

## Flowers have started to bloom

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Quader told reporters that the election manifesto of Awami League has been finalised.

He said, "There is no need to worry about foreign countries now. Those who care about us are now busy with the Middle East, with Hamas and Israel. They are still busy with Russia-Ukraine. Now their responsibilities have increased."

"It seems that the influential [countries] will not get much time and opportunity to worry about us... We are not bothered about who sanctions us or introduces visa policy. Our

strength is our people."

Earlier, following a meeting between AL leaders and the Commonwealth Pre-Election Assessment Mission at the party's office in Tejgaon, Quader said the EC can defer the polls schedule within the timeframe mentioned in the constitution. The AL or the government has no say here, he said.

It's entirely under the EC's jurisdiction how they hold the election. It is also mandated by the constitution that the election process must be completed within a certain time frame. In this circumstance, if EC deems

that the election schedule should be deferred, they can do so, he said.

Asked whether the election would be one-sided if BNP does not participate, Quader said, "Will you ignore the rest of the parties that will participate [in the election]? They are also part of democracy, part of the selection process. Many parties will eventually join the polls and the election will be participatory."

He also said they had a "positive discussion" with the Commonwealth observer team and the latter seems to have a positive response to sending election observers.

## MRT police still not a separate

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people and ensure security with 11 policeman," he said.

"We requested the IGP for additional manpower. The police chief provided some additional 306 policemen on deputation from different units," he said.

The MRT police wing chief said, "With the IGP's support, we are currently providing security to 12 metro stations round the clock but it will still be

difficult for us to do so at 17 stations when the MRT will be fully operational."

"We need vehicles for operational use, but there's no financial support. Although we are arranging it internally, we have to go through a series of procedures," Jehad said.

The force has to collect their ration facilities from different units despite working at an operational unit, as they are working on

deputation, he added.

"We can't address the problem as we don't have financial authority like a separate operational unit. We have applied to the home ministry again to get approval as a separate police unit," he said.

The PHQ sent the application on October 20 this year. "After getting the approval, we will focus on issues like manpower," said Jehadul.

## Swechchhasebak League leader stabbed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Swechchhasebak League leader was killed allegedly by his rivals over previous enmity in Satkania upazila of Chattogram on Tuesday night.

The deceased is Shahadat Hossain, 32, of Chhadaha union, said police.

Shahadat was general secretary of Chhadaha union Swechchhasebak League, said local sources. He ran a bakery shop at Mithadighi Bazar. Police arrested one Md Tarek, 28, over the incident.

OC Priton Sarkar of Satkania Police Station said Shahadat and Tarek had previous enmity. On Tuesday night, when Shahadat was at his shop, Tarek went there and they had an altercation.

At one stage, Tarek stabbed Shahadat, he said.

Locals took him to Satkania Upazila Health Complex where a doctor declared him dead.

Meanwhile, locals caught and beat Tarek before handing him over to police.

## Cops want CCTV, scanners

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backpacks, posing a challenge to security checks.

"We are conducting random checks on suspected backpacks, as it is impractical to inspect every individual," Jehad said.

Mohammad Abdur Rouf, DMTCL company secretary, said a proposal was given for baggage scanners. "We have kept the proposal under consideration," he said yesterday.

Rouf, however, said it is non-alignment with the idea of metro rail, where people take the train swiftly to reach their destination.

"It will take hours if we start checking luggage by a

scanner," he said, claiming there is no instance of scanners at metro stations worldwide.

However, a report published in "The Times of India" in 2018, showed baggage scanners were installed at Delhi metro stations.

Regarding CCTV, DIG Jehad said, "We want to keep every spot of the stations under surveillance. Once installed, CCTV will be connected to a central monitoring centre. We have also planned to connect body-worn cameras with the monitoring centre, so that we can see what is happening in front of our on-duty members..." he said.

"Until CCTV installation,

we are coordinating with DMP to ensure outside and ground security of MRT stations," he said.

"We have ensured deployment in all MRT stations. During rush hour, around 11 members ensure security. But in offline periods, when the metro is not operational, four members remain on duty to ensure security," he said.

Rouf also said they have held meetings with different law enforcement agencies regarding CCTV.

Meanwhile, DMTCL, in a circular, said no passenger will be allowed to carry flammable objects on trains, in stations, or other metro rail projects.

## Bacteria becoming

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Md Jahangir Alam, secretary of Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Planning, emphasised the role of doctors in combating antibiotic resistance.

"Doctors need to be more aware and reduce antibiotic usage to promote a healthy life," he said.

Stressing the need for increased research and laboratory facilities, the secretary said funds and allocations would be demanded from higher authorities.

Professor Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam, director general of DGHS, urged everyone to adhere to infection prevention practices.

"Solely relying on antibiotic use would not prevent the rapid increase of AMR. A collective effort is required for that," he said.

Meerjady Sabrina Flora, director of National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine, highlighted

the need to refrain from prescribing antibiotics without proper tests.

She urged the authorities, including the Drug Administration, to take measures to curb the aggressive marketing tactics employed by pharmaceutical companies that encourage the indiscriminate prescription of antibiotics.

Dr Forhad Uddin Hasan Chowdhury, registrar (medicine) of DMCH, and Dr Mohammed Abdus Samad, chief scientific officer and head of Animal Health Research Division at Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute, presented two keynote papers -- "Antimicrobial Resistance-Current Situation and Way Forward" and "Antimicrobial Resistance in Layer Poultry Farms and Environment Interface" -- at the programme.

At the programme.

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3 Procuring Entity Name Director General, Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB)

4 Procuring Entity Code Not used at present

5 Procuring Entity District Dhaka

6 Invitation for Supply of Manpower through Out-sourcing

7 Invitation Ref No 28.05.0000.231.07.013.23.931

8 Date 22.11.2023

**KEY INFORMATION**

9 Procurement Method OTM (National)

**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10 Budget and Source of Funds GOB

11 Development Partners (if applicable) N/A

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12 Project / Program Code (if applicable) N/A

13 Project Name (if applicable) N/A

14 Tender Package No. GSB/REV/23-24/NCSR1

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