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2ND ROUND OF CONSENSUS TALKS Most parties for specific polls date

Yunus seeks to bridge gaps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the political parties that met Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday demanded a specific date for the next general election.

The BNP, seven other parties, and an alliance said the election must be in December or earlier.

Yunus inaugurated the second round of talks between political parties and the National Consensus Commission at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday. Twenty-eight parties and two alliances attended the discussions.

The Jamaat opined that the next election can take place anytime between this December and April next year while the National Citizen Party demanded that the election date be announced after the



July Proclamation is adopted.

Most political parties said a specific date for the election could reduce confusion among the people and reduce the distance between political parties and the government.

According to video footage provided by the Chief Adviser's Press Wing, the 12-Party Alliance, Biplobi Workers Party, Bangladesh Jashod, Gono Odhikar Parishad, Bhashani Anushari Parishad, National Democratic Movement, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal and Aam Janatara Dal demanded election by December.

The Jatiya Gono Front demanded that the election be held between December and February.

Prof Yunus said the aim of the discussions was to minimise differences

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SC clears way for the BB's administrator to run Nagad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for the administrator appointed by Bangladesh Bank (BB) to continue overseeing operations at mobile financial service provider Nagad.

The apex court stayed an earlier order by its chamber judge, which had paused a High Court (HC) verdict upholding the central bank's decision to appoint an administrator for Nagad.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam, passed the order following a petition filed by BB seeking to vacate the chamber judge's stay order.

The court also directed the central bank to file a leave to appeal petition against the HC verdict and fixed July 3 for hearing.

Details of the HC verdict will be known once its full text is released, Deputy Attorney General Md Jasim Sarkar told The Daily Star.

Sharmin Shahriar Ferdous, elder sister of Sinha, told reporters on the Supreme Court premises that they would be fully satisfied if the judgment is executed on completion of the next legal procedures at the Appellate Division.

MAJOR SINHA MURDER CASE HC upholds all sentences

Ex-OC Pradeep, former SI Liaqat to die

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday confirmed the death sentences of Pradeep Kumar Das, former officer in charge of Teknaf Police Station, and former sub-inspector Liaqat Ali for killing Major (retd) Sinha Md Rashed Khan.

The HC also upheld the life imprisonment of six others handed down by the trial court in the same case.

The six are ex-SI Nandadulal Rakkhit, former constables Sagar Deb, and Rubel Sharma and police informants Md Nezamuddin, Nurul Amin, and Ayaz Uddin.

The eight convicts are in jail.

Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman and Justice Md Sagir Hossain delivered the verdict after hearing the death reference and the appeals filed by the convicts challenging the trial court judgment.

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Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman told reporters



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Jamaat may get back its electoral symbol

Says party after meeting EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat leader AHM Hamidur Rahman Azad yesterday said the party expected to regain its registration and its electoral symbol of daripalla, a balance scale, after a recent Supreme Court verdict.

"The court has already delivered a verdict, and the Election Commission is also positive," said the assistant secretary general and former lawmaker of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami.

Azad told this to reporters after a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin at the EC office in the capital yesterday afternoon.

The Supreme Court in 2016 ordered cancelling Jamaat's registration with the EC.

Azad yesterday said the SC order was politically motivated.

The chief election

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Women's unpaid work to finally get recognised

National budget makes historic pledge

NILIMA JAHAN

In a historic move, Bangladesh's national budget has, for the first time, pledged institutional recognition for women's unpaid and unacknowledged caregiving and household work.

The government plans to include the economic value of this unpaid labour in the country's GDP calculations -- a major policy shift.

While announcing the national budget for 2025-26, Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed acknowledged the vital role of homemakers, saying, "Alongside

working women, many women dedicate their time and labour as homemakers. However, their significant role is often not properly acknowledged. On behalf of the government and the people, I extend my deepest respect and gratitude to them."

He further pledged that "in the future, necessary procedural steps will be taken to include these women's contributions in the GDP based on financial standards".

Globally, unpaid care work represents a vast yet invisible contribution to economies. According to a 2018 International Labour Organization estimation,

16.4 billion hours of unpaid care work are performed daily worldwide -- the equivalent of 2 billion full-time jobs and nearly nine percent of the global GDP.

A recent 2024 study by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) estimated that women's unpaid household and caregiving labour in Bangladesh amounted to Tk 5.3 trillion in 2021, or approximately 14.8 percent of the nation's GDP. In contrast, men's unpaid work accounted for just 2.8 percent.

