

Will a free-for-all

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symbol in Cumilla city polls has complicated matters for the ruling AL, said party insiders.

Bahauddin fielded his daughter by depriving many senior leaders. He is also branding Tahsin as the only candidate of AL even though the party didn't support any candidates, said an organising secretary of city Awami League.

MYMENSINGH CITY CORPORATION

In Mymensingh, Ikramul Haque Titu, former mayor and city AL president, will be contesting for the position of mayor with the "clock" symbol.

Ehteshamul Alam, district AL president, has been allocated the "horse" symbol.

Meanwhile, Sadequ Haque Khan, city AL adviser, will be represented by the "elephant" symbol while Rezaul Huq, a former Krishak League central unit member, got the

"deer" symbol. Shahidul Islam Swapan of Jatiyo Party will contest the election with "plough" symbol.

Mymensingh district AL General Secretary Moazzem Hossain is backing former mayor Ikramul Haque whereas district committee member Kazi Azad Jahan is supporting Ehteshamul Alam.

Contacted, Ehteshamul did not deny the status quo.

"But this is the party's decision (not to nominate a single candidate)," he told The Daily Star.

A lot depends on who the local MP-elect Mohammad Mohit Ur Rahman Shanto endorses, or if endorses anyone at all, said party sources.

"Ikramul is still ahead of others. However, MP Mohit Ur Rahman is a big factor. If he openly supports someone, the situation will change," said Kazi Azad, who is campaigning for Ehteshamul.



Two cattle rearers busy cutting, bundling and packing grass, the most common cattle feed around the country, from a meadow in Jhalakathi's Nehalpur area yesterday evening.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Man held for raping 7-yr-old girl in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Police on Friday arrested a man in connection with a case filed over the rape of a seven-year-old girl in Brahmanbaria.

The accused is Mohammad Rifat, 27. Brahmanbaria Sadar Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Aslam Hossain said the victim is a second grader at a local school.

The incident took place at East Medda on Thursday.

A rape case was filed with Brahmanbaria Sadar Police Station in this regard. The victim was admitted to Brahmanbaria General Hospital on Friday afternoon for medical examination.

Citing the case statement, Sub-inspector Ayub Ali, investigating officer of the case, said the mother of the victim worked as a house help and the father is a rickshaw puller.

Finding the victim alone at home, Rifat raped her.

When her parents found out about the incident they informed police.

Save Sakha Borak river Speakers demand at procession



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Speakers at a protest procession in Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj yesterday demanded authorities concerned to take prompt measures to save Sakha Borak river from encroachment and pollution.

Environmentalists, teachers of different institutions, social and political leaders, journalists and locals participated in the event, organised by River Wings in Notunbazar area of the upazila.

"Sakha Borak river has shrunk and lost its natural flow due to encroachment and pollution by industries on river banks," said Sony Chowdhury, former secretary of Nabiganj Press Club.

"As it can no longer provide enough water for irrigation, farmers from nearby villages have abandoned paddy cultivation and switched to vegetable cultivation. However, they are still facing difficulty due to lack of water in dry season," he said.

Tanuj Roy, convener of Rivers Wings who presided over the event, said, "If the grabbing and pollution cannot be stopped, the river will be beyond saving."

3-year-old BNP patronising

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adjoining house, resulting in a rapid escalation of the fire.

Dr Hasina Jahan, deputy director of Noakhali General Hospital, said five children are in critical condition with 52 to 60 percent burns.

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vicious quarter which has plotted the price hike will not be spared under any circumstance. The prime minister herself has firmly said that," said Quader.

Regarding the increase in electricity prices, he said, "The government has given adequate subsidies to electricity. Gradual reduction of electricity subsidies through coordinated efforts is required to ensure

continued services."

During BNP's tenure, despite 18 hours of daily load shedding, electricity prices were raised nine times within five years, Quader said.

Despite the decision of the BNP not to partake in the upazila elections, Quader said grassroots BNP leaders will participate in the election as independents to maintain their existence, adding there is an internal rift within the party.

We will take steps against dishonest syndicates

Says Hasan Mahmud

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday said the government will take all necessary steps against the dishonest syndicates to keep the market stable.

"In the election manifesto, we mentioned that the price of essential commodities should be within the purchasing capacity of the people. That is our priority. We have been working on that since the beginning," he said.

He said 50,000 tonnes of onions are coming to the country from India. Some onions will enter the market before Ramadan, he said, adding that the market is fairly stable now.

PM blaming BNP

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While doing so (blaming BNP), the premier has all but confirmed that prices of essentials have spiraled out of control, Rizvi added.

He said the prime minister has failed to rein in the dishonest businesspeople spearheading her administration.

"The looter government does not have minimum competence to control the

market," he added.

The BNP leader said ordinary citizens are facing severe challenges to sustain themselves due to the soaring prices of all goods.

