.0000.001.03.123.22.448

Date: 19.11.2023

Amendment to the Invitation for Tenders /Bids.

Name of the Tender: Invitation for Tenders to select a firm/Company for procurement of Non-Consulting Service

SL No	Reference	Existing	Amendments
1.	Memo No: 43.29.0000.001.03.12 3.22.437	8. Procurement Method: Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	8. Procurement Method: OTM
2.	Date: 13.11.2023	17. Experience, Resource & Delivery Capacity Required: 2. Other relevant legal and commercial documents must be enclosed with EOI in support of qualification and experience.	17. Experience, Resource & Delivery Capacity Required: 2. Other relevant legal and commercial documents must be enclosed in support of qualification and experience.
3.		18. Other Details: 4. Copy of the indicative TOR may be collected from the office of the Copyright Deputy Registrar. 5. Tender security should be 3% of the tender price.	18. Other Details: 4. Copy of the indicative TOR may be collected from the office of the Registrar of Copyrights. 5: Tender security should be 70,700.00 (Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred) Taka of the tender price.

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