Govt trying to split **BNP: Fakhrul**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that the government had been hatching a conspiracy to split the opposition BNP.

He urged the party leaders and activists to be more conscious about all of government's conspiracies and to resist those.

He made the remarks while addressing an extended meeting of BNP's front organisation Swechchhasebak Dal at a hotel in the capital where he asked the party leaders to give more attention to the anti-government movement for restoration of the caretaker government system. "It's not the time for thinking about

nomination for the election, our first duty is to oust the government and then we can think about nomination," said Fakhrul. He also accused the ruling Awami

League of trying to keep the BNP from the election. "This is why the government has removed the caretaker government provision through a constitutional amendment."



Bangladesh: Strategies, Constraints and Challenges" in the capital's Ruposhi Bangla Hotel on Saturday. The seminar was organised by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, and Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG) Programme of North South University.

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Staff shortage hampers

Sharing his experience, a journalist said he got an MRI of an injured fellow done at a private diagnostic centre after the DMCH staff claimed that their machine did not give good images.

Regarding absence of doctors and presence of medical representatives in doctors' rooms during office hours, recommending private diagnostic centres and clinics to patients, the study observes that lack of accountability among doctors, nurse and other staff led to such malpractices. However, child specialist Dr

Nazmunnahar and Associate Prof Dr Abdul Hanif (Tablu) of DMCH's Pediatric Surgery pointed out that the hospital's autonomy could make its staff accountable since the director was not empowered to bring the hospital staff to book.

Admitting the lack of services, DMCH Director Brig Gen Md Mostafizur Rahman reminded what a labour inten-

sive organisation DMCH is and how many patients, mostly underprivileged, it caters to.

He said DMCH admitted an average of 250-300 patients after office hours. "If we close the hospital doors just for one day, saying all 1,700 beds (in the main facility) of our hospital are filled, processions of dead bodies will hit the streets."

Prof Dr Khondoker Md Shefyetullah, director general of the Directorate General of Health Services, said health budget had shrunkovertime since 2004.

When the World Health Organisation recommends 14 percent of the national budget for health expenditure, the health sector in the 2013-14 fiscal received only 6.26 percent, he said.

TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman, National Chief Coordinator of the country's government-run burn units Dr Samanta Lal Sen, and Health Right Movement National Committee Chairman Dr Rashid-e-Mahbub were present.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL Testimonies against Nizami

end

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The war crimes case against Jamaat-e-Islami chief Motiur Rahman Nizami moved to the next stage with the defence having finished the crossexamination of the last prosecution witness and investigation officer Abdur Razzak Khan yesterday.

International Crimes Tribunal-1, which earlier fixed the number of defence witnesses at four, will set today the dates for recording deposition of the defence witnesses.

Razzak submitted the final probe report on October 10, 2011 but investigated the case till July 24 this year for further information.

Bangladeshi dies in Jeddah road crash

CITY DESK

A Bangladeshi man died in a road accident in Jeddah of Saudi Arabia yesterday, reports our Moulvibazar correspondent.

65, of Moulvibazar, worked at a grocery shop in Jeddah. His son Jebu Miah said

Deceased Asoddor Ali,

an oncoming car hit Asoddor while he was crossing a road.

Meanwhile in another accident in Bangladesh, two women were killed as a CNG-run three-wheeler carrying them fell into a ditch in the capital's Khilgaon yesterday. The dead were Mala Bibi, 30, and Haresa Begum, 32.

Polls between

FROM PAGE 3 get registration without fulfill-

ing the criteria." EC Secretariat officials are

preparing field level investiga-

tion report. The commission will make a decision after getting the report, he added.

Washing hands can save They were given a bar of FROM PAGE 3 soap on a pledge to wash their

Lifebuoy soap.

The campaign, to popularise hand washing among children and make them diseases like diarrhoea and pneumonia, also marked "Global Handwashing Day", scheduled for October 15.

