

Still suffering

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city corporation elections scheduled for January 30, with an optimism to win the electoral race.

"BNP will definitely win the elections if we can unite the people," Fakhruul hoped.

A good number of people are taking part in the election campaign in favour of "sheaf of paddy" -- the electoral symbol of BNP, Mirza Fakhru further said.

Sammilita Peshajibi Parishad, a pro-BNP platform organised the programme on "Lack of trust in election, use of EVMs and present circumstances."

Taking part in the discussion, Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna termed Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) a "disaster".

He also said the ruling quarter has imported the machines through the Election Commission for their own interests.

Issuing a strong warning to the ruling quarter, Manna said vote robbery took place in the December 30 national election, but the chance will not be given anymore in future.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Devotees from all over the country attend the Juma prayer during the second phase of the Biswa Ijtema yesterday.

Waiting to enjoy

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Ward-41 includes Padardia, Taltola, Dakkhinpara, Uttarpara under Satarkul. Roads in the area are congested, while there are several factories in the residential areas.

Mosquitoes are also one of the major menaces residents have to deal with.

Besides, there is a culvert in south Padardia, with no railing. "Children fall from the culvert into the water accidentally while playing, and there is no railing on sides of the culvert since the beginning. Couple of years back, a child died after falling in the canal," said Mizan, a local businessman.

Another resident Shamim Sayem alleged, "Fire broke out in a foam factory in our area recently. Fortunately, we could tame the fire with the help of neighbours. Why would there be factories in the neighborhood where people live?"

Contacted, councillors said the city corporation did not have any budget for the new wards, therefore they could not carry out development work in the area.

"We had to spend our own money to do some development works. Now Tk 4,300 crore has been sanctioned from Ecnc (for development of the new wards). Hopefully after the election, people from these new wards will see changes," said councillor of ward-40 Nazrul Islam Dhali.

Asked about the issues of ward-41, its councillor Shafiqul Islam said, "Setting up railings in the culvert area is the responsibility of Wasa. We informed them but it did not work out. Besides, we informed the department of environment to take down factories in the area, but to no avail either."

The bustle at Banglabazar

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Every year, there are 3,000 to 3,500 new books printed for the biggest book fair of the year. Besides new books, beloved and acclaimed old titles get republished, while some new books get to second and third editions as the fair goes on.

The number of books published by each publisher varies greatly. Some are set to publish 100 new titles, some 50, and others 40 or fewer. In the crowd of big-time publishers, smaller publishers aren't shying away from competition, and are busy printing their own books.

Among republished books, Humayun Ahmed titles lead the field. The much-loved author's books still make it to the bestseller lists, especially his Himu and Misir Ali series, which still sell in large numbers to this generation's readers. Given the numbers, it's no wonder that publishers keep reprinting them after all these years.

To mark Mujib Borsho, the birth centenary of Banglabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, a record number of books are being published on him this year. A publisher said more than 200 books focusing on Bangabandhu will be published. Most of them are ready after printing and binding.

BANGLABAZAR THROUGH THE DECADES
It's the oldest book market of the country. For many, it's the homestead of books.

But long before books, Banglabazar used

to be the epicentre for business in pre-Mughal Dhaka. Later on, commerce in the city moved westwards, finding Chawkbazar as the new business hub. But Banglabazar did not give away its reputation. From commerce, it became the top name for the publishing business.

This new Banglabazar started its journey in the 1950s on the shores of Buriganga. Back then, the demand for academic books were greater than for creative books.

Before the 1947 partition of India, Kolkata used to be the publishing hub of this region. Those days, a few publishers from East Bengal imported creative books from Kolkata and sold them locally. This started with the publishing company Mollik Brothers.

The pioneers of publishing business in the country are: Nawroz Kitabistan, Student Library, Great East Library, Al-Hamra Kitab Mahal, Malik Library, Khoshroj Kitab Mahal, Hardson and Co., and Puthipatra. These companies started their business right after partition, and Banglabazar grew up around them.

Back in the day, some authors were publishers too. For example, the proprietor of Nawroz Kitabistan was Mohammad Nasir Ali, who wrote predominantly for children.

A senior publisher told The Daily Star, "In the '60s and '70s, most of the publishers' offices were on the ground floor. Most of these offices

were tin-sheds. The industry has come a long way from there. Today, books from Banglabazar are making their way to Bangla-speaking foreign nationals across the world."

