

Repair Aila-hit embankments by dry season

Directs Razzaque
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Food and Disaster Management Minister Dr Abdur Razzaque yesterday directed to complete repair of all embankments within dry season, which was damaged by the cyclone Aila in 2009.

"Those still living in makeshift camps on the embankments must be taken back to their normal lives. So, the repair must be complete fast," the minister said during a visit in Khulna and Satkhira.

Each of the families living on the embankments will be provided with Tk 20,000 for reconstruction of their houses as soon as the repair works ends, Razzaque said, says a press release of the food ministry.

He said the authorities tried to repair the embankments, but that was not possible due to various problems.

COL TAHER'S DEATH SENTENCE HC summons Nurul Islam Shishu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned Maj Gen (ret) Nurul Islam Shishu who was allegedly involved in forming the military tribunal that passed death sentence on Col Abu Taher in 1976.

An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain asked him to appear before the court on January 26 and place statement over the trial of Taher.

Nurul Islam hailing from Pirojpur lives at Oklahoma in the US along with his family, the government informed the court.

The court also ordered the secretaries to cabinet division, ministries of foreign affairs and defence, and Pirojpur deputy commissioner to ensure Nurul Islam's appearance in the court.

Additional Attorney General MK Rahman told The Daily Star that the authorities concerned would try to bring Nurul Islam back to country.

The bench passed the order during the hearing on a writ petition challenging the legality of martial law regulation under which the military tribunal was constituted.

Earlier yesterday, AMM Shawkat Ali, a former deputy commissioner of Dhaka, placed statement before the bench over the trial and execution of Taher.

Abdul Ali, a first class magistrate in 1976 and one of the five judges of the military tribunal, told the court on January 13 Shawkat had directed him to join the tribunal as its member.

Shawkat, however, yesterday said he did not know Abdul Ali. Taher's Trial could have been held under the regular legal framework, since he was not a military officer in 1976, said the former DC.



Cadres reign over polling centres

(Clockwise from left) BNP workers set fire to a microbus of a Jubo League leader on Islamia Road in Noakhali town during municipal polls yesterday. A group of youths is damaging ballot papers after snatching from the polling centre at Noakhali High School. Voters at a polling centre in Maizdi got panicked during a clash between the supporters of Awami League and BNP-backed candidates. (Related Stories on Page 1)

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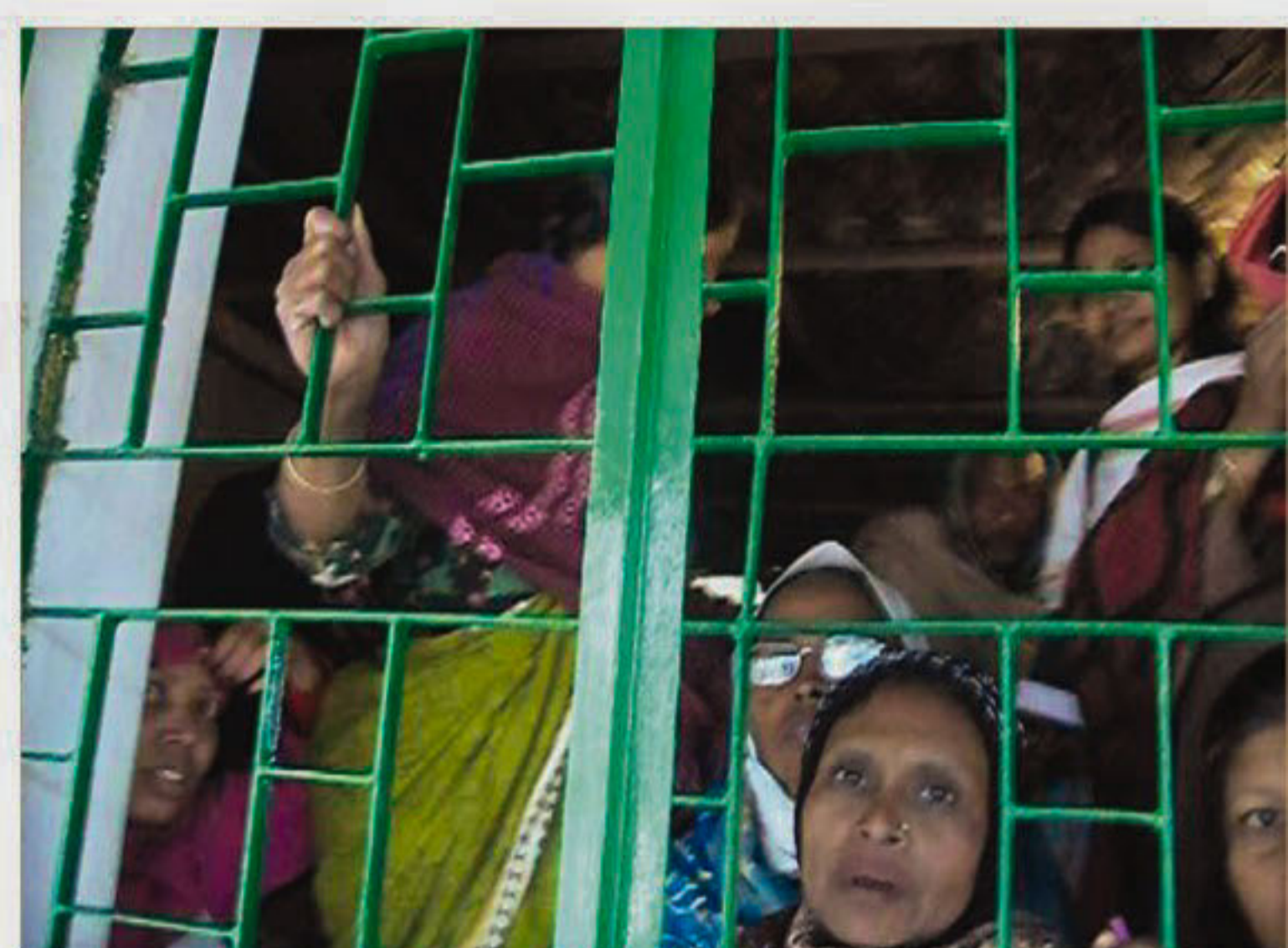


