



# BNP pledges cooperation with govt in holding polls

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BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said his party will extend full support to the interim government in holding the upcoming national election scheduled for February.

“Our challenge ahead is to give full cooperation and ensure the election’s proper completion,” he told journalists after paying homage to BNP founder and martyred president Ziaur Rahman.

Earlier in the day, Fakhrul and other top party leaders placed wreaths at the grave of Ziaur Rahman in the capital’s Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, marking BNP’s 47th founding anniversary.

Stating that his party has been repeatedly targeted, Fakhrul said, “To wipe out BNP, false cases were filed against 60 lakh leaders and activists, about 20,000 people were killed, and 1,700 leaders and activists were forcibly disappeared or murdered.

“Even then, BNP has fought

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BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, along with other party leaders, placing wreaths at the grave of BNP founder and president Ziaur Rahman in the capital’s Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday, marking the party’s 47th founding anniversary.

# Fear sends off-campus students into CU dorms

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A large number of Chittagong University students who had been living in private lodgings in nearby areas have temporarily moved to on-campus dormitories, citing safety concerns following recent back-to-back clashes between students and locals in the adjacent Jobra village.

The sense of insecurity and panic led many students to also go to their relatives and friends in the city yesterday.

Though the university authority has tried to reassure students, the lingering tension is yet to subside with the extension of Section 144 around the clash sites.

Tahsif Khan, a student of the economics department, said he moved to the Farhad Hall from his rented cottage near Gate No-2 of the campus. “After Section 144 was imposed, I had gone back to my cottage. But the way some of the locals were looking at me made me feel unsafe. So, I decided to move into my friend’s dormitory for the time being.”

Mahthir Rahman, a student of the physics department who lived on Imam Bukhari Madrasa Road near Gate No-2, said, “During the clash Sunday noon, the window glass of my room was shattered. I was so scared that I locked myself inside and stayed in for nearly four hours. I saw a student get hacked with sharp weapons on the streets.

“After the army arrived in the afternoon, I packed my things and left for the campus. I’ve now moved into a dorm, as I no longer feel safe staying off-campus.”

Abir Ahmed Piya, a student of the IR department, echoed the same concern. “I’ve shifted to my friend’s

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## DUCSU ELECTIONS

### Will create on-campus job opportunities VP candidate Abidul Islam tells Star

SADI MUHAMMAD ALOK

If elected vice president of Ducusu, Abidul Islam Khan, candidate from the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal-backed panel, has pledged to turn the campus into a safe and inclusive space for all students.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Abidul, joint general secretary of Chhatra Dal’s DU unit, recalled his experience of political harassment. “In 2016, I couldn’t bear the torture and had to leave the hall. I had little knowledge of politics then, but the persecution and culture of abuse made me vow to fight against these injustices. That was the beginning of my struggle.”

He said he didn’t stop after fighting to transform the quota reform movement into a broader anti-autocracy movement. “After the fall of the government on August 5 last year, I guarded mosques, temples, and streets to help keep order. For years, I’ve stood up for students’ rights and raised my voice against political malpractice. My upbringing has been shaped by protests.”

Abidul stressed that Ducusu has national significance. “Ducusu is not just a Dhaka University issue; it is a national issue. At this crucial moment, I’m running to lead Ducusu in the interest of the state. Students will choose those who stood by them, who fought for their rights, and whose courage helped uphold Bangladesh’s sovereignty.”

On whether Ducusu polls would influence national elections, he said the outcome would not directly affect it if the vote is free, fair, and credible. He added,

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### Want to inspire women to join politics GS candidate Sabina Yasmin tells Star

SHARIF M SHAFIQUE

Sabina Yasmin, a general secretary candidate from the ‘Ducusu for Change’ panel, is contesting the Ducusu elections to make the campus more women-friendly and inspire more women to enter politics following last year’s uprising.

In an interview with The Daily Star, Sabina, a leader from the Chhatra Odhikar Parishad, said, “Despite the huge participation of women in the July uprising, there has been a tendency to sideline them. I feel that in the democratic environment created by the July movement, it is very important to ensure female participation.”

