

## Respond to anti-polls conspiracies by voting: Quader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday urged voters to show up at the polling stations and respond to anti-election conspiracies by casting their votes on January 7.



He made the remarks while addressing a street rally in Chaprashirhat of Companiganj upazila of Noakhali.

Quader is contesting from Noakhali-5 constituency (Companiganj and Kabirhat upazilas) with the "boat" symbol.

He said, "If foreign powers give us advice, we will accept it. But we will not accept it if they provoke the forces that harm our elections. No one has the power to stop the election in Bangladesh."

Quader also said what Israel is doing in Gaza, BNP is doing the same in Bangladesh.

## Journo killed in Jashore road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A local journalist was killed and another person injured as their motorbike hit a roadside tree in Jashore on Saturday night.

The accident took place on the Jashore-Benapole highway in Kalagachi area under Jhikargachha upazila, said police.

Abdul Alim, 25, from Bara Achhra village in Benapole, a journalist for the Daily Parjanner Bhavna in Jashore, died on the spot, said Navaran Highway Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdullah Al Mamun.

The two were returning home from a football match in Bagharpara upazila in the district.

The injured - whose identity could not be identified immediately - was undergoing treatment at Sharsha Upazila Health Complex.

## Hasib president, Apu GS of DCAB

DIPLMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Nurul Islam Hasib of Dhaka Tribune and Ashiqur Rahman Apu of ATN News have been elected president and general secretary of the Diplomatic Correspondents' Association, Bangladesh (DCAB).

The election of the DCAB executive committee was held at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday following the annual general meeting, presided over by DCAB President Rezaul Karim Lotus.

Tanzim Anwar of BSS and Rabiul Haque of Daily Industry were jointly elected vice president, while Md Arifuzzaman Mamun of Dainik Amader Somoy was elected joint general secretary.

Those elected members of DCAB executive committee are Pantho Rahman of Channel i, Mir Mustafizur Rahman of The Financial Express, Ishrat Jahan Urmi of DBC News, Porimol Palma of The Daily Star and Masum Billah of bdnews24.com.



**TOMMY TIME!** Ten-year-old Taiba, holding her pet puppy Tommy in arms, walks toward the paddy meadows near her house. With not much to do at home, the two decide to play chase under the warm sunrays on a cold morning in Sarsi village under Barishal Sadar yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

## For birds, for environment

Youth organisation sets up clay nests on trees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A group of about 25-30 young locals placing clay pots on tree branches to shelter birds - this was what this correspondent saw at the Central Shaheed Minar premises on Thana Road in Lalmonirhat town Saturday noon.

To protect birds and ensure them safe nests, Bangladesh Bird and Life Society, a youth organisation, set up about 40 clay nests on different trees in the area.

Coordinated by bird

enthusiast Anupam Roy Rupak, the organisation aims to raise awareness and run campaigns against poaching through this initiative in the northern regions.

"We plan to set up around a thousand nests for birds to feel safe this winter," said Anupam.

Birds are often exposed to extreme weather conditions and poachers while people's lack of awareness further adds to their sufferings, said Sohel Rana, a member of the organisation.

"If birds are saved, our environment will be saved,"

he added.

Hayat Al Ferdous, a member, urged for collaborative effort and hoped their initiative will inspire others. She also stressed the importance of preventing bird poaching, and called for strict legal actions in this regard.

Lauding the effort, retired college professor and freedom fighter Shailendra Kumar Roy said, "Killing birds or leaving them to die will only further distort the balance of nature. I am with them and hope others will join too."



## Akhtar Banu passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Akhtar Banu, mother of Mahbub uz Zaman, former ambassador of Bangladesh and secretary at the foreign ministry, passed away at Ibn Sina Hospital in Dhaka early yesterday. She was 81.

She had been suffering from cancer and comorbidity problems.

Akhtar Banu left behind her two sons, a daughter, and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death.

Her qulkhani and a doa mahfil will be held at 3:30pm tomorrow.

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agencies are using excessive force in meetings and rallies, ASK said.

In November, three garment workers were killed by the law enforcement forces during the workers' movement for higher wages. Workers have a legitimate right to protest for higher wages, but shooting and killing workers during that protest is a complete violation of their rights, it said.

Although the Digital Security Act was repealed, the Cyber Security Act did not reflect the recommendations of civil society and media workers, it said.

According to ASK, 20 people were victims of extrajudicial killings in 2023. Among these

incidents, two were killed in a shootout by police and Rab.

Besides, 13 citizens died in police custody, two in Rab custody and three in DB custody.

This year, 105 people died in different prisons in the country due to various reasons. In 2022, the number was 65.

In 2023, nine people were abducted and disappeared using the name of law enforcement agencies.

Six of them were arrested later while three returned.

In 2023, 30 Bangladeshis were killed by India's Border Security Force (BSF).

In 2023, as in previous years, rights violations against diverse ethnic groups persisted in both plains and hilly regions.

## Changes being

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"We'll allocate whatever needed for education," she added.

The PM said she wants to develop a nation with modern technology-knowledge-based education from an early age, and for this reason her government is giving importance to technical education and vocational training.

The prime minister also called upon the students to study attentively.

Hasina wished all a Happy New Year on the eve of 2024.

The ministries concerned have taken necessary steps to distribute 30,70,83,517 copies of new textbooks among 3,81,28,324 students.

The textbooks have already been sent to upazilas.



For the first time, Chattogram Metropolitan Police has gotten a K-9 Unit, comprised of trained dogs, to fight against militancy, drug smuggling and explosives.

The K-9 unit was formally inaugurated by CMP Commissioner Krishna Pad Roy yesterday, under the Counter Terrorism Division of CMP at Mansurabad Police Lines.

The unit has nine trained dogs, imported from the Netherlands. Four are trained for narcotics, while five are specially trained for explosives, said CMP Officers. The dogs have been trained in Dhaka for the last year.

Eighteen policemen have been attached to the K-9 unit, which will be headed by an assistant commissioner of the CT Division.

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