



President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stand in solemn silence after paying tributes to the martyred intellectuals, by placing floral wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial in the capital's Mirpur yesterday morning. Family members of the martyred and freedom fighters also placed wreaths in Rayerbazar and Mirpur killing grounds. People from all walks of life joined in, wearing black as a symbol of mourning.

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DUAL CITIZENSHIP Question raised over Shamim's renouncement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Question has arisen over documents submitted to the Election Commission by Shamim Haque, candidate of Awami League from Faridpur-3 constituency, regarding renouncing his citizenship of the Netherlands.

According to the constitution, no one having dual citizenship can contest the elections.

Earlier, AK Azad, a businessman who is contesting from Faridpur-3 as an independent candidate, filed an appeal before the EC challenging Shamim's candidature for having dual citizenship.

The commission headed by CEC Kazi Habibul Awal on Wednesday held a hearing on the appeal, where Shamim's lawyer argued that his client had applied for renouncing citizenship of the Netherlands on November 9, and also submitted some documents to support the claim.

The commission is slated to deliver a verdict on the appeal today after taking information from the Dutch embassy through foreign ministry.

Azad's lawyer Mustafizur Rahman expressed doubt over the authenticity of Shamim's application. He said the document was addressed "to whom it may concern" so it is not sure to whom it was actually addressed to.

The letter also does not have a seal of the Netherlands authorities.

According to the website of the Netherlands government, if anyone wants to renounce Dutch citizenship, they can submit such a declaration at the municipality of the country or at an embassy or consulate



Shamim Haque



AK Azad

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Govt fixes price of 129 types of contact lenses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's drug administrator has fixed retail prices of 129 types of contact lenses from 29 importing companies.

The retail prices of the lens vary between Tk 143 and Tk 126 lakh as per the Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) circular made available on Wednesday.

DGDA said from now on, lens suppliers have to sell lenses in line with the new prices set by DGDA.

The circular, signed by DGDA Director General Mohammad Yousuf, directed all hospitals concerned to display the new prices of contact lenses on their noticeboard.

According to Section 30 (1) of the Medicines and Cosmetics Act-2023, the maximum price of eye lenses is fixed by the Directorate of Medicines Administration.

According to the DGDA order, the highest price list of lenses cannot be included in the treatment related price package. A cash memo should be given to patient stating the name of the lens, the maximum retail price and the country of manufacture.

DGDA also directed that after a phaco surgery, patient should be provided with the pack of lenses. The lens package should have the manufacturing date, expiration date, country of manufacture and maximum retail price on it, so that surgeons can refer to it for guidance.



Four day labourers seek warmth by a fire amid dense fog at Boyra Aziz intersection in Khulna city yesterday morning.

A pledge of remembrance Martyred Intellectuals Day observed countrywide

STAR REPORT

Martyred Intellectuals Day was observed yesterday to commemorate the intellectuals who were killed by Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators right before the end of the Liberation War.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid tributes to the intellectuals in the morning, by placing floral wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial in the capital's Mirpur.

The president in his message said, "I call upon all to play an effective role from their respective positions to build 'Sonar Bangla' imbued with the spirit of the Liberation War and the sacrifices of the martyred intellectuals."

The PM, in her message, urged all irrespective of party affiliation to unite against war criminals, fundamentalists and perform their duties from their respective positions to continue the development of the country by resisting all conspiracies of anti-democratic forces.

Flanked by the party's central leaders, Hasina, also president of Awami League, laid another wreath at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial as the party chief.

Hasina then went to Dhanmondi and placed a wreath at the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in front of the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum.

Besides, family members of the martyred and freedom fighters placed wreaths in Rayerbazar and Mirpur killing grounds. People from all walks of life joined in, wearing black as a symbol of mourning.

Leaders and activists of different political and social organisations also paid homage at the respective places.

Special prayers were held at places of worships on the occasion.

Bangladesh Television and private television channels broadcast special programmes highlighting the significance of the day. Newspapers also published special supplements.

4 hurt as BCL attacks Chhatra Union leaders



A Chhatra Union leader at a hospital after the alleged BCL attack.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least four leaders of Chhatra Union were injured when a group of Chhatra League men allegedly attacked them again on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

The injured are Meghmallar Bosu, president of DU Chhatra Union; Maeen Ahmed, general secretary; Tahmid Shubhra, assistant general secretary of its Dhaka metropolitan unit; and Shahriar Shihab, a leader of its private university unit.

The left-leaning activists were attacked across several locations on the DU campus, including Shabbagh, TSC and VC Chhatta.

They were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, as per Chhatra Union sources.

Meghmallar was later taken to the National Institute of Ophthalmology & Hospital, as his eye was severely injured during the attack, they added.

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Mild cold wave likely

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mild cold wave may sweep across the western and northwestern parts of the country today.

Bazlur Rashid, a meteorologist of Bangladesh Meteorological Department said mild cold waves will hit several areas including Dinajpur, Syedpur, Tentulia, and Chuadanga today.

However, the temperature will start to rise from Saturday or Sunday, before the country faces another cold wave from December 20 onwards, he said.

According to BMD's weather forecast, the weather may remain

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PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 15

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-20	12-30	3-45	5-22	7-00
JAMAT 5-55	1-15	4-00	5-25	7-30

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