

Arun Krishna Haldar, an 82-year-old retired school teacher, enjoying old melodies on his century-old gramophone with his grandchildren. Their eager eyes observe Arun as he shuffles records and plays different evergreen songs under the sun on a winter morning. The photo was taken yesterday in Mollapara village of Barishal's Agailjhara upazila.

# No way to defer polls 28 BNP leaders, activists

Election commissioners Begum Rashida Sultana and Md Alamgir echoed the same at separate programmes in Bogura and Rajbari.

"Even if the BNP decides to join the polls, we have to hold the polls by January 28. There is no scope to extend the date any further," Rashida Sultana said at an election preparatory meeting in Bogura.

"We are still hopeful that the BNP will join the polls,' she added.

BNP's decision whether

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they will participate in the  ${\sf FROM\,PAGE\,3}$ election or not.

"We agreed that if

they [BNP] come [to the election], we may reschedule the election. But we have to be careful since we have a cut-off date as per the constitution. We can't go beyond the date," he said.

Another EC Anisur Rahman said the election will be held as per the constitution.

A day earlier, CEC Kazi Habibul Awal said if BNP decides to participate, Md Alamgir said it is the polls schedule can be

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discharging their duties. Following the incident, police filed a case with Paltan Model Police Station.

In January 2021, police pressed charges against 28 people.

DUDU, SWAPAN REMANDED

Metropolitan Dhaka Magistrate Rajesh Chowdhury yesterday placed BNP Vice Chairman Shamsuzzaman Dudu and

Zahir Uddin Swapan on a two-day remand each in a case filed over snatching a police weapon

vandalising the

during a clash between BNP and police on October 28.

Muktijuddha Museum of

Razarbagh Police Lines

He passed the order after investigation officer Md Abdul Hye, an inspector of Detective Branch of police, produced Dudu and Swapan before the court

its media cell convener with a five-day remand prayer for each.

On November 6, Dudu was arrested at Dhaka's Cantonment area in connection with another case filed with Ramna Police Station over vandalising the chief justice's residence during BNP-police clash on October 28. On November 3, Swapan was arrested from Gulshan in connection with a case filed over the death of a constable during the same

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Unidentified arsonists torched a bus of Baishakhi Paribahan in Dhaka's Shyamoli, a truck carrying plastic goods in Habiganj, three buses of GM Travels in Natore's Baraigram, a paddy-

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Abandoned, locked been running business

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seen nearby, although a countrywide blockade called by the party was underway.

However, this newspaper saw one Mohiuddin Ahmed waiting outside, searching for his brother who is a BNP activist. The 50-yearold claimed police didn't allow him to come near the party gate for a month until vesterday.

"Today (yesterday), no one stopped me from standing outside the main entrance," he said.

Anis Miah, 50, said he has

here for over five years. "Before October 28, party activists crowded the place till midnight. Now, not a single person can even stand in front of the entrance."

Nurul Amin, who has been running a tea stall next to the office for seven years, said, "My daily sales hover between Tk 6,000 and Tk 7,000. It went past Tk 10,000 when the BNP was holding events. But after October 28, it Nearby garage owner plummeted to Tk 1,000 or a little more."

### **ERRATUM**

In the third paragraph of a report published yesterday headlined "EC serving agenda of onesided polls: TIB", we wrote "The Election Commission has failed to deliver some key objectives of the 12th general election action plan, while the "zero-sum game" of staying in power goes on "intransigently, aggressively, and violently" at the expense of public interest.

The word "ascending to" was mistakenly left out. The sentence should have been "the zero-sum game of staying in or ascending to power goes on ..." We regret the error.

# 23 parties want to join polls

part in the polls. The six parties who want to use "boat" as their symbol alongside their own are Workers Party of Bangladesh, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Inu), Samyabadi Dal, Jatiya Party (JP-Monju), Bangladesh Tarikat Federation, and Party, Ganotanti sources said.

Meanwhile, Party's chief patron and Bangladesh too has told the called nationwide strikes.

Raushan Ershad in a letter in the polls as part of the to the EC said the party has ruling grand alliance. decided to participate in the election under the ALthe past three general polls.

Raushan said the JPnominated candidates will have the liberty to choose whether to run with JP's symbol "plough" or the grand alliance's "boat".

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Leader of the Opposition EC they want to participate

Meanwhile, BNP and several other parties say led grand alliance, like in they will not take part in the election unless the government resigns and there is a non-partisan polls-time government.

After the EC announced the polls schedule on November 15, the BNP and Dhara its allies rejected it and







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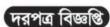
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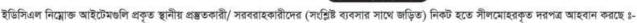
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