Yesterday, the students were provided an interactive demonstration on proper hand-washing techniques and shown microscopic images of how harmful germs can breed in unwashed hands.

hands with soap from now on before touching food. Unilever Brand Building understand how it can prevent Director KSM Minhaj said, "Such diseases prevent 1.7

> birthday every year." He added that the risk of contracting diarrhoea can be reduced by 45 percent by washing hands at the key occasions.

Unilever has already reached 55 schools across the country this month.

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Dr Iftekhar is the only scholar designated as such at the ISAS. This prestigious appointment is seen as a recognition of his contributions to research on South Asia's international affairs.

Since March 2009, he has been a senior research fellow at the institute as well as head of South Asia's Multilateral

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credit, and has lectured at universities and think tanks around the world. In Bangladesh, he has

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Legal framework needed to ensure food for all: Inu STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday emphasised the need for a legal framework to ensure food for all.

The minister, also chairperson of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Food, Agriculture and Rural Development, said it is the state's duty to ensure food for all as a part of ensuring basic human rights. He was addressing a meeting on necessity of a legal

framework in ensuring right to food organised by the Campaign for Right to Food and Social Security in the capital's Jatiya Press Club. People need to raise their voice not only for right to food but for right to nutritious meals, he said, adding that a draft of a law regarding right to food was in the making. He, however, was uncertain whether the law would be formulated during the ongoing parliamentary session.

Govt land reclaimed FROM PAGE 5

lies inside the over 50-acre Hall-Mark Industrial Park. Locals allege that more

private land and those of Janata Housing Limited and a temple grabbed by the group lies in the park. Savar Police Station records show 65 general diaries and four cases have been filed in this connection.

The drive comes against the backdrop of a November 2012 Dhaka court order on recovering government land grabbed by Hall-Mark Group. In October 2012, Anti-

Corruption Commission (ACC) filed 11 cases against 27 top officials of Sonali

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her younger brother 10-yearold Sheikh Russell was brutally killed along with most of their family members, the prime minister said her government has been working relentlessly to stop the recurrence of such heinous incidents.

The prime minister urged all including non-government organisations to come forward along with the government in transforming the autistic chil dren as human resources.

She called upon all to work together for building a prosperous and developed Bangladesh dedicating the present time for the future generation.

Fugitive

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July 3, Assistant Attorney General Gazi Md Mamunur Rashid told The Daily Star.

Later, police filed another case against Mohiuddin on charge of escaping from police custody. Mohiuddin, hailing from

Solapara village in Narayanganj, appeared before the HC yesterday seeking bail in the case filed for escaping.

The HC ordered police to arrest Mohiuddin and send him to Narayanganj jail.

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Education ministry urges ring the registrar from sign-

FROM PAGE 3 against the appointment of

Prof Anwar after the VC panel election on July 20 last year. Afterwards, "Shadharon Shikkhak Forum" began

holding the demonstrations

from April 27 accusing Prof

Anwar of failing to expel a BCL leader for assaulting a teacher, committing irregularities in teachers' recruitment, and misusing university funds. Around one and a half months ago, they confined the VC inside his office for

released after Nahid, on August 24, promised to form a committee to probe the allegations. The committee provided its report, albeit four days after its scheduled submis-

four days. The VC was

sion on September 29. From the next day till date, the teachers have kept Registrar Abu Bakar Siddique and Deputy Registrar Abu Hasan confined to their offices protesting appointments of three deans to the law, business administration, and biological science faculties.

The protesters said the VC could not recruit the three as an investigation was underway against him. The confinement was aimed at bar-

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ing the appointment letters. They also initiated the ongoing sit-in before the

VC's residence from October 1. The VC also initiated a counter sit-in right beside them hours later. Yesterday's press release said the ministry has already started taking steps and "necessary" ones will be

taken after reviewing the report but the movement has been resumed without holding discussions with the ministry. "Such attitude from the teachers is inconsiderate and unacceptable. The ministry

deeply observes the situation with concern. Such activities of a section of teachers have long been disrupting classes, exams, admission, administrative and other academic activities. 65 structures

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