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Water has accumulated at the under-construction extension of Kaptan Bazar Wholesale Kitchen Market in Dhaka. Such a situation has remained for around four years. The stagnant water, now covered with water hyacinth, has become a potential mosquito breeding ground amid rising concerns over mosquito-borne diseases. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Mob violence erodes rule of law, human dignity

### 30 eminent citizens condemn attack on ex-CEC Nurul Huda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty eminent citizens yesterday strongly condemned the recent mob violence against former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) KM Nurul Huda and called on the government to take immediate legal action against those involved.

They also demanded a fair and transparent investigation into the allegations against Nurul Huda, ensuring justice in line with constitutional and international human rights standards.

In a joint statement, the 30 signatories expressed deep concern over the rising trend of mob violence in the country and urged the government, law enforcement agencies, and political parties to firmly oppose such acts of lawlessness.

They warned that these incidents undermine the rule of law, human rights, and individual dignity, regardless of the nature of the allegations.

Referring to the incident on June 22 in Dhaka's Uttara, the statement said a group of people forcibly entered Nurul Huda's residence, dragged him outside, and publicly humiliated him by placing a garland of shoes around his neck.

The incident followed a case filed against him by a

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## ‘Bekar, Janata, Nagorik’

### Parties seeking EC registration share common buzzwords; many bear unusual names

AHMED DEEPTO

Ahead of the upcoming 13th national parliamentary election, a total of 147 political parties have applied for registration with the Election Commission (EC), several of them with rather unusual names.

According to EC officials reviewing the submissions, this year's list includes names that are odd, whimsical, and difficult to interpret.

Among the applicants are parties with names such as Bangladesh Janapriyo Party (Popular Party), Nakful Bangladesh (Nosepin Bangladesh), Bangladesh Solution Party, Bangladesh Best Political Party, Bangladesh Sangrami Voter Party (Resilient Voter Party), and Bangladesh Bekar Shamaj – BABES (Bangladesh Unemployed Society).

“Some of these names are so weird and confusing, we're struggling to understand what they even mean,” said an official involved in compiling the list.

One such example is a party named Bangladesh Pak Panjatan Party.

Several lesser-known political groups with unique and diverse names have also applied for registration,

**Among the 147 parties that applied for registration in two phases, three have included the word ‘Bekar’ (Unemployed) in their names. ‘Janata’ (People) appears in the names of 17 parties, while ‘Nagorik’ (Citizen) features in six.**

including Bangladesh Shangskarabadi Party (Reformist Party), Noitik Shomaj (Moral Society), Bangladesh Green Party, Bangladesh Public Action Party, Bangladesh Shantir Dal (Party of Peace), Desh Bachao Manush Bachao Andolan (Save the country, save the people

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## ‘July fighters’ to receive allowance from next month

### Says liberation war affairs adviser

CATEGORY	CLASSIFICATION	MONTHLY ALLOWANCE	ONE-TIME GRANT
Martyrs' Families	Killed during the uprising	Tk 20,000	Tk 30 lakh
Category A FIGHTERS	Severely injured; can't live independently (e.g., blind, limb loss)	Tk 20,000	Tk 5 lakh
Category B FIGHTERS	Partially disabled (e.g., one eye/leg lost)	Tk 15,000	Tk 3 lakh
Category C FIGHTERS	Recovered fully after treatment	Tk 10,000	Tk 1 lakh

BSS, Dhaka

The July fighters of the student-people uprising will get an allowance from next month, said Liberation War Affairs Adviser Faruk-e-Azam.

“In addition to the monthly allowance, fighters injured during the July uprising will receive lifelong free treatment at government hospitals,” he told the Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) in an exclusive interview at the Secretariat on Monday.

He said it took 54 years to prepare the list of genuine freedom fighters of 1971,

but the current interim government finalised the list of martyrs and injured victims of the July uprising in just seven to eight months – a reflection of its sincerity and sense of responsibility.

The adviser said the government is also introducing rehabilitation programmes for injured fighters to help them find employment or start businesses based on their qualifications.

A separate department has been set up under the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs for this purpose, with 20 officials appointed and working under an

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## China hopes for free, fair election in Bangladesh

### Says the country's vice foreign minister during meeting with BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chinese Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Sun Weidong yesterday expressed hope for a free and fair election in Bangladesh and conveyed its willingness to work with the country's future government.

The statement came during a meeting with a visiting Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) delegation at 11:00am (Bangladesh time).

Led by BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, the delegation discussed various aspects of bilateral cooperation.

Fakhrul urged China to continue its support for Bangladesh in

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## 36-day programme announced for July uprising anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The interim government has chalked up 36 days of events to commemorate the martyrs of the July Uprising as part of observing one year of the mass movement that toppled the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League government on August 5, 2024.

Cultural Affairs Adviser Mostofa Sarwar Farooki, during a briefing at the Chief Adviser's office yesterday, said the government will construct monuments in all district headquarters to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives during the mass uprising, with their names inscribed on the monument of the respective district.

Later, the chief adviser's press wing also announced a 36-day commemorative programme titled “July Remembrance Celebration”, which will begin on July 1 and continue till August 5, with intermittent events held throughout this period.

On July 1, prayers will be held for the martyrs at mosques, temples, pagodas, churches, and other places of worship. Also, a July Calendar will be released, and a mass signature campaign will be launched on the same day, demanding justice for the martyrs and trials for those responsible for the killings.

A scholarship in memory of the July martyrs will also be introduced at the National University on July 1.

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## RAPE CHARGES

### Two SUST students expelled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) authorities have expelled two students for life over charges of raping a female student of the university and filming the incident.

The decision was made at an emergency syndicate meeting held yesterday. Syndicate member Abdul Quyum Chowdhury confirmed the matter.

He said the university's disciplinary committee recommended the permanent expulsion of Shanto Tara Adnan and Swagato Dash Partha, both third-year students of the sociology department.

“The syndicate has approved the recommendation,” he added.

The meeting also discussed the need for enhanced security measures on campus in light of the incident.

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## 9 hurt as pro-BNP factions clash at Nagar Bhaban

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least nine people were injured in a clash between two factions of pro-BNP Shramik Karmachari Union at the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) headquarters, Nagar Bhaban, yesterday.

The clash broke out around 12:00pm between supporters of Arifuzzaman Prince and Arif Chowdhury, president of another faction loyal to Ishraque Hossain.

Tensions flared when a supporter of Prince was allegedly assaulted for being perceived as opposing the movement demanding BNP leader Ishraque's swearing-in as DSCC mayor.

According to DMCH police camp in-charge Md Faruk, nine injured were taken to the hospital. Two – Monir Hossain and Mohidul Islam – were admitted with serious injuries.

Prince claimed they were holding a peaceful rally when they were attacked. Arif, however, accused Prince's group of launching an unprovoked attack, injuring at least five of his members.

Later, Ishraque's supporters held a sit-in at Nagar Bhaban. He visited the injured at DMCH and blamed Prince and his supporters, calling them “collaborators of fascism” and “beneficiaries of the Awami League era.”

Sources said internal rifts and competition over leadership in the pro-Ishraque movement triggered the clash.

A young woman splashes water on her head to get some relief amid the scorching heat. The photo was taken at the TSC on Dhaka University campus yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED