

## Most candidates violating polls conduct

Says Ctg returning officer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Deputy commissioner and returning officer of Chattogram Abul Bashar Mohammed Fakhruzzaman yesterday said the contesting candidates from 10 constituencies in Chattogram have been violating the electoral code of conduct during electioneering in most cases.

According to the polls conduct, a candidate needs to inform the RO 24 hours before holding a rally, but most of the candidates were not doing so, he told journalists after a meeting with candidates and their representatives at Chattogram Circuit House.

"We do not know where they are holding the rallies, so we are unable to take proper security measures," he also said.

The RO said the Election Commission has clearly instructed to make sure the polls are held in free and fair. "We have arranged the meeting today to assure the candidates in this regard," he said.

"I also advised them to follow the polls conduct and warned them of tough action if otherwise," he said.



For over one and a half months, drainage development work in Patuatuli of Puran Dhaka near Sadarghat has left shopkeepers and locals suffering. People have to cross these mini bamboo bridges to access the shops, while vehicles and pedestrians are left with little space on the road. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Helper dies as bus runs him over

UNB, Dhaka

A helper of Hanif Super Service bus died after another bus ran him over at Sayedabad Bus Terminal in Dhaka yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Md Shanto, 25, of Baulpara village of Narsingdi Sadar upazila.

Police, quoting witnesses, said the incident happened when a Saint Martin Paribahan bus ran Shanto over while he was standing beside his bus around 1:30pm.

He was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he died, said DMCH Police Outpost in-charge Inspector Bachchu Mia.

## Ahsania Mission holds free medical camp

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Ahsania Mission held a daylong free health camp at the capital's Uttara yesterday, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Hazrat Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (RA).

A seminar was also held on the occasion, where Prof Anisuzzaman, vice-chancellor of Global University Bangladesh, was present.

Prof Tasikul Islam Raja; Emrul Yusuf, deputy director of Bangla Academy; AFM Enamul Haque, director general of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Institute; and Sheikh Mohammad, editor of Dhaka Mohanagar Shikkah Samity, also attended the event.

# 'Seek support for menopause'

Speakers tell '#Speak Your Mind' event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday emphasised the mental well-being challenges associated with menopause among women aged 40 and beyond.

They underscored the importance of recognising this issue and stressed the need for women to seek appropriate support from experts.

Power of She, a digital platform dealing with women's advancement, organised the event titled '#Speak Your Mind', at The Daily Star Centre.

"I neither knew about mental health and its connection to menopause, nor knew about where to go to talk about the issue. I often had fights with my husband and less interaction with my children

because of being in a bad mood," said Rashida Begum, a working woman.

Sabina Sabi, project chief of Power of She, said following the onset of menopause around the age of 40, women experience both physical and mental changes.

"It is crucial for them to prioritise their mental well-being during this period to alleviate stress. Failure to do so may lead to recurring challenges in both family and workplace settings, as women may struggle without a clear understanding of the necessary steps for support," she said.

Prof Laila Arjumand Banu, former president of Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB), said, "Women aged between 45 and 50

experience substantial hormonal changes, resulting in mental health challenges. Unfortunately, a lack of awareness among women and their surroundings exacerbates the imbalance in maintaining robust mental health and effective family and social interactions during this period."

Citing earlier findings, Syed Ishtiaq Reza, CEO and editor-in-chief of Global Television, stressed the importance of conducting a contextual analysis that delves into various backgrounds to pinpoint the underlying reasons behind these challenges and effectively overcome those.

Chayanika Chowdhury, film director; Runa Khan, actress; and Dr Mekhla Sarkar, specialist at National Institute of Mental Health, also spoke.

## Ali Azzam reelected chairman of Eastern University

STAR REPORT

Mohammad



Ali Azzam, an educationist, social worker, and businessman, has been reelected as the chairman of the Eastern University Foundation, and Board of Trustees of Eastern University.

The election was held at the 185th meeting at 11:00am yesterday, said a press release.

Earlier, Ali Azzam served as the treasurer of Eastern University Foundation, chairman of the Admission Committee and the Disciplinary Committee of the university.

He is also involved with various educational and religious institutions and social organisations.

Azzam, a lifelong donor member of Shajhanpur Islamia High School, is the chairman of Jamila-Latif Foundation.

Azzam is also the owner of M/s Fatema Steel Corporation and the managing director of Al Jamil Properties Limited.

Eastern University Vice Chancellor Prof Shahid Akhtar Hossain and other officials were present on the occasion.

## PRAYER TIMING

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:25	12:45	3:45	5:24	7:00
JAMAT 6:00	1:15	4:00	5:27	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## We'll be on the streets to reclaim voting rights

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non-cooperation movement.

"We are distributing leaflets to make people aware of their rights. We're talking to people to encourage them to fight for establishing a representative government," he said.

Earlier in the morning, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi also distributed leaflets in the capital's Rampura and Shahjahanpur areas.

Talking to reporters at Rampura, Rizvi said the government is arranging a farcical election by fielding dummy candidates themselves using the state machinery.

