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BNP wants restoration of democracy thru polls

Says Moyeen Khan

UNB, Dhaka

BNP wants to quickly restore democracy in Bangladesh through a credible election for the country's progress, said the party's senior leader Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday.

He made the remarks while speaking to reporters at party founder Ziaur Rahman's grave.

Moyeen, a member of the BNP standing committee, along with leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Baul Dal, paid tribute to Zia by placing a wreath at his grave, marking the 18th founding anniversary of the Baul organisation.

Awami League, which claims to be the main force behind the independence, destroyed democracy -- the main spirit of the Liberation War, he said.

Moyeen said BNP has long been struggling for the restoration of democracy. He said one-party rulers may showcase power, but they do not win the love of people.

"That is why we, BNP, do not believe in the politics of revenge. We advocate for the rights and freedoms of all," he said.

A place of hope, healing for cancer patients

Bangladesh's first 'cancer care village' project launched in Manikganj; 5,000 patients to benefit annually

ARAFAT RAHAMAN, back from Manikganj

At Joymontop village in Manikganj, a long-held dream is starting to become reality. A reality where cancer patients would no longer suffer in silence or lose their life because of poverty.

The Bangladesh Cancer Aid Trust (BANCAT), in partnership with Mosabbir Alok Nibash, officially launched the country's first ever "Cancer Care Village" project at a ceremony in Manikganj yesterday.

At the heart of this initiative is Nazmus Ahmed Albab, who was diagnosed twice with cancer himself.

Albab, also the executive director of BANCAT, said, "We wanted to create something that makes a lasting difference."

"Cancer is not easily defeated. But if patients receive proper mental and physical care, along with some financial support, we have seen that, by the grace of Allah, many recover."

"This initiative is for those who have nothing left, who sell everything they have but still cannot afford treatment. They are the ones who suffer the most, and we want to stand beside them."

"Our humble request is that people stand by us, advise us, and help us make this work as a model for the entire subcontinent," he added.



Organisers lay the foundation stone of the country's first ever "Cancer Care Village" project at a ceremony in Manikganj yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Among those supporting this mission is Lt Col (retd) Mudassir Hossain Khan, Bir Pratik, a freedom fighter who experienced the pain of losing his son, Mosabbir Hossain Khan, to cancer.

"We had three children. One of them, Mosabbir, was diagnosed with cancer and passed away. I have felt the pain of sitting beside a dying child. That is a pain only a

parent can truly understand," he said.

In memory of his son, Mudassir established the Mosabbir Cancer Care Centre in 2004. Over the past 22 years, the centre has provided free treatment, food, and shelter to around 12,000 underprivileged cancer patients.

During the pandemic, he too was

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PROPOSED UNIVERSITY
Issue gazette to
form interim
admin by today
Demand students of
seven colleges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of seven colleges in the capital yesterday issued a 24 hour ultimatum demanding the immediate issuance of a gazette notification to form an interim administrative body for the proposed Dhaka Central University.

They warned of launching tougher programmes if their demand is not met by today. They said they would lay siege to the relevant ministry instead of holding protests that could cause public disruption.

The announcement came at an emergency press conference in front of Eden Mohila College around 4:00pm, where students gathered to protest what they termed unacceptable delays in the transition process.

Zafirin Akter of Begum Badrunnesa Government Girls' College and Abid Hasan of Dhaka College, both members

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Ishraque supporters lock down DSCC Nagar Bhaban

Services disrupted across Dhaka south

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supporters of BNP leader Ishraque Hossain yesterday padlocked all entry points of the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) headquarters, Nagar Bhaban, bringing all service-related operations to a halt.

The gates were locked around 9:00am as part of an ongoing demonstration under the banner of "Dhakabashi", protesting the government's delay in appointing Ishraque as mayor.

Hundreds of his supporters gathered at the site, claiming they used 65 locks to seal the building.

Protesters demanded the resignation of Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain, adviser to the Ministry of Local Government. They also declared Local Government Division (LGD)

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Supporters of BNP leader Ishraque Hossain gather in front of Nagar Bhaban yesterday, protesting the government's delay in appointing Ishraque as the mayor of DSCC.

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SHAMMO MURDER Three placed on six-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed three arrestees on a six-day remand each in connection with the killing of Dhaka University student Shahriar Alam Shammo near Suhrawardy Udyan on May 13.

They are Tamim Hawlader, 30, Samrat Mallick, 28, and Palash Sardar, 28.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Shahin Reza passed the order after Taufiq Hasan, a sub-inspector of Shahbagh Police Station, also the case's investigation officer, produced them before the court with a 10-day remand prayer.

In the remand prayer, the IO said all the three accused were directly involved with killing the victim. So, they need to be remanded to find out vital clues about the killing.

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Momtaz sent to jail after remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent former lawmaker of Manikganj 2 constituency and singer Momtaz Begum to jail after rejecting her bail petition in a case filed over the murder of Md Sagor in Dhaka's Mirpur area during quota reform protests on July 19 last year.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Minhazur Rahman passed the order after police produced Momtaz before the court on completion of her remand.

In the forwarding report, police said Momtaz gave important information about the incident which was being verified. So, she needs to be confined to jail until the investigation is completed.

The magistrate then sent her to Dhaka Central Jail in Keraniganj. Police arrested Momtaz from the city's Dhanmondi area on May 12.