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Food and Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzaque inaugurates the 19th founding anniversary celebration of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) on its permanent campus at Uttara in the city Sunday. On his right is IUBAT Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr M Alimullah Miyan.

EXPULSION FROM CTG CITY AL Afsarul, Nurul Islam, 2 others showcaused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong city unit of Awami League has issued a show cause notice to its four leaders including Primary and Mass Education Minister Afsarul Ameen asking them why they should not be expelled from the executive committee.

The working committee at an emergency meeting on Monday decided to expel four senior leaders of the city unit from their organising posts on charges of activities against the party and its constitution. They have been asked to reply within fifteen days.

The four leaders are lawmaker Nurul Islam Bsc, vice-president of the city unit, Primary and Mass Education Minister Afsarul Ameen, first joint secretary, Advocate Ibrahim Hossain Babul, second joint secretary and Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, organising secretary.

Nurul Islam told The Daily Star that he did not receive any notice and the committee has no authority to issue such notices as the validity of the present committee expired long ago.

Secretary of the city unit Kazi Enamul Huq Danu said they have the full authority to issue the notices.

Practise values, mutual respect for democracy: Zillur

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday called for practicing values as well as showing mutual respect and tolerance to others' opinions for institutionalising democracy in the country.

He made the remark while speaking as the chief guest at a national conference titled "Dignity for all: Bangladesh as a model for the global community."

Civic Bangladesh and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy jointly organised it at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city.

Zillur urged all to practice culture of dignity in all spheres including familial, societal, and national life to build a happy, prosperous, and dignified country.

He said democracy and good governance are closely related to the dignity of citizens because progress of good governance and democracy plays important role in establishing a just society.

The president said flourishing of democracy cannot be imagined without good governance, citizens' rights, and dignity.

"It's a matter of hope that the government has taken measures to educate all people by 2014. I urge the countrymen to extend their all-out cooperation to implement the program," he said.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun, Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad, Dr Robert W Fuller, and Executive Director of Civic Bangladesh Baizid Doula also spoke at the event.

Villagers save tiger

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of villagers in Bagerhat again saved the life of a tiger of Sundarbans on January 8, around one month after the same incident.

On the day, a tiger suddenly came out of the mangrove forest and entered Uttar Rajapur village under its Sharankhola range and killed a cow there.

On information, members of the village-based tiger response team (VTRT) of Dashervarani rushed in and helped the tiger to return to the forest, said a VTRT press release.

The same incident occurred on December 10 last year and the VTRT members helped the tiger to return to the forest.

VTRT is a community-based team formed under the Sundarbans Tiger Project, a joint initiative of the forest department, Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh and Zoological Society of London.



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