Meanwhile, police

arrested two leaders of BNP and Jubo Dal from Sylhet city yesterday afternoon while they were distributing similar leaflets among people.

The arrestees are Emdad Hossain Chowdhury, general secretary of BNP's Sylhet city unit and Muminul Islam Mumin, president of Jubo Dal Sylhet district unit.

Mohammad Saiful Islam, additional deputy commissioner (media and community services) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, confirmed the arrest and said they were accused in several sabotage cases earlier filed in different police stations.

They have been shown

arrested in the cases and will be produced before court, he added.

Abdul Quiyum Chowdhury, president of BNP's Sylhet district unit, said, "When we were handing out leaflets in the Laldighir Par area, some

## Need political

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government is trying to mislead people on the issue through its propaganda machine.

ALRD executive director Shamsul Huda said it is important to implement the accord to ensure the rights of the CHT people.

policemen in plainclothes confronted us and arrested the two leaders and three other activists from the spot."

"We condemn such police acts in a peaceful political campaign," he added.

Prof Dr Khairul Islam Chowdhury presided over the discussion.

Among others, activists Zakir Hossain and Shahed Kayes, Oikya NAP general secretary Asadullah Tarek and central member of Workers Party Sharif Shamshir also spoke at the event.

## Two bodies found in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police recovered the bodies of two youths from the Padma river near the Godagari frontier in Rajshahi yesterday, five days after they went missing.

The deceased were identified as Kawsar Ali, 18, and Mosharrar Hossain, 19, of Char Kanapara area of the upazila, said Abdul Matin, officer-in-charge of Godagari Police Station.

There were no injury marks on the bodies as per the inquest report, said the OC.

The victims' family members told the police the youths might have drowned in a river while being chased by the Indian Border Security Force, he said.

On December 19, according to police, some eight youths left their homes for India without any legal travel documents.

When they tried to enter India for agricultural jobs, the BSF members chased them. Others came back home but the two went missing.

Police recovered their bodies after locals found them floating in the river.

Lt Col Motiul Islam, commanding officer of Rajshahi BGB Battalion-1, said they informed BSF about the matter.

## BNP leaders held over 'sabotage'

UNB, Chuadanga

Police in separate drives arrested two BNP leaders in Chuadanga in connection with cases filed over carrying out sabotage.

The arrestees were identified as Moyen Uddin Moyen, 45, joint secretary of Jibannagar upazila unit of BNP, and Ali Hossain, secretary of Manoharpur union unit of BNP.

SM Jabid Hasan, officer-in-charge of Jibannagar Police Station, said a team led by Sirajul Alam, sub-inspector of the police station, conducted a drive in the Benapole land port area early yesterday and arrested Moyen in a case filed under the Sabotage Act. Meanwhile, another team of police led by Sub-inspector Shariful Islam arrested Ali in Peyaratala area on similar charges.

## Rail sleepers found broken in Natore It's due to cold, not sabotage, say officials

UNB, Natore

A portion of the railway sleepers at Nishipara along Basudebpur rail gate in Naldanga upazila of Natore was found broken.

Locals spotted the broken sleepers in the morning and informed police.

Asim Kumar Talukdar, general manager of Bangladesh Railway (West Zone), said the rail track got broken due to pressure caused by the cold. "It is not sabotage," he said.

On information, Naldanga UNO Dewan Akramul Haque and police visited the spot.

A team of railway including the Santahar railway engineer is doing the repair work.

The rail communication on the route was not disrupted, he said.

## CTG CYLINDER BLAST Injured trader dies at CMCH

UNB, Chattogram

A 35-year-old trader, who suffered burn injuries in a gas cylinder explosion in Boalkhali upazila of Chattogram on December 18, died at Chattogram Medical College and Hospital early yesterday.

The deceased is Md Saifuddin of Boalkhali municipality area.

Nurul Alam Ashik, sub-inspector of CMCH police camp, said Saifuddin, father of four, suffered burns when a gas cylinder of a tea stall in Kadurkhil Muktijoddha River View area exploded on December 18.

Later, he was taken to the CMCH where he died around 2:00am.

## Workers Party to go

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The party criticised the decision to take a loan from the International Monetary Fund. Due to the conditions of the loan, the government hiked the electricity and fuel prices several times, which impacted the industry, transport, and agriculture

sectors, said the party.

Corruption, economic mismanagement, money laundering, the syndicate system, and the economic situation prescribed by the IMF and World Bank are creating a serious discriminatory situation, it added.

## Recruitment system

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he said the government must have a monitoring system to ensure their wellbeing.

"Over 12 lakh people have migrated. Did we monitor how they are doing?" he said, adding that hundreds of Bangladeshis have been facing jobless situations in Saudi Arabia.

He said aspirant migrants must undergo compulsory training at home and that the country also has to shift towards skilled migration from unskilled migration.

On formulating the rules for sub-agents, he said the government must ensure "balance" by upholding workers' rights and specifying the roles and responsibilities of the expatriates' welfare ministry and BMET.

At the event, RMMRU came up with a proposed model for the registration of sub-agents that says BMET should be the registering authority while the names of sub-agents should come from recruiting agencies.

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