Regarding the status of jailed BNP leaders, Rizvi alleged BNP chairperson's advisory council member Habibur Rahman Habib is seriously ill, but the jail authorities are not providing him with necessary treatment.

Afreen meets Fakhrul

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Bangladesh and the thousands of opposition members in prison. Looking forward to continued engagement," it said.

Meanwhile, apart from meeting the BNP leaders, Akhter also held a meeting with the labour rights activists and trade union leaders in Dhaka.

Schiffer joined USAID Mission Director in Bangladesh Reed Aeschliman and Shikho CEO Shahir Chowdhury to sign a memorandum of understanding to collaborate in building the job skills of Bangladeshi youth and unlocking employment opportunities.

Today, the delegation is scheduled to hold separate meetings with Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen, Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Salman F Rahman and other officials of the ministries of foreign affairs, home, law and labour.

Eileen Laubacher is likely to focus on the Myanmar crisis, its implications on Bangladesh, the Rohingya issue, defence relations and the Indo-Pacific Strategy (IPS).

In a statement, the US embassy yesterday said the US delegation during its visit will discuss ways to strengthen diplomatic ties, address challenges, and promote a shared

vision for the advancement of mutual interests in the Indo-Pacific region.

"The United States remains committed to partnering with Bangladesh to advance our shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific, to supporting human rights, addressing climate change, advancing regional resilience to transnational threats, and promoting economic reforms," the statement said.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

51st death anniversary of Freedom Fighter **Abdur Rob (Boga Mia)**, Ex-member of the Constituent Assembly, President of the Pabna District Awami League, close associate of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

He was the first to hoist the flag of independent Bangladesh in the District of Pabna.

Mr. Abdur Rob (Boga Mia) died in a tragic car accident on February 25, 1973.

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in association with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is calling for the design proposals for an

OPEN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION

for the design of the NESCO Main Control Centre (MCC), Rajshahi

CRITERIA	The members of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh are invited to participate in this visionary competition to conceptualize and design the Main Control Centre (MCC) following the Smart NESCO Vision 2041 of Smart Bangladesh towards a technologically advanced and sustainable future
SITE	Site: Kalabagan NESCO Area, Medical College Auditorium Road, Rajshahi
PRIZES	First Prize: 2Tk.5,00,000.00 (Taka five lac) & certificate/s
	Second Prize: Tk.3,00,000.00 (Taka three lac) & certificate/s
	Third Prize: Tk.2,00,000.00 (Taka two lac) & certificate/s
	Honorable Mention: Tk.75,000.00 (Taka seventy-five thousand) & certificate/s (3 nos.)
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ELIGIBILITY	The eligibility of the (Team Leader) will be according to the BNBC 2020
REGISTRATION	1. The registration number and competition brief have to be collected from the IAB office from 29.02.2024 to 14.03.2024 by paying a one-time registration fee of Tk.3,000 (Taka three thousand) 2. The registration form has to be filled-up, signed, and emailed to iab.nesco.mcc@gmail.com in PDF format by 14.03.2024. (R-'registration no.') is the subject of the email.
QUERIES	Queries can be submitted online. Alternatively the Queries Form can be emailed as an attachment to iab.nesco.mcc@gmail.com by 21.03.2024 with Q-'registration no.' as subject line.
DEADLINE	Registration opens: 29.02.2024. Registration closes: 14.03.2024. Last date to submit queries: 21.03.2024 Last date to submit design: 05.05.2024
CONTACT	Ar. Taufiqur Rahman Khan (K-074), Competition Director, Cell:01819286001 email: iab.nesco.mcc@gmail.com Address: IAB CENTRE, Plot-11, Block-E, Sthapatyacharjo Muzharul Islam Soroni (Old Road no-7), Agargaon, Sher E Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

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Ref: 14/2024 Date: 22/02/2024

Amendment of Local Tender no. 14/2024 for Construction of Bank Note Printing Hall (Extended portion) in The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd. Gazipur-1703

This is for all concerned that, following pre-tender meeting held on 19/02/2024 some amendment have been done in Bill of Quantities: Description of 14.0 no item of Part- B. (Electrical works with Existing Printing Hall incoming BBT by replacing it cables). Section 2. Tender Data Sheet ITT 4.1.2(e) and Section 2. Tender Data Sheet ITT 4.1.4 (e) of the tender document which may please be seen at the following link: <http://www.spchl.org.bd/site/view/tenders/>

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Memo No: 57.03.8800.301.07.034.24-136 Date: 18/02/2024

Invitation for e-Tender

Sl No.	Tender ID	Name of package & Ref. No.	Last date & time for selling document	Tender/proposal closing date & time	Tender/proposal Opening Date & Time
1.	953404	SPI /GR-1, Memo No: 57.03.8800.301.07.034.24-135 Date:18/02/2024	06 March, 2024 12:00	06 March, 2024 14:00	06 March, 2024 14:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for last selling/downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to: as mentioned in IFT.

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