

3 killed, 3 hurt in road accidents

Students block road in protest after peer dies in Cumilla

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed and three others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Cumilla, an 11th-grader died after being hit by a pickup in Daudkandi.

The victim — Mim Akter from Lalpur in Titus upazila — was standing beside Dhaka-Chattogram highway near Hasanpur Shahid Nazrul Islam Degree College, said Daudkandi Highway Police Station OC Shahinor Islam.

Students blocked the road in protest. They withdrew the blockade after assured them of bringing those responsible for her death to book.

In Munshiganj, a man was killed and two others were injured after a bus hit a motorcycle on Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Gazaria.

Mojibur Rahman Nadim, 24, from Dhaka's Dakkhin Khan, died on the spot. Sabbir Hossen, 22, and Rabin, 20, were admitted to a nearby health complex.

In Dinajpur, a motorcyclist was killed and his daughter injured after an oncoming truck hit them in Ghoraghat.

The deceased — Bazlur Rashid, 56 — was from Khalshi village in the upazila.

Trisha Moni was taken to Ghoraghat Upazila Health Complex, said Md Asaduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Ghoraghat Police Station.



Two female farmers water their string bean plantation in Sylhet's Beanibazar upazila yesterday. The area has seen a bumper yield this season and the vegetable's high demand both home and abroad has inspired many to take up its cultivation.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Off to a good start

MP-elect begins tenure with poster removal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

With most roads, nooks and alleys still wrapped in plastic posters, Shafiul Alam Chowdhury Nadel, the newly-elected parliament member for Moulvibazar-2 (Kulaura) constituency, began his tenure by removing the non-biodegradable campaign materials since Monday morning.

"I am removing them since we are done with polls. I have also asked my supporters to join me," said Shafiul, also the organising secretary of Awami League central committee.

The posters are laminated, so they will not rot or decompose. With time, they will clog drains and obstruct water flow, leading to pollution. So taking them off and setting them on fire will help speed up their decomposition, he mentioned.

The activity began in front of Kulaura town, with Shafiul being the first to remove his own posters and urging others in the upazila to do the same.

"Once in power, leaders forget about their



community and also distance themselves from locals. But this initiative deserves appreciation," said Mifta Mia, a resident of Uchlapara.

Saidul Hasan Sapon, general secretary of Kulaura Journalist Association, termed this move "commendable".

Echoing him, UNO Mahmudur Rahman

Mamun said the entire upazila became a billboard over 21 days of electioneering and that distorts the beauty of the area.

"No one keeps track of them after the election and it ends up polluting the environment. Such initiatives are necessary to protect our environment," he added.

Case filed

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and accompanying nurses asked his parents to wait outside for 20 to 25 minutes, reads the case statement.

At least 30 to 40 interns also entered the OT claiming they had a class with Mahjabin. After an hour, the intern doctors hastily left the room, and the doctors continued to delay, stating the procedure will take more time.

"After an hour, we realised there was something wrong as numerous doctors anxiously entered and exited the room. Then I forcibly entered the OT and witnessed the doctors pressing their hands on my son's chest. Without my consent, they inserted two tubes on both sides of my son's chest," Shamim mentioned in statement.

"Afterward, they transferred my son to United Hospital, Gulshan."

Shamim said he wanted to take his son to another hospital but the authorities did not allow him.

Shamim alleged that his

son died due to negligence in treatment while being kept on life support at United Hospital from December 31 to January 7.

The hospital then declared Ayaan dead and handed a bill of Tk 5.77 lakh to the family.

Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Health Services formed a four-member probe committee yesterday.

Regarding Ayaan's death, Ariful Haque, public relations manager at United Hospital, said an inquiry committee was formed by the hospital on December 31 for investigation.

On the other hand, Supreme Court lawyer ABM Shahjahan Akanda Masum yesterday filed a petition with the High Court seeking its directive on the authorities to give Tk 1 crore to the family of Ayaan as compensation.

Shahjahan told The Daily Star Ayaan was reportedly circumcised under excessive anesthesia at United Medical College Hospital in Badda without his parents' consent.

Jatiyo Party

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GM Quader, who is now deputy leader of the opposition, was concerned about becoming the opposition leader in the next parliament, JP insiders said. "That's why he started bargaining with the ruling party high-ups," a JP central leader said.

GM Quader changed his decision about taking oath after getting a green signal from AL higher ups that he would be given the opposition leader's role, several JP leaders said.

GM Quader couldn't be contacted for comments.

The rules of procedure in parliament states, "Leader of the opposition means that member of the parliament who,

in the opinion of the Speaker, is the leader in the House of the party, or of the group, as the case may be, in opposition to the government having the greatest numerical strength in the House."

Meanwhile, Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said JP will get priority as the opposition if the independents who won in the election do not join or form any party or groups.

To be the opposition, a group must have at least 10 percent seats, he said.

