

# Bashan Char could be a resort or home to homeless: Momen

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen yesterday said Bashan Char, an island in Noakhali district that was recently readied to relocate Rohingyas, could either be a resort or a “good place for homeless people” instead of relocating the refugees there.

“We can think of an alternative instead of sending Rohingyas there. This is my personal thinking and there has been no decision from the government yet,” he told reporters at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while sharing his experience of a recent visit to the island.

Mentioning economic activities there, the foreign minister said it would be better if other people are sent to Bashan Char instead of Rohingyas only.

Earlier, the foreign minister said Bangladesh would not relocate Rohingya people to Bashan Char if all concerned think it would be a problem for them.

Bangladesh is hosting around 1.1 million Rohingyas in Cox’s Bazar district, amid fears that there might be landslides during the upcoming monsoon causing casualties, according to officials.

## ‘Catch’ tax-dodging

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tax collection. We want to widen the tax net, not to raise the tax rate. You [ACC and NBR officials] will work with transparency to achieve the vision of Bangladesh,” he added.

BCS Tax Academy Director General Md Lutful Azim delivered the welcome speech at the event.

## Seven language

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Chowdhury and former finance minister M Saifur Rahman.

During the programme, National Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury and poet and diplomat Mofazzal Karim -- who were present as guest speakers -- unveiled the cover of a book titled “Shabdogan Roktomita”, launched by the SCC and sylhettoday24.com.

The book focuses on details of the roles played by Language Movement veterans including the seven.

SCC Mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury, who presided over the programme, and sylhettoday24.com Editor-in-Chief Kabir Aahmed said, from now on, they will honour other language veterans in phases every year.

# Scholarships for SSC students in Faridpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A scholarship programme for meritorious students of Faridpur district was unveiled at Times Media Building in Teigaon yesterday, aiming to provide stipends to the district’s highest scorers in SSC exams, said a press release.

The “Professor SM Farhad Scholarship” is named after Prof SM Farhad, a teacher of Government Razendra College. The programme was introduced by Ha-Meem Group Managing Director AK Azad, a student of Prof Farhad.

The student and teacher shared words of gratitude for each other while speaking at the launching event. The event was attended by former students of the school.

## Poetry, novels

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in large numbers.

According to fair authorities, the fair saw publication of only five books on political affairs, six on religion, 41 science fictions, 45 on science, 23 translations and 45 books on research so far.

Farid Ahammed, publisher of Somoy Prokashoni, said titles of science fiction were 10-15 some five to seven years ago, but the number is increasing every year. “It is difficult to get adequate and quality manuscripts on science fictions, compared to books on poetry or novels,” he said

Asked about the low number of books on politics, Osman Gani said many publishers have published political analyses on Liberation War, and books on Bangabandhu, which have not directly been included under the category. “That is why the number is seen to be low,” he added.

Apart from poetry and prose fiction, a large number of university students are also keen to buy books on research, and that is why books on research are also increasing.

“I have published three books on research from different publications this year,” said young writer Mehedi Ullah.

# Clean Air Act to be

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vacuum sweeping trucks instead of manual brooms to clean roads, he said.

Shahab Uddin said as part of long term plan, the government has also taken various measures including enacting the Clean Air Act-2020 for effectively controlling the air pollution at large.

## RATS DAMAGED 1 LAKH TONNES OF CROPS IN 2018

Around 1 lakh tonnes of crops were damaged in 2018 due to attack of rats, Agriculture Minister Abdur Razzaque told parliament yesterday.

In reply to a query from ruling Awami League MP Habiba Rahman Khan (women’s seat-17), the minister in a scripted answer said around 90,385 tonnes of crops was damaged in 2017, 88,844 in 2016, 94,388 in 2015 and 96,696 tonnes in 2014 due to rat infestations.

“Each year, 5-7 percent of Aman rice, 4-12

percent of wheat, 5-7 percent of potato and 6-9 percent of pineapple got damaged due to attack of rats,” the agriculture minister said.

He also informed that rats also damaged 5-7 percent crops on field and 3-5 percent corps in storage units each year.

The agriculture minister informed the House about the government’s various measures to save crops from the attack of rats through eliminating them.

Meanwhile, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Shahab Uddin yesterday told parliament that the government has created forests in 94,939 hectares and 71,456 square kilometre areas in the last 36 years since 1982 through social forestation.

In this period, the government distributed around Tk 356.82 crore among 6.78 lakh people who were engaged in this social forestation, the minister also informed the House.

# 11 killed, 22 injured

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the accident took place when the motorbike tried to overtake a three-wheeler.

In Lalmonirhat, a college student was killed after being hit by a truck on Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway at Namuri in Aditmari upazila.

The deceased was identified as Numabi Islam, an eleventh-grader of Duhuli Technical College, said Aditmari Police Station OC Saiful Islam.

In Narayanganj, Sentu Mia (45) was killed after a covered van hit him while he was crossing Dhaka-Narayanganj Link Road in Fatulla.

Fatulla Model Police Station OC Aslam Hossain said Sentu died on the spot. The body was sent to Narayanganj General Hospital for autopsy.

