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**ABU SAYED KILLING****Probe report to be submitted within 2 weeks****Prosecution tells ICT**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) yesterday informed the tribunal that the investigation report on the killing of Abu Sayed, a student of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur, during the July uprising, may be submitted within two weeks.

However, the prosecution formally sought a one-month extension, which the tribunal granted, setting July 14 as the new deadline.

The three-member tribunal, headed by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, passed the order following the prosecution's plea.

"The investigation officer has informed us that the investigation is complete, but some formalities remain. He expects to submit the report within two weeks," prosecutor SM Moynul Karim told the tribunal.

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Commuters crowded the Motijheel metro rail station yesterday as offices across the country reopened following the Eid holidays. Most metro stations in the capital saw long queues, with trains packed as people returned to their daily routines after the festivities.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

**Mostafa****Mohsin Montu passes away**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mostafa Mohsin Montu, a veteran politician, freedom fighter, passed away yesterday while undergoing treatment at a city hospital. He was 80.

"The Gonoforum president, who has been suffering from different old-age related complications, passed away around 5:00pm at the Square Hospital," Md Azad Hossain, organising secretary of Gonoforum told The Daily Star.

Top leaders of different political parties, including BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman and Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, in separate messages, expressed deep condolences at the demise of Montu and prayed for his departed soul.

They also extended sympathy to his bereaved family.

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**A MONTH OF NAGAR BHABAN BLOCKADE****DSCC shifts emergency operations to Wasa building**

Ishraque firm on mayoral claim, vows to continue protest

DIPAN NANDY

More than a month has passed since Nagar Bhaban, the headquarters of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC), was locked down amid protests by supporters of BNP leader Ishraque Hossain, who is demanding to be sworn in as DSCC mayor following a court verdict.

Despite the end of the Eid-ul-Azha holidays, the building has remained shut since May 15, disrupting official operations.

With access to Nagar Bhaban restricted, emergency administrative functions have been shifted to the Wasa building in Karwan Bazar. The move followed DSCC Administrator Md Shahjahan Mia's appointment as managing director of Dhaka Wasa.

Several DSCC officials, speaking anonymously, expressed concern over the prolonged closure would only

increase public suffering.

The administrator has been conducting urgent meetings at the Wasa building or the Secretariat, they also said.

Yesterday, Ishraque reaffirmed his stance at the protest site, saying DSCC civic services would

under the banner "Dhakabasi" -- mainly Ishraque's supporters -- have kept the main gate of Nagar Bhaban padlocked.

This has halted routine DSCC services like birth and death registration, holding tax collection, and trade license

mechanical services, but most services remain suspended.

On June 9, DSCC held its first public event at the Wasa premises regarding the disposal of Eid waste. An emergency meeting on June 11 focused on dengue prevention and COVID-19 control in DSCC areas.

In this regard, Shahjahan Mia told The Daily Star, "Since I'm now the MD of Wasa, we are operating DSCC's emergency work from its headquarters."

"With Nagar Bhaban locked, continuing operations there is not feasible. We're continuing emergency tasks through alternative means," he added.

Meanwhile, Ishraque yesterday told supporters, "The gate will remain locked -- it symbolises our movement. I did not seize this position by force. I was elected by the people, and the court has validated it. The government must resolve this without delay."

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DSCC Administrator

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BNP leader

now run under the protesters' oversight. He will elaborate on how that would be managed, at a press briefing today.

Since mid-May, protesters

renewals.

The blockade was briefly relaxed during Eid to allow access to essential departments like waste management and

**Political climate reassuring after Yunus-Tarique talks: Rizwana**

UNB, Dhaka

Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan yesterday said the current political atmosphere appears reassuring in light of the recent meeting between Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus and BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman in London.

"Now, political parties will express their views from their respective positions. If they have anything to discuss, surely they will convey it to the chief adviser," she said.

Asked whether tensions between the government and the BNP regarding the upcoming election had eased, the adviser said, "I don't think there was anything of that sort in the first place. Whether it's politics, elections, democracy or reforms -- everything must progress through dialogue. That's why I see the ongoing dialogue as a positive development."

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**Ready to assist EC in holding next election****Says home adviser**

STAR REPORT

Home Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday said law enforcement agencies are fully prepared to assist the Election Commission (EC) in holding the next general election, whenever it takes place.

"The EC will set the date for polls. Our law enforcers are ready to assist in holding the elections at that date," he told reporters following a meeting of the core committee on law and order at the Secretariat.

Responding to a question on whether police are yet to be active at the desired level, the home adviser said, "If you think being active means police should beat up people all the time -- like what we saw happening over the past 15 years -- that's not the police force we want. We want a human, people-friendly police force."

He added, "Police will carry out their duties while treating citizens with respect... They are more active now than before."

Jahangir also said the overall law and order situation is good now.

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