

## AL-INDEPENDENT CLASH 6 hurt in Munshiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Munshiganj*

At least six people were injured in a clash between the supporters of Awami League candidate Mrinal Kanti Das and AL independent candidate Mohammad Faisal Biplab in Gazaria, Munshiganj yesterday.

They both are contesting for the Munshiganj-3 constituency in the upcoming 12th national election.

The injured are Mohiuddin Molla, 42, Mosharraf Hossain, 48, Niza Mia, 56, Md Moklesh Mia, 42, Helal Uddin Sarkar, 41, and Muktar Hossain, 41. All are from Charchashi village of Guagachia union.

The clash broke out in the new Charchashi area around 3:00pm, said police.

Md Mohiuddin Molla, a supporter of former Guagachia union BCL president Biplab, said, “As we were preparing to bring out a road march for Biplab, we were suddenly attacked by the associates of Guagachia UP Chairman Mohammad Ali Khokon, a supporter of Mrinal.”

Contacted, Khokon said, “I don't know anything about the incident.”

OC Md Razib Khan of Gazaria Police Station said, “In preliminary investigation, we came to know that the conflict occurred due to previous enmity between them and not for any political reasons.”

Both parties said they will file complaints with the police regarding the incident, added the OC.

## No antibiotics without prescriptions

### Speakers tell BSMMU event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Misuse of antibiotics reduces sensitivity of the drugs against various diseases, leaving people more vulnerable, said experts at a programme yesterday.

They said various critical drugs, which were highly effective a few years back, are not working against infections now and the use of antibiotics as an alternative treatment is becoming limited.

These observations came from a programme at BSMMU. The Antimicrobial Susceptibility Report was revealed at the programme, which shows data from January 1 to June 30, 2023, with a sample size of 72,670.

Experts said there was no significant change in all tested antibiotic susceptibilities compared to last year.

BSMMU vice-chancellor Professor Md Sharfuddin Ahmed, the chief guest, emphasised the importance

of the findings. He said due to the indiscriminate use of some antibiotics, they no longer work in a patient's body when in need of treatment.

Antibiotics cannot be sold without any registered prescription. Physicians should prescribe antibiotics after proper investigation, he added.

Abu Naser Ibne Sattar, chairman of BSMMU Microbiology & Immunology department, said, “We all have to take an oath to not take any antibiotic medicine without a prescription.”

BSMMU assistant professor Shaheda Anwar said globally around 1.2 million people die every year due to infections.

Chandan Kumar Roy, BSMMU associate professor; Saif Uddin Ahmed, BSMMU pro vice chancellor; Prof Ahmed Abu Saleh, dean of basic science & para clinic; and Md Fazle Rabbi Choudhury, associate professor; also joined the programme.

## Ensure quick delivery of justice

### President urges judges

UNB, Dhaka

President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday called upon judges to ensure quick delivery of justice.

“Also, you need to be more careful that justice-seekers don't have to keep coming back to the court,” he told the judges.

The president was speaking as the chief guest at a function organised on the occasion of Bangladesh Supreme Court Day at the court premises.

Referring to the SC as a symbol of trust, he said it is the last resort of the people where they come for justice.

## ‘Eagle’ their symbol

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symbol following a lottery.

**HOPES FOR PARTICIPATORY POLLS**

Among the 14 Awami League candidates, four were present during the symbol allocation.

Harunur Rashid Munna, an AL candidate from Dhaka-5 constituency, said polls would be competitive. In Dhaka-10 constituency, candidate Ferdous Ahmed shared aspirations for a festive polls time atmosphere.

AL's Dhaka-16 candidate Elias Mollah, said he has the support of every individual in the constituency.

Meanwhile, Dhaka-14

constituency candidate Mainul Hasan Nikhil dismissed the allegations of intimidating independent candidates as false.

**SHERIFA QUADER FOR DHAKA-18**

Dhaka-18 is the only constituency in the capital where AL sacrificed its own candidate to make way for JP's Sherifa Quader.

After being allocated the party's “plough” symbol, she claimed JP never wanted to boycott the polls and dismissed the notion of “shared election”. “There may have been an agreement for some seats, but our candidates are contesting in 287 seats,” she said.

