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‘July Charter to guide next national polls’

Consensus commission meets Nagorik Oikya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The upcoming national election is expected to be held in line with the July Charter, which will soon be published by the National Consensus Commission (NCC) based on input from political parties and public opinion, said the commission's vice chairman Prof Ali Riaz yesterday.

Speaking at a meeting with Nagorik Oikya at the Jatiya Sangsad, Prof Riaz said, “For the first time since independence, we have created a participatory process for state reforms involving all stakeholders. This has been made possible due to the people's struggle and the efforts of political parties, with Nagorik Oikya being one of the key partners.”

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ROHINGYA REPATRIATION

We are engaging with Myanmar govt, Arakan Army

Says Khalilur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is engaging with both the Myanmar government and the Arakan Army to ensure the safe and voluntary repatriation of Rohingya refugees to their homeland in Rakhine, officials said yesterday.

Khalilur Rahman, high representative of the chief adviser, said Bangladesh wants to see stability in Rakhine for the smooth return of the Rohingyas, who are citizens of Myanmar but have taken refuge in Bangladesh.

Speaking at a press conference at the Foreign Service Academy on the outcome of the recent BIMSTEC Summit in Thailand, Khalilur said repatriation is intrinsically tied to the restoration of peace in Rakhine.

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Army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman pays tribute to the fallen Russian soldiers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Alexander Garden, Moscow yesterday. Oleg Salyukov, commander-in-chief of the Russian Ground Forces, was present on the occasion. General Waker is in Russia on an official visit. Following his stay in Russia, Waker is scheduled to go to Croatia on April 10. The army chief is scheduled to return home on April 12, said an ISPR media release.

PHOTO: ISPR

Maternal health at risk amid threats of funding cuts

Warns UN report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although Bangladesh has achieved a remarkable reduction in its maternal mortality rate, this progress could be jeopardised by current and potential funding cuts from key development partners, according to a new UN report.

The report warns that funding cuts may lead to decreased functionality of healthcare facilities, loss of healthcare

professionals, and disruptions in essential supply chains – ultimately undermining the availability and quality of maternal care.

Despite the country's significant strides, marginalised groups remain vulnerable. Education, ethnicity, gender, income, and access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services are key to maternal health outcomes.

“Reduced funding could worsen inequalities and disproportionately

impact the most vulnerable women,” the report said.

Launched on World Health Day on Monday, the UN global report titled “Trends in Maternal Mortality” highlights worldwide progress in reducing maternal deaths, according to a joint press release from the World Health Organization (WHO) and Unicef.

Stanley Gwavuya, OIC representative to Unicef Bangladesh,

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Nation continues protests against Gaza atrocities

STAR REPORT

Protest programmes were held across the country yesterday against the ongoing Israeli offensive in Gaza and in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

In Dhaka University, a march towards the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, featuring a 70-foot-long Palestinian flag, was held. Participants later submitted a memorandum outlining a six-point demand, including a call for an independent Palestine and the reinstatement of the “except Israel” clause in Bangladeshi passports.

Musaddiq Ibne Ali Muhammad and AB Zubayer, former co-coordinators of the Student Against Discrimination, led the programme.

In Jagannath University, teachers, students, and staff announced a “March for Palestine” programme



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

on Thursday, where participants are set to march towards the US Embassy and submit a memorandum.

The decision was taken during a views-exchange meeting organised by the JnU Teachers' Association yesterday, said Prof Rais Uddin, general secretary of the association.

In Noakhali Science and Technology University, teachers and staffers organised a human chain and solidarity rally under the banner of “Stop Genocide, Save Gaza”.

Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) organised demonstrations in educational institutions across the country yesterday, including in Dhaka University, Rajshahi University, and Jahangirnagar University, to express solidarity with Palestinians.

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Children bathe and play in a waterbody in the Suhrawardy Udyan. Afterwards, they use a net to catch various fish that resides in the water. *Inset*, they managed to catch some fries as a result of their fishing efforts. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

6 UP chairmen removed in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Six union parishad chairmen have been removed from their positions in Netrakona yesterday.

Among them, four are from Kalmakanda upazila and two from Durgapur upazila.

In their absence, government officials from various departments have been assigned to oversee the duties of these unions.

The decision came in light of the prolonged absence of these chairmen from their workplaces due to ongoing legal cases and arrests, which have severely disrupted both administrative tasks and public services.

Deputy Commissioner Banani Biswas, who signed the orders, said, “The chairmen of six Union Parishads in Kalmakanda and Durgapur have been consistently absent from their duties. As a result, citizens are being deprived of necessary services. Government officials have

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Job seekers break into PSC

Demand deferral of 46th BCS written exam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of BCS job seekers broke into the Public Service Commission (PSC) in Dhaka yesterday, demanding that the written examinations for the 46th Bangladesh Civil Service be postponed.

Later in the day, the protesters gave the PSC an ultimatum of three days to meet their demand, following a meeting with PSC officials.

They said if their demands are not met by Friday, they will launch a movement calling for the resignation of the PSC chairman and its members.


Speaking to reporters earlier, PSC Chairman Prof Mobasser Monem said

candidates should already be prepared. “Those who have been studying are already prepared. They've been getting ready for a long time. I don't think they're just sitting around hoping for a two-week deferment,” he said.

As per the schedule, the written examinations for the 46th BCS are set to begin on May 8.

Protesters pointed out that viva voce for the 44th BCS began on December 22 last year, but more than half of the candidates have yet to attend. The written test for the 46th BCS is scheduled for May 8, followed by the preliminary test for the 47th BCS on June 27.

Obituary



We mourn the passing of our beloved mother Prof. Rtd. Altafunnessa (Maya), former Department Head of Geography, Dhaka College, Dhaka, Chairperson & Trustee Gonoshasthya Kendra, passed away on 7th of April 2025 at Evercare Hospital. Her 1st Namaza Janaza will be held at Savar Gonoshasthya Kendra at 10 AM. 2nd Namaza Janaza will be held at Gulshan Society Jam-e Mosque, Gulshan-2, Dhaka after Asr prayers.

Please pray for the departed soul.

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