

6.1 earthquake hits southeast Taiwan

No damage reported

REUTERS, Taipei

An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.1 struck Taiwan's southeastern coastal county of Taitung yesterday, the island's weather administration said, although there were no immediate reports of damage.

The quake shook buildings in the capital, Taipei. The quake had a depth of 11.9 km (7.39 miles), the administration said.

There was no immediate report of damage across Taiwan, the National Fire Agency said.

Taiwan chipmaker TSMC said the quake did not reach the required level for evacuation of factories across the island, which lies near the junction of two tectonic plates and is prone to earthquakes.

More than 100 people were killed in a quake in southern Taiwan in 2016, while a 7.3 magnitude quake killed more than 2,000 people in 1999.



South Korean volunteers in Santa Claus outfits toss hats into the air during a launch ceremony in Seoul yesterday, ahead of delivering gifts to about 800 underprivileged children on Christmas Eve. PHOTO: AFP

OCCUPIED WEST BANK Israeli army demolishes home of Palestinian

AFP, Jerusalem

The Israeli army yesterday demolished the home of a Palestinian accused of carrying out a stabbing and shooting attack that killed an Israeli earlier this year, the military said.

On July 10, two attackers killed 22-year-old Shalev Zvuluny in a shopping area near Jerusalem, before the Israeli army shot them dead.

Yesterday, Israeli army bulldozers entered the village of Bazzaryah in the occupied West Bank, destroying the family home of one of the attackers after it had been evacuated.

Hazem Yassine, head of the Bazzaryah municipal council,



denounced what he called a "heinous crime".

Meanwhile, the Israeli army said yesterday that it had identified a Hamas financial official it killed two weeks ago in a strike in the Gaza Strip.

Abdel Hay Zaqt, a financial official in Hamas's armed wing, was killed on December 13 in the same strike that also claimed the life of military commander Raed

Saad, whom Israel regards as one of the architects of Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack.

The Israeli army's Arabic-language spokesperson, Avichay Adraee, said yesterday that Zaqt was killed while he was in a vehicle alongside Raed Saad in "a joint operation by the Israeli army and the Shin Bet", Israel's internal security agency.

Zaqt "belonged to the financial department of the armed wing" of Hamas, Adraee wrote on X.

"Over the past year, Zaqt was responsible for collecting and transferring tens of millions of dollars to Hamas's armed wing with the aim of continuing the fight against the State of Israel," he said.

BNP gives 10 more seats

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those who joined the party would contest the polls with the BNP symbol.

Earlier on Tuesday, the BNP announced sharing four seats with alliance partner Jamiat Ulema e-Islam Bangladesh.

Of the 300 parliamentary constituencies, BNP fielded its own candidates in 272 seats, while allocating 14 seats to partners.

BNP now has 14 seats vacant, which will be considered for both allies and its own candidates, sources said.

Fakhrul said discussions with other partners were ongoing and that further decisions would be announced soon.

SEVEN SEATS

BNP will not field candidates in Pirojpur-1, Jhenaidah 4, Dhaka 12, Jashore 5, Bogura 2, Patuakhali 3 and Brahmanbaria 6, where allied parties will contest using their own symbols.

In Bogura 2, Mahmudur Rahman Manna, president of Nagorik Oikya, will contest with his party symbol. In Brahmanbaria 6, Jonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganasamhati Andolon, will also contest with his.

In Pirojpur-1, Mostafa Jamal Haider, chairman of Jatiya Party (Kazi Zafar), will contest with his party symbol.

In Patuakhali-3, Nurul Haque Nur, president of Gono Odhikar Parishad, and

in Jhenaidah 4, Rashed Khan, the party's general secretary, will contest using their own symbols.

Saiful Haque, general secretary of the Revolutionary Workers Party, will contest the election in Dhaka 12, for which BNP had earlier nominated Saiful Alam Nirab.

In Jashore 5, Islami Oikya Jote leader Rashid Bin Wakkas will contest with his party symbol. BNP will not field any candidate there.

Responding to a question, Fakhrul said organisational action would be taken against any BNP leader who contests in seats under the seat sharing arrangement.

