

## Why is Gono Odhikar Parishad not registered?

HC asks EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the Election Commission to explain in four weeks why it should not be directed to register Gono Odhikar Parishad led by Reza Kibria as a political party.

The bench of Justice KM Kamrul Kader and Justice Khizir Hayat Lizu issued the rule following a petition filed by Gono Odhikar Parishad's Convener Reza Kibria, challenging the EC decision to reject the party's application to be given registration as a political party.

Petitioner's lawyer Aklas Uddin Bhuiyan said Gono Odhikar Parishad led by Kibria has properly fulfilled the provisions of the Representation of the People Order, but the EC on July 26 illegally rejected the application.

## POLLS CODE VIOLATION

### Shambhu show-caused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The Electoral Inquiry Committee has issued show-cause notices to Awami League candidate Dharendra Debnath Shambhu from Barguna-1 constituency and eight other AL leaders for violating the electoral code of conduct.

The committee chairman Ahmed Saeed, also joint district and sessions judge, served the show-cause notices.

Lawyer Mojibul Haque received the notices on behalf of the AL men yesterday.

According to the complaint, Shambhu, also the incumbent lawmaker of the constituency, and eight other AL leaders held an election campaign in the name of a special meeting at Karaibaria union on Friday.

The Election Commission on November 16 directed that no one will be allowed to take part in the election campaign till December 18 as the EC will allocate the electoral symbol on that day.

## Rubaiul Murshed honoured as 'Kindness Champion'

CITY DESK

Dr Rubaiul Murshed, founding chairperson of Shomman Foundation, has been honoured as a "Kindness Champion" by "World Kindness Movement".

In a press release, the organisation said Unesco MGIEP and World Kindness Movement have been closely collaborating on #KindnessMatters Global Campaign. World Kindness Movement introduced the inaugural Kindness Champions, with Dr Rubaiul Murshed among the honorees.

As a physician, hospital management expert, and writer in The Daily Star since 1999, Dr Murshed's dedication to promoting kindness and making the world a better place has earned him this recognition. Currently, he has been doing extensive research on kindness, happiness and psychological well-being.

The Movement is a coalition of nations' kindness NGOs with the mission to inspire individuals towards greater kindness and connect nations to create a kinder world.



Two children, one on the tanker and another in her mother's lap, ride a motorbike with their parents on a busy road in Paltan without any safety measures. A helmet remains unworn on the overloaded two-wheeler's steering handle. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## 6 'Ansar Al Islam' men held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday claimed to have arrested six members of banned militant outfit Ansar Al Islam in Rupganj area of Narayanganj.

The arrestees are: the outfit's training wing chief Abdur Razzak alias Ishak alias Saiba, 41; and members Shariful Islam alias Murad, 31; Ashiqur Rahman alias Usaiman, 27; Muhammad Zakaria alias Abar, 24; Al Amin alias Robin alias Samura, 24; and Abu Jar Maruf, 18.

On information from the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence, a team of Rab-1 arrested the six on Sunday and recovered a large number of books on extremism from their possession, said Commander Khandaker Al Moin, director of Rab's Legal and Media Wing.

In primary interrogation, the arrestees admitted to be members of the Ansar Al Islam, adding that some of them went to India for training, Moin added.

Four such trainees were even arrested by law enforcers of India, and are currently serving jail there, said officials.

Moin also said the outfit members used to roam around in the guise of street vendors or hawkers to recruit members and collect funds to run the outfit's activities.

They used encrypted apps to communicate.

Arrestee Saiba, who joined the outfit in 2015, was responsible for coordinating activities in Ashulia, Savar, Manikganj, Gazipur, and Mymensingh, and had direct communication with the outfit's present ameer, said Moin.

As per Saib's directives, the

outfit's newly recruited members were given training in Gazipur, Tongi, and Mymensingh.

Saiba used to meet with arrested Ansar Al Islam men at Kashimpur jail regularly.

Saiba even knew about those who escaped from the court premises in Dhaka last year and was aware that such an incident could happen.

"However, we are yet to know about his involvement in the incident. He did not give any clear information about the whereabouts of fugitive militants," Moin said.

Arrestee Ashiqur used to coordinate training in Dhaka and Mymensingh, and provided treatment if any recruit faced physical complications.

Zakaria, who joined the outfit in 2020, used to provide Karate training to new members, and operated outfit activities in the guise of cosmetics business, he added.

## Vessel with 1,600-tonne fertiliser capsizes in Karnaphuli

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

One person remained missing after a fertiliser-laden lighter vessel capsized on the Karnaphuli at Chattogram port channel on Sunday night.

All the 12 crewmembers managed to swim to nearby boats and banks but a guard, Azizur Rahman, 30, remained missing.

Chittagong Port Authority through its tugboat Kandari 7 marked the spot with floating buoy and flags so that other vessels avoid the area.

The vessel, MV Maksuda 2, carrying around 1,600 tonnes of muriate of potash capsized at 9:40pm in the southern part of the river, said OC Akran Ullah of River Police Sadarghat Station.

## Man hacked to death by neighbour

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A man was hacked to death by his neighbour in Jamalpur's Islampur upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Ismail Hossain, 45. Lone accused, Mostafa Sheikh was arrested in this regard, said Rafiqul Islam, in-charge of Degree Char police outpost.