She added, “Women can easily identify women’s issues. So, it is natural that they can also solve them better than men. That’s why I feel that female students should be in the Ducusu Super-Three,” she said, referring to the vice-president, general secretary, and assistant general secretary posts in Ducusu.

Sabina, a student of the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies (2018–19 session), said, “Even before the July movement, I had been active in various protests, including the separation of seven colleges, the PSC reform movement, and others. I was vocal about holding the Ducusu election, even joining hunger strikes.”

If elected, she said her top priority will be to build a safe and women-friendly campus. “Women are often victims of harassment on campus. The unrestricted entry of outsiders creates insecurity. At Suhrawardy

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### Shibir-backed panel vows decent food, safe campus

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The Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed Oikkoboddho Shikkharthi Jote panel unveiled its manifesto, with 36 pledges to reform Dhaka University, at a press briefing in front of the Ducusu Bhaban yesterday.

The panel said it aims to create a safe campus; solve the accommodation crisis; ensure security for women, better health facilities, healthy food and modern transport; and provide sufficient information and services on career development.

Speaking on behalf of the panel, Md Mohiuddin Khan, candidate for the assistant general secretary post, said they will work to abolish authoritarian politics; repression and violence; the “guestroom-gon room culture”; discriminatory policies and behaviours; drugs, mugging and extortion; the culture of instructing students to “Come after Lunch” for dialogue – often imposed by university officials; as well as cyberbullying.

The panel also pledged to free the campus from the collaborators of “fascists”, and work to prevent the regeneration of such structures, systems, and cultures within the university.

It promised to incorporate Ducusu polls in the academic calendar to ensure regularity.

The manifesto pledged to ensure legal seats for every student from the first year. Till then, the panel will work for temporary accommodation in hostels, or a monthly allowance. It

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## Jamaat threatens demos for PR-based polls

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Jamaat-e-Islami plans to launch a tougher movement, if necessary, to press for the next national election to be held under the proportional representation (PR) system and in accordance with the July Charter, having first ensured that the document is made legally binding.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of its Central Executive Council, held at the residence of Jamaat Ameer Shafiqur Rahman in the capital’s Bashundhara R/A yesterday with him in the chair.

The meeting was attended by naye-e-ameers, the secretary general, assistant secretary generals, and other council members.

The party also outlined several strategic actions, including increased engagement with like-minded parties, and seminars and discussions to build public support for its demands.

“We hadn’t met with our ameer for about a month due to his recovery from open-heart surgery. We presented various party-related and national issues for his guidance,” said Jamaat Assistant Secretary

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He added that the ameer provided directives on the party’s position regarding the July Charter and the PR system.

“As part of our strategy, we’ve been holding a series of stakeholder meetings to mobilise public opinion,” Zubair said. “We’re prepared to escalate our movement on the streets if our demands are not met.”

Asked whether Jamaat would contest the 13th parliamentary polls without the PR system in place, Zubair responded, “We intend to participate only after its implementation. The election must be timely and conducted under the PR system.”

He added that while the party is preparing for the polls, it believes its demands must be met to reflect the people’s aspirations.

In a statement, Jamaat said the country’s political situation was discussed in detail during the meeting.

Leaders stressed the importance of making the July Charter legally binding and conducting the election in line with it to ensure a free, fair, and credible process.

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### ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন

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এমতাবস্থায়, ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন এলাকায় যে সকল প্রতিষ্ঠান বা ব্যক্তি অবৈধভাবে দেয়ালে লিখেছেন বা পোস্টার লাগিয়েছেন তাদেরকে নিজ দায়িত্বে ও খরচে আগামী ১০/০৯/২০২৫খ্রি. তারিখের মধ্যে সকল দেয়াল লিখন ও পোস্টার অপসারণ করে দেয়াল পুনরায় রং করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। রাস্তায় ময়লা ফেলবেন না। যত্রতত্র ময়লা ফেলা শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ।

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