Asked whether the independent MPs-elect could form a group, Anisul said, "Why not? If they think they will form their own group instead of being with the government, they can."

No reason

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Momen said the people have given their verdict and they need nothing else.

At the event, Indian High Commission's representative, British High Commissioner Sarah Cooke, US Ambassador Peter Haas, European Union Ambassador Charles Whiteley, Chinese Ambassador Yao Wen, Russian Ambassador Alexander Mantytsky, UN Resident Coordinator Gwyn Lewis, and high commissioners and ambassadors from various other countries were present.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen was also present. "With the initiation of the new government, Bangladesh would be geared at further enhancing cooperation with its neighbours to ensure shared economic prosperity in South Asia through promotion of greater regional security, integration and connectivity," according to a briefing note circulated among diplomats after Momen's remarks.

"Alongside our economic strides, Bangladesh will also succeed in building a democratic society which our future generations will take pride in," it read.

No comments

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"Democratic elections depend on credible, open, and fair competition. Respect for human rights, rule of law and due process are essential elements of the democratic process. These standards were not consistently met during the election period," read the statement made by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) spokesperson.

The 12th national election was boycotted by 16 political parties, including BNP and its allies and some leftist parties over their demand for holding the polls under a

caretaker government.

A free and fair election is not possible under the incumbent government, they said.

The 28 parties that participated in the polls include the Awami League-led alliance, and some small, newly-floated but little-known political entities known as King's Parties.

AL won 222 seats, while independent candidates — most of them also AL leaders — won 62 seats. Jatiyo Party won only 11 seats, and one candidate each from Bangladesh Workers' Party, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, and Bangladesh Kalyan Party won one seat.

Contradicting

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Earlier yesterday, the US said Bangladesh's elections were not free and fair, while the UK said standards of credible and fair competition were not consistently met in the polls.

Meanwhile, a section of invited foreign observers

on Monday said polls were largely "free and fair".

Quader said the main task of the new government will be to take appropriate steps to implement the promises made in the election manifesto. He also urged the party leaders and activists not to engage in any violence.

HC directs

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irregularities, in two weeks. The HC bench of Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman and Justice Md Bashir Ullah issued the directives following a stay petition filed by Sanjida.

According to Sanjida's two complaints lodged on January 7 with the RO and EC, independent aspirant Md Awlad Hossain's men cast fake votes and stuffed ballots at 18 polling centres, while ballots were not signed by the presiding officers concerned, said her lawyer Shah Monjurul Hoque.

Shah Monjurul also said the RO and EC did not take any action regarding the complaints.

Video footage and still pictures in this regard were submitted before the HC, he added.

19 women

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Jaya is the widow of Suranjit Sengupta, a senior AL leader and former minister. She was elected MP in 2018 in her late husband's seat with AL ticket.

Tahmina Begum (Madaripur-3) won in her constituency against AL supported incumbent MP Abdus Sobhan Golap, where voter turnout was 45 percent.

Amatul Kibria Keya Chowdhury also won as an independent candidate from Habiganj-1.

In Gaibandha-1, Engineer Abdullah Nahid Nigar, an independent candidate and the daughter of Sundarganj Ppazila AL President Afruza Bari, emerged victorious.

Bari's nomination from the seat was withdrawn by the AL in a consensus with the Jatiyo Party. Despite this, Bari's daughter, Nigar, contested the election against heavyweight JP candidate — two-time lawmaker Barrister Shamim Haider Patwary — and defeated him.

PRAYER TIMING
JANUARY 10

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তারিখ: ০৯ জানুয়ারি ২০২৪ খ্রিস্টাব্দ

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিষয়: ২০২০-২১, ২০২১-২২ এবং ২০২২-২৩ মৌসুমের তুলাবীজ (নন-সীড) বিক্রয় প্রসংগে।

তুলা উন্নয়ন বোর্ডের ২০২০-২১, ২০২১-২২ এবং ২০২২-২৩ মৌসুমে জিনিং কার্যক্রম সম্পন্ন করে প্রাপ্ত নিম্নবর্ণিত কার্যালয়সমূহের তুলা বীজ (নন-সীড) নিলামে বিক্রয়ের জন্য আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ক্রেতা সাধারণের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত নিলাম দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

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৫	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	: ২৩/০১/২০২৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.১৫ ঘটিকায়, দরপত্র দাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।
৬	দরদাতাগণ দরপত্র প্রত্যাব দাখিলের পূর্বে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে বর্ণিত কার্যালয়সমূহের তুলা বীজ (নন-সীড) Pre-inspection করতে পারবেন।	
৭	দরপত্রের বিস্তারিত তথ্য সিডিউলে পাওয়া যাবে।	
৮	কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The World Health Organization in Bangladesh invites proposals/bids from the interested Companies in Bangladesh for the following services:

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Deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 24 January 2024 (Dhaka time).

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Deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 24 January 2024 (Dhaka time).

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Interested Companies can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: <https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/procurement-notice>.

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