JOINED BNP

Two leaders of allied parties formally joined BNP yesterday at the Gulshan office, while Bobby Hajaj, chairman of the Nationalist Democratic Movement, is also expected to join BNP soon and contest from Dhaka-13 using its symbol.

In Narail 2, Fariduzzaman Farid, chairman of the National People's Party, will contest using the BNP symbol.

As part of the seat-sharing agreement, Redwan Ahmed resigned from his post as secretary general of the Liberal Democratic Party (Colonel Oli) and joined BNP. He will contest the election from Cumilla 7 with the paddy sheaf.

Law enforcers' inaction proves

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said around 25 journalists were trapped inside and faced life-threatening conditions due to fire and smoke.

He also mentioned how Editors' Council President and New Age Editor Nurul Kabir went there risking his life to help, but was also attacked.

Prof Anu added, "Chhayanaut is part of our history and cultural resistance. It was built with people's money and housed music education, a children's school and a library. Everything was destroyed."

"Udichi [too] is a symbol of cultural resistance that predates even the Pakistan period. Burning its office was an attack on that legacy."

He questioned why intelligence agencies failed to act despite months of online hate speech and open calls for attacks. "These names and threats were visible on social media for a long time. Intelligence agencies knew about them. Why did they remain silent?"

He also said that while the government remains inactive in protecting public interests, it is very active in signing deals that favour foreign and corporate interests.

Udichi Shilpi Goshui acting president Habibul Awal said the attack and arson at its office cannot silence them. "This is not our first experience of violence. In 1999 and again in 2005, bombs were used to kill our artists, but Udichi never stopped."

He said the attack on their office was deliberate and questioned the motive behind it. "Udichi stood at the forefront of the 2024 movement. Even then, our office was set on fire. This did not happen suddenly."

Awal said the attackers intend to disrupt the democratic process and create an environment of fear ahead of the upcoming election.

He also announced that Udichi will not take any financial help from the government to rebuild its office.

At the rally, Mofizur Rahman Laltu, a member of the Democratic Cultural Alliance, announced a seven-point demand, including ensuring a proper investigation and justice for the brutal killings of Sharif Osman Hadi, Dipu Chandra Das, and Ayesha Akter.

He also demanded the investigation and trial of all mob and terrorist attacks across the country, including those on Udichi, Chhayanaut, Prothom Alo, and The Daily Star.

Other demands included swiftly identifying and punishing those who incited violence, ensuring freedom of expression and the safety of life and property, and providing compensation to families and institutions affected by violence.

The speakers also demanded the removal of Home Adviser Lt Gen (ret'd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury over what they alleged was his complete failure to ensure public safety, and called for ensuring the national election is held on the announced date.

We are deeply saddened to announce the peaceful passing of our beloved mother, Dr. Shahida Mahmudur Rahman on Friday, December 5, in New York.

A proud alumna of Dhaka Medical College, Dr. Rahman dedicated her life to the practice of medicine with compassion, integrity and excellence. Her distinguished career spanned continents, including advanced postgraduate training in the United Kingdom toward an MRCP and decades of service in Bangladesh as a physician, educator, humanitarian, and National Consultant for HIV & AIDS.

Dr. Rahman served as Secretary of the Bangladesh College of General Practitioners (BCGP) for 15 years and was a Governing Body member of Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association (BPMPA) for over 40 years. Governing Body member of Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography (BSU), Bangladesh College of General Practitioners (BCGP), and Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians (BAFP). She was also the first practicing physician at the Rotary Floating Hospital (now Friendship Hospital), inaugurated by Mother Teresa.

Beyond her clinical and academic contributions, Dr. Rahman was deeply committed to community service through such organizations as being the President of Rotary Club of Harna, Secretary of Zonta Club of Dhaka II, and WONGCA. She led and supported numerous humanitarian initiatives, including free eye camps, solo immunization drives, and medical outreach for under-served communities.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, children, grandchildren, and a wide circle of extended family, colleagues, and friends. Her legacy of service, leadership, and compassion will continue to inspire all who knew her.

May Allah grant her the highest place in Jannah.

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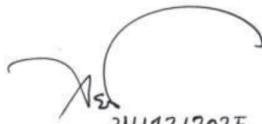
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