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BNP to list party men killed during this govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP yesterday announced that it will prepare a list of its leaders and activists who have been killed and injured during this Awami League-led grand alliance government.

"We will publish a list of our leaders who were killed and injured by ruling party cadres since the government took office in 2008."

Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, joint secretary general of BNP, announced the party decision in presence of BNP and its front organisations leaders and activists at a press briefing at party's Nayapaltan office.

He also accused the ruling party activists

for foiling opposition rallies and processions by force in many parts of the country.

Alleging that the government is using administration to obstruct their programmes in grassroots, Rizvi claimed, "Ruling party is impeding our peaceful programmes by imposing section 144 as Awami League doesn't believe in democracy

The main opposition party is now observing a month long anti-government demonstration across the country in protest at the oppression of the ruling party.

Though, very few central leaders are seen attending the programmes outside of the

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capital, said party sources.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina meets a delegation of the National Committee for Implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Treaty at her office in the city yesterday. Led by its Convener and Deputy Leader of the House Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, the delegation include Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira, State Minister for CHT Affairs Dipankar Talukdar and lawmakers and chairmen of the CHT region.

Cultural activists for quick trial of war crimes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Political leaders and cultural activists yesterday urged the government to intensify the process of trying war criminals to help the nation get rid of a stigma.

The discussants also said people of the country are eagerly waiting to see the due punishment of people who committed crimes against humanity during the War of Liberation in 1971.

They said this while attending a rally of children and teenagers and a cultural programme at the Central Shaheed Minar premises in the city.

Kendrio Khelaghar Asar, an organisation for children, arranged the programme as part of its similar functions countrywide to form a social movement against the war criminals as well as to urge the government to intensify the trial process.

Fearing anti-liberation forces' conspiracy to foil the process of trying war criminals, the speakers said a social movement should be formed, involving people of all ages and sections, to resist any kind of conspiracy by the anti-liberation forces.

Inaugurating the programme, Deputy Leader of Parliament Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said the trial of people who committed crimes against humanity on this land during the War of Liberation would be completed.

Reading out the declaration paper of the programme, Khelaghar's advisory board member Prof Nirjonjan Adhikari thanked the government for initiating the process of trying war criminals and demanded strengthening of the

Speaking as the chief guest, Home Minister Sahara Khatun said the government is committed to try the war criminals. She said the investigation on war crimes and framing of charge sheet is underway.

The minister said the nation would get rid of a stigma by trying the war criminals.

Children of Khelaghar staged a token killing of intellectuals by the anti-liberation forces--Razakar, Al-Badr, Al-Shams -- during the war of liberation and a hanging of criminals who committed the crimes in the programme.

Cultural activists also sang various songs on the War of Liberation during the programme.

Chairman of advisory board of Khelaghar Prof Panna Kaiser presided over the programme.

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Gosthi President Golam Mohammad Idu, Sammilita Sangskritik Jote General Secretary Hasan Arif, Vice President Golam Kuddus and Workers Party of Bangladesh General Secretary Anisur Rahman Mallik spoke on the occasion.

Drives against footpath encroachers from Nov 1

UNB, Dhaka

The government has decided to evict illegal occupants from footpaths of the streets in the city from November 1 to facilitate the movement of pedestrians as well as to ease traffic jam.

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain stated this to reporters after a meeting with Korean EDCF Operation Department Director Tae-soo Kim yesterday afternoon. He said the home ministry has been requested to conduct the eviction drive. The minister sought financial assistance from the Korean government to introduce commuter train service on Dhaka-Narayanganj-Joydevpur-Gazipur-Mymensingh route. The commuter train service will be introduced within next the two years, he added.

He said 300 buses will be also procured under the EDCF loan and an agreement to this effect will be signed in December.



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COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent a money embezzlement case.

Haque of Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after former manager of Rupali Bank Matiar Rahman along with his court and sought bail.

Matiar, Shajahan Sarder, proprietor of M/S Rita Corporation Limited, and his wife Rawshan Jahan on August 29 in 2002 for misappropriating Tk 1,20,87,850 from the bank's Sadarghat branch.

case, the name of Shahjahan was dropped from the charge sheet as he died and the name of his wife was also dropped, as her involvement with the embezzlement was not found.

According to the prosecution, Matiar in connivance with others embezzled the amount from the branch on different dates through making forged documents in the name of sanctioning loan to Rita Corporation Limited in between 2001 to 2002.

Rupali Bank officer sent to jail

former manager (dismissed) of Rupali Bank Limited to jail rejecting his bail prayer in a Judge Mohammad Zohurul

lawyers appeared before the An official of the now defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption filed the case with Kotwali Police Station against

During investigation of the

The Anti-Corruption Commission submitted the charge sheet against Matiar to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on August 29 this year.

The investigation officer (IO) appealed to the court to issue an arrest warrant against Matiar and an order to attach his properties as he has been absconding since the case was filed.

The IO also prayed for relieving Rawshan from the charge brought against her in the first information report of the case.

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