Quoting locals, he said an altercation broke out between Mostafa and Ismail, who are neighbours, around 2:00pm. At one stage, Mostafa attacked Ismail with a sharp weapon, leaving him dead on the spot.

**বাণিজ্যিক স্পেস ভাড়া**

৮,৫০০ বর্গফুটের প্রতি ফ্লোর-৮, ৯, ১৩, ১৪, ১৫ তলা ভাড়া হবে। ২,০০০ বর্গফুট হতে যেকোনো মাপের অফিস ভাড়া দেওয়া যেতে পারে। ৮৯, উত্তরা, সাদিদ গ্র্যান্ড সেন্টার।  
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**PRAYER TIMING**  
DECEMBER 12

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00  
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**Invitation for e-Tender**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following goods given below:

SI No.	Tender ID	Invitation Reference No.	Brief description of goods	Quantity	Tender closing date & time
01.	921192	JBPLC/ICTD-OP/Proc-144/OTM-15/Firewall/2023	The Procurement of License for Security Devices (Firewall) for ICTD-Operation of Janata Bank PLC. following Open Tendering Method (OTM) using e-GP System.	As per mentioned in Tender Schedule	28.12.2023 at 3.00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.  
To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.  
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and from e-GP help desk (email: [helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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**e-Tender Notice (04/2023-2024) (LTM)**

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents of following packages from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches up to particular date and time specified on the Tender Notice.

SI No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID	Last date & time for tender document selling	Last date & time for proposal security submission	Last date & time for closing/ opening
1	HED/GOB Noa/23-24/23	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation works of Dalal Bazar UH&FWC at Sadar Upazila in Laxmipur District.	922373	28/12/2023 12:00pm	28/12/2023 12:10pm	28/12/2023 12:20pm
2	HED/GOB Noa/23-24/24	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation works of Bangakha UH&FWC at Sadar Upazila in Laxmipur District.	913943	28/12/2023 12:00pm	28/12/2023 12:10pm	28/12/2023 12:20pm
3	HED/GOB Noa/23-24/25	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation works of Char Poragacha UH&FWC at Ramgoti Upazila in Laxmipur District.	922375	28/12/2023 12:00pm	28/12/2023 12:10pm	28/12/2023 12:20pm

Note: The Authority may Cancel the Tender Without any Notice.

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## POLLS CLASH 20 including cops hurt in Faridpur

UNB, Faridpur

At least 20 people including five policemen suffered injuries as a clash broke out between supporters of Awami League and independent candidates in Saltha of Faridpur yesterday.

Locals said supporters of independent candidate Jamal Hossain Mia and AL candidate Shahdab Akbar Labu Chowdhury locked in an altercation over seeking votes.

As the news spread, hundreds of people gathered and attacked each other with locally made weapons, said police and witnesses.

SI Parimal Kumar Bishwas of Saltha Police Station said police fired 25 rounds of blank shots to disperse the crowd. Five cops got hurt amid the violence. Police arrested three people, he said.

## CCC mayor, CEO served legal notice

5 lawyers ask them to compensate families of those died after falling into open drains

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five lawyers served a legal notice to the mayor and chief executive officer of Chattogram City Corporation asking them to pay compensation to the families of victims killed after falling into open drains and canals.

Lawyer Mohammad Reduan sent the notice yesterday. It asked the officials to pay the compensation within 60 days. CCC Mayor Rezaul Karim Chowdhury could not be contacted for comments.

**IUB**

**We are deeply saddened by the demise of Barrister Mainul Hossain, founder trustee of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). He passed away on December 9, 2023 at the Evercare Hospital in Dhaka at the age of 83. He left behind his wife, two sons, a daughter, a host of relatives, friends, and well-wishers to mourn his death. He was laid to rest at the Azimpur Graveyard in Dhaka.**

Born in Pirojpur in January 1940, Barrister Mainul Hossain, the eldest son of legendary journalist Tofazzal Hossain (Manik Mia), did his schooling in Kolkata, Pirojpur, and Dhaka. He completed his school final exam (Matriculation) from the Nawabpur Government High School, Dhaka. He was associated with the scout movement as the leader of his school's troop. He went on to complete Intermediate in Science from Dhaka College.

In 1961, after completing his Honours in Political Science at Dhaka University, he went to London to study Law and enrolled at the Middle Temple Inn. He returned to Dhaka as a Barrister-at-Law in 1965 and joined the Dhaka Bar Council.

In 1969, at the sudden passing of his father, he took over as the Editor of the Daily Ittefaq. In 1973, he returned to his legal profession, leaving the responsibility of Ittefaq as an Editor. However, he continued as the Chairman of the Board of Editors.

In 1973, he was elected Member of Parliament from his local constituency Bhandaria-Kathalia. He was the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Bangladesh (SCBA) from 2000 to 2001. He was elected President of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad and a member of the Press Council several times. Mainul Hossain was also the second most important member of the Press Commission. In 2007, he joined the Caretaker Government as the Law, Information and Land Adviser.

The IUB family, including the members of the Board of Trustees, ESTCDT, faculty and administration, students, and the alumni community, expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prays to the Almighty for the eternal peace of his departed soul.