

From movement to mainstream politics

Uprising activists launch Jatiya Nagorik Party today; 8 confirmed for top posts

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Nearly seven months after ousting Sheikh Hasina, the activists of the July uprising are all set to launch a party of their own today, aiming to emerge as a formidable political force against all forms of discriminations.



Nahid Islam



Akhter Hossen

Styled the Jatiya Nagorik Party in Bangla, it will be unveiled at a rally on the capital's Manik Mia Avenue. The event, slated to begin at 3:00pm, is being organised by the Students Against Discrimination and its platform for citizens, the Jatiya Nagorik Committee.

The Nagorik Committee confirmed the party's name on its Facebook page, stating that it would be translated into English as National Citizen Party with the abbreviation NCP.

The leadership lineup has also been finalised with Nahid Islam as the convener and Akhter Hossen as the member secretary. Four other key positions have been finalised, paving the way for the party's formal entry into the political landscape.

Nahid, who was instrumental in the student-led uprising, resigned from Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus's council of advisers on Tuesday to join politics.

Akhter, former social services secretary of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducusu), is the member secretary of the Nagorik Committee.

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The topsoil of a farmland is being taken away in the Haripur area of Sylhet's Jaintiapur upazila. This will make the soil unable to retain water, and the land will lose its fertility. Despite a ban, topsoil is sold to brick kilns and real-estate projects due to lax monitoring. The photo was taken recently.

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Shun vengeance, unite to rebuild Bangladesh

Says Khaleda at BNP extended meeting

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BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said the people expect the interim government to hold an acceptable election following swift implementation of minimal reforms to repair the state so that the country can return to democracy.



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Discard traitors, those inactive during uprising

BNP grassroots tell party high-ups about potential polls candidates

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and SAJJAD HOSSAIN

Grassroots BNP leaders yesterday said there are conspiracies to harm their party's election prospects.

They also urged the top leadership not to nominate those who were inactive during the mass uprising, colluded with the Awami League, the leaders known as hybrid and opportunists, and those who attract controversies.

BNP leaders from across the country said these at the party's extended meeting held near the parliament building yesterday. Several thousand local leaders attended the event.

They emphasised the need for a national election by December and said local government polls should be held later.

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Amendments must not serve any group

Says Dr Kamal about constitution



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said that steps must be taken to ensure that the constitution cannot be manipulated to benefit any particular person or group. "We must ensure that any change or amendment to the constitution properly

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Govt to clear Beximco payroll

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The government will provide Tk 525.46 crore from public coffers to clear wages and other service benefits of workers and officials of 14 Beximco textile and garment units that will shutter from today.

The payment will be given to 31,669 workers and 1,565 officials of the mills and factories of the group, said M Sakhawat Hussain, labour and employment adviser, at a press conference held at the shipping ministry yesterday.

Of the total amount, Tk 325.46 crore will be arranged by the finance division's expenditure department, while Tk 200 crore will come from the labour ministry's different accounts of the central fund as a loan to Beximco Group.

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