The study revealed stark gender disparities in the division of

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Condolence Message



With deep mourn we inform all the stakeholders of Modele Group that, Mr. Filippo Poggi, serving as Sourcing Country Controller, South Asia at Primark, passed away on 31st of May 2025, Saturday at around 10:50 AM, in the United Hospital Ltd., Dhaka. His sudden death has deeply saddened all of us. It was a distinguished figure in the global apparel industry, notably for his significant contributions to Bangladesh's Ready-Made Garment (RMG) sector. Poggi played a pivotal role in strengthening partnerships between Primark and the all-Bangladeshi garment manufacturers. As a senior British national and a true gentleman, his absence leaves a profound void.

Mr. Filippo Poggi's was instrumental in advancing sustainable practices within the RMG industry. He actively participated in high-level discussions with the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), focusing on collaborative efforts to promote environmental sustainability, product diversification, and ethical sourcing. These initiatives aimed to enhance the competitiveness of Bangladeshi suppliers in the global market.

His commitment extended beyond business objectives; he was a strong advocate for social responsibility. His efforts were widely recognized and appreciated by industry stakeholders, also the BGMEA acknowledged his contributions, noting his role in fostering a more sustainable and socially responsible RMG sector in Bangladesh.

Mr. Filippo Poggi's legacy in the Bangladeshi RMG industry is marked by his dedication to sustainable development, ethical business practices, and the empowerment of local suppliers. His work has left an enduring impact, setting a benchmark for future collaborations in this sector.

We pray for the departed soul to rest in peace and extend our condolence to the bereaved family, colleagues and loved ones.

Managing Director,
All Workers & Staffs

Modele Group



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পরিব্রহ্ম-উদ্দেশ্যে নৌযানে যাত্যাতকালে একবার ব্যবহার্য প্লাস্টিক/পলিথিন পরিবহন ও ব্যবহার নিরসন্ধাত করা হচ্ছে।

- দেশের অর্থনৈতিক প্রবন্ধি ও দ্রুত নগরায়নের ফলে ব্যবহৃত প্লাস্টিকের মারাত্মক দূষণ হতে পরিবেশ সংরক্ষণ, প্রতিবেশ ও জীববৈচিত্র্য রক্ষায় বাংলাদেশ সরকার ২০০২ সালে পলিথিন শপিং ব্যাগ ব্যবহার, উৎপাদন ও বাজারজাতকরণ নিষিদ্ধ করেছে। এছাড়া সিঙ্গেল ইউজ প্লাস্টিক বন্ধ করার লক্ষ্যে সরকার কর্তৃক ১৭টি বস্তু/সামগ্রী/পদার্থকে সিঙ্গেল ইউজ প্লাস্টিক হিসেবে নির্ধারণ করে প্রজ্ঞাপন জারি করা হচ্ছে।
- জারিকৃত প্রজ্ঞাপন অনুযায়ী একবার ব্যবহারযোগ্য প্লাস্টিকের তৈজিপত্র/কাটলারি (যেমন: প্লাস্টিকের চামচ, কঁটা চামচ, ছুরি, প্লেট, কাপ, প্লাস ইত্যাদি), বিভিন্ন পণ্যের একবার ব্যবহারযোগ্য প্লাস্টিকের মিনি প্যাকেট/সৌখিন ধারক (যেমন: চিপসের প্যাকেট, বিক্ষিটের প্যাকেট, চানচুরের প্যাকেট ইত্যাদি), স্টাইরোফোমের খাবার মোড়ক/ধারক, পাতলা প্লাস্টিকের আবরণযুক্ত ফাস্টফুডের প্যাকেট, পানির বোতল ইত্যাদিকে সিঙ্গেল ইউজ প্লাস্টিক হিসেবে নির্ধারণ করা হচ্ছে।
- পলিথিন ও প্লাস্টিকের কারণে নদী দূষণ রোধে পরিব্রহ্ম-উদ্দেশ্যে নৌযানের যাত্রীদেরকে উল্লিখিত একবার ব্যবহার্য প্লাস্টিক/পলিথিনের তৈরি ব্যাগ, প্যাকেট বা পণ্য ইত্যাদি পরিবহন ও ব্যবহার না করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।
- এছাড়া সকল ব্যবসায়ী/ফেরি কর্তৃপক্ষ/ফেরি স্টাফ/লঘু কর্তৃপক্ষ/লঘু স্টাফ-কেও পরিব্রহ্ম-উদ্দেশ্যে নৌযানে একবার ব্যবহার্য প্লাস্টিক/পলিথিনের তৈরি ব্যাগ, প্যাকেট, পানির বোতল বা পণ্য ইত্যাদি পরিবহন বন্ধ করা এবং যাত্রীদেরকে এ সকল পণ্য প্রদান/সরবরাহ না করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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