The '80s is considered the golden age for Banglabazar publishers. This is the time when the publishing business started turning heads. Publishers of this particular era are the ones who made the industry into what it is today. Some of them are: Somoy Prokashon, Anannya Prokashoni, Agamee Prakashani, Bidya Prokash, Afsar Brothers, Anupom, and more. Some of the big names of the industry got their starts that decade.

These publishers started publishing books by famed poets and authors of the country. Humayun Ahmed's journey as a wordsmith began during this decade. Khan Brothers published the writer's first four books.

WHERE THE NAME CAME FROM
Where did Banglabazar get its name? Evidence suggests that the area existed even before the Mughal period. Some tourists of the period mentioned Banglabazar as "Bengala Nagar". Some argue Banglabazar's name might have evolved from that.

Others argue along common sense. The area used to be a place for Bengalis, who later went onto establish a market here, and so, logically, it started to be called Banglabazar.

He instilled the belief

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Fazle Hasan Abed's goal was to eradicate poverty and empower women, and for this he had chosen three different sectors -- education, health and employment, said Prof Anisuzzaman.

One of Sir Fazle's greatest contributions is he made people believe in the notion that it is possible in Bangladesh to do something for the poor and destitute, and it can be done without government support, said Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star. "This is a tremendously important psychological shift: to think that we can," he said.

Now, the country has made significant progress in various social indicators and of course the government has its contribution behind this, Mahfuz Anam added.

However, the non-government sector can also contribute to social development and it is actually capable of doing so -- such belief has been instilled in people's minds by Sir Fazle, he said, terming Sir Fazle as a "constant

visionary and relentless implementer". Sir Fazle was a unique personality in terms of setting vision and successfully implementing it, said Brac Executive Director Asif Saleh.

Bengal Foundation Chairman Abul Khair said one of the lesser-known aspects of Sir Fazle's personality is that he was an art connoisseur.

He had many rare and original pieces of artwork in his personal collection, said Khair.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association President Rubana Huq proposed that her organisation together with Brac can arrange a memorial lecture series named after Sir Fazle.

The series can be held once in every three months and feature globally-acclaimed scholars to deliver lectures on various issues, she said.

Director of Brac's Preventing Violence Against Women Initiative Nobonita Chowdhury also addressed the event.

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Teacher accused

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complaint.

Denying the allegation, Ali Rezwana, however, said, "She wanted to make immoral relationship with me so that I regard her with favour. But, I never responded to her call."

"I had left the exam hall 40 minutes before the exam finished, and didn't return," he said.

"I am embarrassed about the allegations. She is spreading this information against me, as she failed to take advantage of me," he said.

When contacted, Dr Habibur said, "We have received the written complaint, and look into it."

Registrar Dr Abu Taher also said, "We've taken the allegation into cognisance."
Vice Chancellor Emran Kabir Chowdhury said, "After formal procedure, I will form an independent body to investigate the allegations."

Roads, mosquito

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cough for the last several months due to severe dust in the area," said Iqbal.

Getting clean water through Wasa's supply pipeline is another problem in their area, as many residents get dirty water in their households.

"We hope the mayor will take initiative to solve the problem involving Wasa," he said.

Anwar Ali, a resident of Kutubkhali of Jatrabari under ward-61, said many people dump their garbage into the nearby canal. An initiative by the mayor will have to be taken to ensure its cleanliness, as this canal is vital to solve waterlogging, he said.

Though the condition is a little better since the Bangladesh Army took charge to solve waterlogging in DND area, Kutubkhali canal is being filled up with garbage within few months of being cleaned due to a lack of awareness, said Md Yunus Munshi, a resident of Donia.

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KULKHANI Rezaur Rahman,
Founder Managing Director of Bengal Airlift Group and elected present of Dhaka Club Ltd. for two terms, passed away on 14 January 2020 in United Hospital Dhaka. His Namaj-E-Janaza was held at Gulshan Central Mosque (Azad Masjid) on 15 January 2020 after Asr prayers and he was buried at the Banani graveyard.
His Kulkhani will be held at Gulshan Central Mosque (Azad Masjid), after Asr prayers on Monday, 20 January 2020.