Police detained the driver. Legal actions will be taken in this regard, the OC added.

In Sunamganj, two people were killed and two others injured as the bike they were on hit a roadside electric pole in Brahmanagan area under Sadar upazila.

The deceased were identified as Pabel Ahmed (17) and Sohag Miah (17). Both hailed from Majibari village in the upazila. Pabel was supposed to attend Dakhil examination this year.

The accident occurred after the rider lost control over the bike, OC Sohidor Rahman of Sunamganj Police Station quoted locals as saying.

Locals rushed them to Sunamganj Sadar Hospital where the doctors declared Pabel and Sohag dead and referred the injured to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, the OC added.

## Encroachment 8yrs

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WITHOUT RAJUK APPROVAL

Shah Alam Chowdhury, director (zone-5) and design officer of Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk), said they are yet to give approval to Sugandha.

Earlier, a Rajuk team knocked down the company’s office gate at Hemayetpur and warned them to stop activities, said the official.

When informed that the company is still operating, Shah Alam said, “We will look into the matter.”

Sugandha secretary Selim Reza said, “We applied to Rajuk for its approval but are yet to get it.”

When asked why they are running the company until it is authorised, he refused to comment.



**Rajshahi City Corporation**  
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Nagar Bhawan, Rajshahi



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Date: 16.02.2020

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**The deadline for the submission of bids is set on the March 9, 2020 before 4 pm (local time).**

## Kazi Toufique passes away

CITY DESK

Dr Kazi Ali Toufique, research director at Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, passed away on February 11, said a press release.

Dr Toufique obtained his MPhil in 1990, and PhD in 1996 from University of Cambridge. He left behind a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

## BNWLA elects new leadership

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Salma Ali and Zubaida Parvin were elected president and general secretary, respectively of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers’ Association for two years, said a press release.

Seema Zahur and Hasina Rashid were elected vice presidents while Hasna Begum and Rebeka Sultana were elected joint secretary and treasurer respectively, the press release added.



## Fake currency factory

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The gang had been running such factory, renting out flats in Sabujbagh and other parts of the city for a long time. In primary interrogation, the arrestees admitted that they had plans to sell one crore rupees monthly to their Indian counterparts at borders, said Mashiur.

According to detectives, fake currency notes are produced and circulated in several phases.

Of the arrestees, Monir and Moniruzzaman used to run the factory, Al Amin used to supply special paper and other ingredients while Kabir and Sohel printed the currencies, they said.

Enamul and Akbar used to buy the notes from factory owner Bashir -- one lakh fake currency at Tk 21,000. They used to sell those at Tk 25,000 to their Indian counterparts through Chapainawabganj bordering areas, the officials said.

Detectives claimed that Bashir was once a drug trader and got acquainted with a fake note producer while he was in jail in a case.

Coming out of bail, he started working as an assistant at another “factory”. He later decided to set up one by himself, they said.

A case was filed with Sabujbagh Police Station in this connection.

## A feast for book

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she added. Rubana said she bought eight books last year and is planning to add more to her collection this year.

Meanwhile, Pinku Barua was searching for comics and books by Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal. The seventh-grader was all smiles when his father bought those for him.

Asked, Nazmul Haque Duke said a total of 205 publishers are participating in the fair this year. “Of those, 111 publishers came from the capital. The number of participants was 140 last year,” he added.

“The enthusiasm of book lovers will encourage more publishers to participate in the fair in the years to come,” he said.

# Univ decides to revise

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Meanwhile, a group of students of the university on Thursday locked the administrative building of the university, demanding withdrawal of the expulsion order.

The five expelled students submitted a note of apology to Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Dr AHM Mustafizur Rahman yesterday, seeking a meeting with the VC, said Proctor Dr Uzzal Kumar Pradhan.

“At a meeting with the VC as chair today [yesterday] afternoon, it was decided that the expulsion orders will be revised in the next syndicate meeting,” added the proctor.

Following the decision to revise the expulsion orders, the students withdrew their protest programme around 2pm, said Nayeem Abdullah, a protester.

At the earlier syndicate meeting on

Thursday, Shayra and Tuama were expelled for one year; Md Zakir was expelled for three years; while Tanvirul and Mehdi were expelled for two years each, said university Registrar Dr Md Humayun Kabir.

Quoting the syndicate meeting, the registrar also said any form of ragging is prohibited at the university.

Shayra and Tuama were found guilty of ragging a first-year female student of theatre and performance studies department. The victim had fell sick from the “severe mental pressure”, and had to be admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) on February 6.

Another first-year student of computer science and engineering also fell ill due to “mental pressure,” and was admitted to MMCH the same night.

Both students were released from the hospital the following day.



Brock University, Canada and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at IUB campus recently, aiming to strengthen cultural and academic exchange between the two universities. Benoit Préfontaine, High Commissioner of Canada to Bangladesh, was present on the occasion.

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1.	IEDCR/STI/Re-Tender P-1, P-2, P-3, P-4, P-5, P-6, P-7, P-8	09.03.2020	3:00pm	3:00pm

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