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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, the people are the owners of vote and the country. They will choose what type of government they want and whom they want. The Premier said this while addressing poll rallies in Chandpur, Kushtia and Naogaon districts through a videoconference from her Sudha Sadan residence at Dhanmondi yesterday. The Awami League President in her address urged the partymen not to get trapped in provocation of the opposition camp for the sake of a peaceful poll.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will join election campaign in four districts through video conference today. The Premier would participate in election rallies to be held on Cumilla, Tangail, Jashore and Pabna this afternoon.

Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's much acclaimed autobiography "The Unfinished Memoirs" has been published in the Assamese language. The Assamese translation of the book, was jointly launched by Governor of Meghalaya Shri Tathagata Roy, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India Rokeybul Haque and the President of Assam Sahitya Sova Dr. Paramananda Rajbangshi at the Guwahati Book fair on Tuesday.

Mock voting using EVMs will be held today in six seats in the 11th parliamentary election. The Election Commission will arrange the mock voting aiming to educate the newly introduced voting system. The voting will start from 10am and continue till 4pm in Dhaka-6 and 13, Chattogram-9, Rangpur-3, Khulna-2 and Satkhira-2.

Election Commissioner Mahbub Talukdar has directed the law enforcers to uphold the dignity of uniform and not to be biased while performing their election duties. The Election Commissioner made the directive at a press briefing at Nirbachan Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Awami League Election Conducting Committee has urged the Election Commission (EC) to keep a cautious eye against the use of black money and muscle-power centering the parliamentary election. AL Election Conducting Committee led by its Co-Chairman H T Imam made the urge while holding a meeting with the EC at Nirbachan Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

A writ petition was filed with the High Court (HC) yesterday challenging the legality of the Election Commission's decision that qualified 25 Jamaat-e-Islami candidates to contest the upcoming general election. Bangladesh Tariqat Federation and Amra Mukti Joddhar Santan jointly filed the writ petition, seeking an HC directive on the decision of the EC.

Bangladesh Police, in a press release yesterday, urged the people of the country to take help of emergency service 999 to examine the authenticity of information to avoid rumors following the upcoming 11th parliamentary election. Police said in recent times vested groups are spreading confusing information using the social media, posters, leaflets, speeches, pictures, videos etc.

The government has opened a media centre, aiming to provide information related to the upcoming general election from December 29-31. Information Secretary Abdul Malek, Foreign Secretary Md. Shahidul Haque and Principal Information Officer Kamrun Nahar attended the function marking the opening of the centre at Pan Pacific Sonargaon hotel in the city yesterday. The media centre remains open round the clock.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange added 49.09 points to close at 5,349.18 points yesterday.

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