

## Raushan announces JP council for Mar 9

Rift widens as GM Quader, Chunnu sidelined

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The feud within the Jatiyo Party, the main opposition in parliament, has reached new heights as the party's chief patron Raushan Ershad yesterday announced the party's council will be held on March 9.

Raushan made the announcement at a press conference held at her Gulshan residence.

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Rausnan said, "Our beloved organisation Jatiyo Party is now in grave danger. In view of the demands of the leaders and activists, I am announcing the 10th council of Jatiyo Party on March 9 to get rid of the situation and to reorganise the party."

Kazi Feroz Rashid who was relieved from the party for siding Raushan, was made the convener of the council preparation committee while JP leader Syed Abu Hossain co-convener and Golam Sarwar Milon joint convener.

Shafiqul Islam Sentu, another top JP leader of Dhaka north city unit who was expelled from the party recently SEE PAGE 4 COL 2



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Covering his nose, a man hurries away from a gust of dust on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway in Savar's Amin Bazar area yesterday. Dust from road-digging as well as unplanned and uncoordinated construction works continue to plague this stretch of the road, posing health risk to commuters.

## Fateh Ali Chowdhury's janaza today

STAR REPORT

The namaze-janaza of Fateh Ali Chowdhury, a freedom fighter and one of the



members of the Crack Platoon, will be held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Asr prayers today.

Afterwards, he will be buried at the Martyred Intellectuals Graveyard in Mirpur.

Fateh died from oldage complications and pneumonia at a Dhaka hospital on Saturday afternoon. He was 75.

A founding member of Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, Fateh joined the Liberation War when he was a student of the English department at Dhaka University. He fought the war under Sector 2.

Crack Platoon shook the Pakistani army's confidence in Dhaka in 1971 with guerrilla operations, representing growing resistance against the occupation. It exposed that even the capital Dhaka was not completely under the control of the occupying army, which boosted the confidence of the Mukti Bahini.

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## AL wants to ban opposition parties Alleges Moyeen Khan

UNB, Dhaka

The ruling Awami League wants to ban opposition parties in the country to further consolidate its power, alleged BNP senior leader Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday.

"The Awami League has exerted control over both the judiciary and parliament in its quest to perpetuate power. They now want to obliterate opposition parties," he said.

Talking to reporters at the grave site of BNP founder Ziaur Rahman, Moyeen added, "The bottom line is that this regime wants to ban the opposition parties in the country since it does not believe in democracy."

Earlier, the leaders and workers of Jatiyatabadi Tanti Dal, led by Moyeen Khan, paid homage to SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

## Not worried about BNP's movement Says Quader

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said the party has no headache over the BNP's movement.

"BNP's movement is nothing but a cock and bull story. We have no headaches about BNP. There must be commoners to wage a movement. A movement cannot be initiated by merely engaging activists of a particular party," he said.

The government is not thinking about banning BNP from politics, Quader said while talking to reporters after formally submitting nomination papers of AL candidates for reserved women seats in the parliament at the Election Commission.

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