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২।	এজেন্সী	চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন।	
৩।	সংগ্রহকারী সংস্থার নাম	প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন।	
৪।	বিজ্ঞপ্তির উদ্দেশ্য	দরপত্র।	
৫।	দরপত্রের স্বাক্ষর নম্বর	প্রযোজ্য নাহে।	
৬।	সংগ্রহকারী পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।	
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যোগাণদাতার বিবরণ			
১।	বাজেট ও পর্বের উৎস		
বিস্তারিত বিবরণ			
৮।	টেডার প্যাকেজ নং	প্রযোজ্য নাহে।	
৯।	টেডার প্যাকেজ এর নাম	পুরাতন ভবন নিলাম।	
১০।	বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ	তারিখঃ ১৭/০১/২০২০।	
১১।	টেডার ডকুমেন্ট বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	তারিখঃ ০২/০২/২০২০ সময়ঃ ৫টা।	
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১৪।	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানাঃ	ঠিকানাসমূহঃ	
	টেডার ডকুমেন্ট বিক্রয়	প্রকৌশল বিভাগ।	
	টেডার ডকুমেন্ট গ্রহণ	তত্ত্বাবধায়ক-১ প্রকৌশলী কার্যালয়, চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন।	
	টেডার ডকুমেন্ট খোলা	দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ কমিটি, চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন।	
দরপত্রদাতার তথ্যাবলী			
১৫।	দরপত্রদাতার যোগাণতা	চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন ও অন্যান্য সংস্থার বৈধ তালিকাভুক্ত, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও সদ্য নবায়নের সনদ, আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতা, আয়কর, ভাট ও অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। কোন কোনো তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার ও ব্যাংক হইতে দেউলিয়া ঘোষিত এমন দরদাতা অংশগ্রহণ করিতে পারিবে না।	
১৬।	কাজের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ	সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকিবে।	
১৭।	টেডার ডকুমেন্টের মূল্য ও ধরণ	প্রতিসেট ৫,০০০/- টাকা (পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট) বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পরবর্তী তারিখের হইতে হইবে।	
১৮।	নিরাপত্তা জামানতের ধরণ	উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০% হারে মেয়র, চমিক অনুকূলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পরবর্তী তারিখের পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট প্রদানপূর্বক সিডিউলের সাথে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। (এম.আই.সি.আর নং বিইন পে-অর্ডার গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না)।	
কাজের বিবরণ			
১৯।	কাজের নাম	কাজের স্থান	
	প্রতি সেট	নিরাপত্তা জামানতের পরিমাণ	
১।	আন্দরকিলাছ চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন পুরাতন নগর ভবন ভেঙ্গে নিলামে বিক্রয়।	৫,০০০/-	উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০%
দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তাঃ			
২০।		আসোয়ার হোসাইন।	
২১।		তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী-১।	
২২।		চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন।	
২৩।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী অফিসারের ফোন, ফ্যাক্স ও ই-মেইল।	ফোন ও ফ্যাক্স নং-৬৩৭৫৫১।	
ক। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী সংস্থা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।			
খ। দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটির সুপারিশ ও যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রশাসনিক অনুমোদন পাওয়ার পর নোটিফিকেশন অব ওয়ার্ড প্রদান করা হইবে।			
গ। দরপত্রের সকল শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে বিস্তারিত বর্ণিত আছে।			
ঘ। দরপত্রের বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী প্রকৌশল বিভাগ হইতে সংগ্রহ করা হইবে।			
ঙ। দরপত্রের আর্সেন্টম্যানি ও নিরাপত্তা জামানতের জন্য জমাকৃত পে-অর্ডার দরপত্রের আহ্বানের পরবর্তী নির্দিষ্ট তারিখের মধ্যে হইতে হইবে।			
চ। কাটাকাটিনিতি ও অসম্পূর্ণ পূরণকৃত বি ও কিউ বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।			
ছ। নিলামকারীকে ভাট আয়করের টাকা উদ্ধৃত দরের ১২% হারে আলাদাভাবে উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে।			
চমিক/জস-১২/২০২০ জিডি-১২৫		তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী-১ চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন	