Pro-BNP, Jamaat lawyers boycott courts for 2nd day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-BNP and Jamaat lawyers observed countrywide courtboycott programme for second day today demanding "restoration of democracy and rule of law, and stopping injustice in the name of trials".

The lawyers abstained from attending court functions in 61 districts except the three districts in Chattogram Hill Tracts, Barrister Kayser Kamal, secretary general of Bangladesh Jatiotabadi Ainjibi Forum (BJAF), a body of pro-BNP lawyers, told The Daily Star.

They will continue their programme till January 7, he

As part of the programme, a section of lawyers staged sit-in at the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) premises from 9:00am-4:00pm with one hour's break

Meanwhile, Attorney General AM Amin Uddin told reporters at his office that there was no impact of the boycott programme on the court functions.

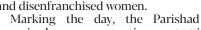
All the courts including the Appellate Division and High Court Divisions of the SC have conducted judicial functions on Monday and yesterday he said.

On December 31, BJAF and Bangladesh Lawyers Council at separate press conferences announced that they will boycott all the courts across the country from January 1-7 in protest against what they said was a "dummy" elections and conviction of BNP men in "fabricated" cases.

Ayesha Khanam remembered

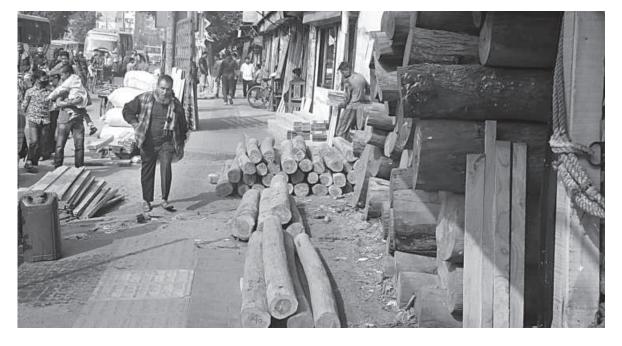
STAR REPORT

Yesterday was the death anniversary of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad president and freedom fighter Ayesha Khanam -a guardian of the women's movement in Bangladesh, who dedicated her life to the rights of deprived, oppressed and disenfranchised women.



organised a commemorative event at its headquarters in the capital's Segun Bagicha.

Parishad President Dr Fauzia Moslem and its General Secretary Maleka Banu, among others, spoke at the event.



Logs placed carelessly take up a good portion of the walkway beside Pragati Sarani, obstructing pedestrians. The photo was taken in Rampura yesterday.

'Of unkept promises and curtailed human rights'

PCJSS report on CHT Peace Accord paints grim picture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The human rights situation in Chittagong Hill Tracts has become Accord has not been properly implemented, said Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS) in its annual report, released yesterday.

Repression by security and law enforcement agencies, arrests, jail sentences, killings, disappearances, false cases, land grabbing, eviction homeland, expansion infiltration, minorisation of Juma people, communal attacks, and

On December 2, 1997, the then Awami League government and PCJSS signed the CHT peace accord extremely fragile as the CHT Peace to solve the CHT crisis through political and peaceful means.

26 years have passed since then, but the accord is yet to be properly implemented, the report highlighted.

The PCJSS annual report said the AL government has been in power for 15 years since 2009 but did not come forward to implement the basic clauses of the treaty.

The government has not taken any effective steps to implement violence against women have the agreement; rather, it has been become regular affairs in the CHT, implementing anti-agreement and were victims of rights violations.

anti-Juma activities.

The report claimed the CHT affairs ministry formed an "interministerial committee" that spread propaganda, saying that 65 out of 72 clauses of the peace accord have been implemented.

"But the truth is only 25 of the 72 clauses have been implemented. The remaining 47 sections have either been completely unimplemented or partially implemented," it added.

The report said the government is criminalising the Juma people who are demanding its implementation.

The report said 240 incidents of rights violations were reported in CHT last year, while 1,933 people

Special focus officer

Besides, the law-and-order coordination cell of the public security division under the home ministry has received around 501 in 14 days since it started its journey on December 18.

Around 498 of those complaints were already addressed, SM Rezaul Mostofa Kamal, additional

officer went to the spot to take action, which included addressing the problem or arresting the responsible persons," he added.

Anyone can file election-related complaints complaint with the cell the through emergency helpline number 999 till January 7 regarding the deterioration of law and order and violation of the election

AT A GLANCE

- 235 held in 213 cases from Dec 18 to Dec 30
 - 100 polls-related violence left 3 killed, over 300 hurt
- Home ministry cell received 501 complaints in 14 days 498 election related complaints addressed
- Police on high alert to avert post-polls violence

secretary of the public code of conduct. security division of the home ministry, told The Daily Star.

