

## Poet Abu Bakar Siddique passes away

UNB, Khulna

Eminent poet Abu Bakar Siddique died at a hospital in Khulna city yesterday morning.

He was 91. Abu Bakar, also father of former president HM Ershad's second wife Bidisha Ershad, breathed his last around 5:45am, Bidisha confirmed on social media.

The poet, who had been suffering from old age complications for a long time, was taken to the ICU at Khulna City Hospital on Wednesday.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Shaheed Hadis Park in Khulna after the Johr prayers.

Siddique received the Bangla Academy Literary Award in 1988. He also won the Bangladesh Kathahilipi Sangsad Award and the Bangladesh Lekhika Sangha Award, among others.

He was born on August 19, 1934 at Gotapara in Bagerhat Sadar.

## Md Yasin Ali no more

STAR REPORT

Md Yasin Ali, a former executive director of Bangladesh Bank, passed away at Square Hospital in Dhaka on December 26. He was 71, said a press release.

He had been suffering from cancer since 2016. He left behind his wife, a son, and two daughters to mourn his death. He was buried at Mirpur martyred intellectuals' graveyard after the Isha prayers on Tuesday.

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## PRAYER TIMING

DECEMBER 29

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AZAN 5:30	12:30	4:00	5:27	7:00
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## Plots afoot to foil the election

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to ensure the welfare of the country. The AL chief said this time all aspirants have been allowed to run alongside those taking part with the "boat" symbol. "I would like to request you to maintain peace and seek votes for respective symbols equally. The voters will vote for the candidate of their choice," she said.

Hasina asked her party members to read the party's election manifesto and seek votes for "boat" by publicising the targets set in that. She said Bangladesh has witnessed massive development because successive elected, democratic governments

have been in power since 2009.

"Today, we'll have to continue the country's progress. This would be possible only if the Awami League comes to power," the PM said.

Hasina asked her party members to go door to door to seek votes for "boat" so that people can give her party another chance to serve them.

The rallies were held simultaneously in Sherpur's Shahid Daroga Ali Puro Park, Jamalpur Zila School ground, old stadium in Kishoreganj, Narsingdi Club ground, Bandarban Rajar Matt and Chandpur Hasan Ali Government Primary School ground.

The AL president introduced her party candidates in the six districts and sought votes for them.

Meanwhile speaking at an event, the premier said

the culprits involved in the attack on journalists on October 28 would not be spared, reports BSS.

"The country had witnessed many movements and struggles, but journalists were never targeted. The attacks were attempts to murder, as the assailants hit journalists on the heads," she said.

The prime minister made the remarks as a group of journalists, injured in the attack, met her at her official residence Gono Bhavan.

"The culprits will have to be brought to justice by reviewing the pictures and video footage of the incidents," she said.

Hasina said attacks were also carried out on the house of the chief justice, judge's quarter and on duty police personnel.

"The order givers [of such heinous acts] must face the music," she added.

# 'I don't want to lose my son too'

Says father of Khilkhet accident victim after losing only grandson

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Mohammad Suman, 35, was screaming in pain while lying on a bed at DMCH yesterday.

He was injured in an accident in Dhaka's Khilkhet on Wednesday night.

But Suman was yet to learn about the death of his only child, who died in the same accident, even after the burial.

Md Mofiz, father of Suman, who was by his side at the hospital, said, "My son is in a critical condition. If he had been informed about the death of his only son, Mohammad Yasin, his health condition would have worsened."

Suman's two legs were broken and he suffered a severe head injury during the accident, which killed Yasin, 9, along with two others, as a sport utility vehicle (SUV) crashed into a passenger shed near Khilkhet Bazar on Airport Road around 9:00pm.

Yasin died on the spot, while Ujjal Pandey, 26, a private company employee from Bhatara, died on the way to a hospital. The other victim, Armina, 27, died at DMCH.

"The body of my grandson was buried at Rayerbazar graveyard yesterday afternoon," said Mofiz. "We had to tell Suman that Yasin was at home and doing fine," he added.

"I already lost my only grandson, I don't want to lose my son too," he said.

Mofiz mentioned that his son and grandson used to visit him every two months, bringing his favourite food, khichuri, and other items.

However, they could not come for the last couple of months due to the countrywide



Khilkhet accident victim Suman is yet to know that his only son Yasin, 9, has passed away. Suman is now fighting for his life at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The photo was taken yesterday.

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blockades and hartals.

"My grandson knew that I love eating Khichuri, and yesterday he told his mother to make it for me, which they brought to my house in Nikunja-2," said Mofiz, a security guard by profession.

"They came to my house with khichuri and winter pitas. I ate pitas in front of them and told them that I would eat khichuri later, as it was getting late and I wanted them to reach their home safely," he said.

Meanwhile, police yesterday arrested

the driver of the SUV that crashed into the passenger shed.

A team of police arrested the driver, Dishan, 30, who had fled the scene following the accident, from the Khilkhet area yesterday morning, said Enamul Haque Khandaker, inspector (investigation) of Khilkhet Police Station.

During the primary interrogation, the driver told the police that he was feeling unwell and believed he could navigate the area safely. However, he could not, and ended up causing the accident.

## Number of local

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Shushoaner Janno Nagarik secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar said the number of local observers dropped as the January 7 election will not be inclusive as the contest is largely among the candidates from one party.

Besides, lack of foreign funding is another reason for many organisations not monitoring the polls, he added.

EC officials said the observers who took approval centrally can monitor polls in constituencies of their choice. Those who took approval from ROs can only monitor polls in the districts for which they took approval.

An observer organisation will need to file their primary report to the EC within seven days after the polls and final report within one month.

A total of 27 registered political parties, including

the AL and its 14 party alliance partners, are participating in the polls this time, while 17 others, including BNP and like-minded parties, are boycotting the election.

## DU Chhatra

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of attempting to foil the election. Some 50,000 leaflets, bomb making materials, explosive substances, 15 crude bombs and five "chocolate" bombs were recovered from their possession, according to police.

KM Mahbubul Alam, inspector of New Market Police Station, filed the case with the police station.

Meanwhile, DB chief Harun Or Rashid told reporters that the arrestees allegedly informed the police that they were acting on orders of BNP top brass.

## Pre-polls violence

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supporters attacked his polls campaigns even though there is no AL candidate with "boat" symbol contesting from this seat.

The High Court suspended the AL candidate's candidacy over his dual citizenship.

Syed Monir, a close aide of Shammi Ahmed, said they have no connection with the attacks on Pankaj Nath's campaign.

Contacted, Shahidul Islam, returning officer in Barishal, said necessary measures will be taken according to the electoral rules.

In Barishal-5, independent candidate Salahuddin Ripon at a press conference alleged that supporters of AL candidate Zahid Faruk have been threatening and attacking the activists of his polls campaign.

Zahid Faruk, however, refuted the allegation saying neither he nor his party activists knew the independent candidate.

In Barishal-6, independent candidate Shamsul Alam complained about violation of election rules by his rival candidate.

In Barguna-1, there have been several clashes between supporters of AL candidate Dharendra Debnath Shambhu and independent aspirant Golam Sarwar Tuku.

Also, in Putuakhali-4, a clash broke out between the supporters of AL candidate Mohibbur Rahman and independent candidate Md Mahabubur Rahman.

SP Md Wahidul Islam of Barishal district said no one will be exempted if the polls code of conduct is violated.

Several cases have been filed over different incidents of conflict, he added.

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