## Ill-attempts on to foil

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2018, resumed similar attacks and vandalism to transportation after the announcement of election schedule on November 15.

“They want to cripple the country's economy,” they said in the joint statement. They called upon the government to bring the perpetrators to book and ensure their punishment.

Besides, they called upon the Election Commission to demonstrate its strong role in performing the constitutional duty by holding the next parliamentary election in a free, fair and neutral manner.

The signatories include

Prof Bazlul Hoque Khondoker, president, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh; Prof Harun-or-Rashid, former vice chancellor of National University; social scientist Prof Anupam Sen; artists Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi and Shahabuddin Ahmed; economist Prof Sanat Kumar Saha; litterateur Selina Hossain; Prof Mahfuza Khanam, former president of Asiatic Society; Prof Abdul Mannan, former chairman of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh; theatre personality Ataur Rahman; and poets Kamal Chowdhury, Nurul Huda and Asim Saha.

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## And so it begins

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with hundreds of partymen and then delivered a speech seeking votes for the three candidates.

In Narayanganj-5, JP candidate AKM Selim Osman inaugurated an election camp at No-1 Rail Gate area in the city after getting his electoral symbol, and sought votes.

Former state minister

for information and broadcasting, Murad Hassan, is contesting from Jamalpur-4 as an independent.

“I have got ‘eagle’ as my symbol. I will work to ensure my victory,” he told The Daily Star.

Former fisheries and livestock minister Latif Bishwas and former state minister of Information

Abu Sayeed also began their campaigns after getting symbols. They are contesting as independents from Sirajganj-5 and Pabna-1 constituencies, respectively.

In four Chandpur constituencies, seven AL men are contesting as independents, who also kickstarted their electoral campaigns.

## In Chattogram

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Dr Muhammad Yeahia Akhter, former professor of political science department at Chittagong University, said legacy in politics has emerged as a culture, with wife or children getting nominated after a leader's death.

“But political parties in a democratic country should nominate candidates in a democratic way,” he added.

## Focus on their skills

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IOM is ready to work in this regard. “We must act together and we need to act now,” he added.

Chairing the discussion, senior secretary Ahmed Munirus Saleheen of the expatriates' welfare ministry said all national documents, including the 8th Five Year Plan, have recognised the contributions of expatriate workers.

He said they want to introduce the “employer's pay model,” under which employers will bear all the recruitment costs, urging

private recruiting agencies to work together with the ministry for the sector's development.

Saleh Ahmed Mujaffor, director general of Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training; Ali Haider Chowdhury, secretary general of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies; Hamidur Rahman, director general of Wage Earners' Welfare Board; Mazibur Rahman, managing director of Probashi Kalyan Bank; and Mallick Anwar Hossain, managing director of Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Ltd, spoke at the discussion.

## Polls boost

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“The poster cost is higher this time as most of our raw materials are import-dependent. At present, the price per tonne of white and newsprint paper wholesale is between Tk 1,20,000 and Tk 1,60,000. A year ago, per tonne was sold at Tk 80,000 to Tk 90,000.”

“The price of ink has doubled, and so has the ink plate,” said Shahid, also the proprietor of Sanjana Press, situated in Nayapaltan Masjid Goli.

“With the absence of BNP, there might be over 25 percent decline in business, yet the increased presence of independent candidates this time will help us,” he added.

He said while the price increase has led independent candidates to print fewer posters, Awami League nominees remain unaffected.

However, Akhter Hossain, the owner of Real Printers, said most of the orders they are receiving are from independent candidates.

Additionally, the traders said candidates would have to incur additional cost if they wish to prepare large digital banners.

Ripon Paul, proprietor of Winner Digital Sign at Fakirpool, explained that the price of digital banners and festoons varies depending on the design and colour, ranging from Tk 15 to 25 per foot. This marks an increase from Tk 10 to 15 a year ago.

He noted that the cost of PVC (plastic poster paper) and ink has doubled, and wages for design have also risen.

In the upcoming January 7 polls, a total of 1,896 candidates from 27 political parties will participate.

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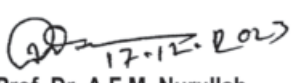
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Memo No. 59.14.0000.037.00.000.2023-2776 Date: 17/12/2023

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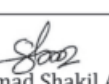
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