Among the complaints, approximately 30 were serious incidents such as attacks on polling booths, tearing posters, or clashes, said Kamal, who also leads the coordination cell.

"We immediately informed the officer-in-charge of the the instructions of the issues, and a designated presiding officers.

Deputy General (Operation) of PHQ Anowar Hossain yesterday said police treat every complaint seriously, conducting investigations and treating all candidates equally.

Regarding law and order at the polling station, he said police will act as per

It was a result

against Dr Yunus by the government and the ruling party was exposed through this verdict," said Saiful.

On Monday, a Labour Court sentenced Yunus and three top officials of Grameen Telecom to six months in jail, with a fine of Tk 25,000 each, in a case over labour law violation.

Rahman Manna said, "We ask you [the government] to cancel this election, dissolve parliament and form a caretaker government... if you don't do this, you can be sure that people won't remain calm."

Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganosamhati, said people have no interest in the election as they have During the rally, Nagorik no option to elect their Oikya convener Mahmudur representatives.

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Swing voters hold the key

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affect the party's image," he

Contacted, Shamim echoed him. "I want to and possesses a significant work on it [development of

Mymensingh]," he added. Meanwhile, Shanto said those supporting Shamim former have gone against the Mymensingh Municipality,

been a stronghold of Awami known parties, are also League for decades and the people of the constituency always vote for the boat. This time, they would also make the Awami League nominee win," he said.

Shamim, Delwar correspondent Hossain Khan Dulu, a contributed to this report.

former BNP MP who was expelled from the party during 1/11, is also a familiar figure in the constituency vote bank.

Jatiyo Party candidate Abu Musa Sarkar, the chairman of along with six other "Mymensingh Sadar has contenders from lesservying for the polls.

> However, voters say it'll ultimately come down to a battle between Shanto and Shamim.

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464 politicians

At least 190 cases were filed for defaming the prime minister, with law enforcement agencies filing 31 cases and supporters of the premier filing 159 cases, the study said.

The report also indicated that a total of 80 cases were filed for defamation of ministers, with the ministers themselves filing six cases and their supporters filing $66\,$

Additionally, a total of 208 cases were filed for defaming politicians, and 894 cases were filed for posting statuses on social media. The report added that

most cases were filed under the four sections: 25, 29, 31, and 35.

The report stated that in most cases, there were delays in submitting charge sheets, and the state and those who filed the cases used the DSA to serve their interests, suppressing dissidents and causing immense suffering to the accused and their family members.

The study recommended

that the government form an independent commission to verify the authenticity of cases filed under the DSA and compensate those who were tried despite being

Faisel, Faruq executive director at Ain O Salish Kendra, said they been demanding have the abolition of the law, considering it a black law.

"Following our demand, the law transitioned to the Cyber Security Act, which is no different from the DSA," he said.

CGS Chairman Manjur Ahmed Chowdhury said the country is currently under authoritarian rule.

"Even the deceased are not spared; they are being implicated in cases," he added.

The webinar moderated by CGS Executive Director Zillur Rahman, where Rumki Farhana, programme senior officer at Article 19, DSA Victim Networks member Didarul Islam Bhuiyan, and Rangpur-based lawyer Rayhan Kabir also spoke.

Hattrick for Nixon

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information in the election affidavit. On Saturday, he lodged a complaint with the returning officer, urging the cancellation of Nixon's candidacy for allegedly distributing cash among voters.

Meanwhile, Nixon claimed Zafar that commissions from a fertiliser factory and engaged in money

BNP SUPPORTERS, **ZAKER PARTY BACKING**

activists and The supporters of BNP, are rallying behind Nixon.

Abul Kalam Shamsuddin, a retired government employee, is a BNP supporter. Since BNP is boycotting the polls, he decided to extend support for Nixon.

Besides, Zaker Party, a group formed in Sadarpur, and an ally of AL, officially announced its support for Nixon on December 20.

According Election Commission, the total number of voters in this seat is 4,61,845.

Nixon secured 98,300 votes in 2014 and 1,44,000 votes in 2018, while Zafarullah received 72,248 votes in 2014 and 94,234 votes in 2018.

AL has nothing

FROM PAGE 3 government questionable.

"The government is not a party here and it didn't file the case. The workers of Grameen Telecom sued Dr Yunus as he didn't pay dues of the workers. And he was convicted in that case," said Hasan, also the information and broadcasting minister.

"Many Nobel laureates of the world were convicted of criminal and civil offences and many of them have served in jail for a long time," he said.







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