



A large country boat undergoing repairs in Charkhanpur of Rajshahi recently. With the beginning of the monsoon, fishermen and the people who make their livelihoods by ferrying goods and passengers across the Padma river have started restoring their vessels to operate those at the time when the river would overflow, deluging vast tracts of land and suspending road communication. Last year, these people witnessed severe flooding with water submerging even parts of Rajshahi city, but many who did not own boats or have their boats ready could not seize on the opportunity of making some extra bucks during that period.

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# CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS Govt out to establish Bangalee majority

Allege indigenous leaders, opposing govt's initiative to set up university, medical college in Rangamati

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The indigenous people of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) yesterday said the government was engaged in evil attempts to turn the region into a Bangalee majority one in a clear violation of the CHT Peace Accord.

They said they had been deceived and deprived of their rights so much despite repeated pledges of the authorities that they were now losing faith in the government.

The observations came at a discussion on the back of the government's initiative to set up a university and a medical college in Rangamati. CHT Citizens' Committee and Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples' Forum (BIPF) organised it at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

The government started acquiring land to establish Rangamati Medical College and Rangamati Science and Technology University in 2010 but it was suspended

amid opposition. Recently, it has resumed acquiring 50 acres of land.

"While establishing higher educational institutions should be good, reviews of the past government activities do not suggest it has truly good intentions in taking up the project," said Gautam Dewan, president of CHT Citizens' Committee.

Referring to the Kaptai Dam, he said the then Pakistan government had pledged free electricity to all in the region, but it never happened. Instead, over a lakh hill people were displaced, while 54,000 acres of arable and jhum land went under water, he added.

Dewan said Bangladesh Sweden Polytechnic Institute was founded during the Pakistan period to educate hill people, but only 4-5 percent of students there were indigenous. There is also no adivasi teacher, while most employees are Bangalee, he mentioned.

"The same situation exists in Chandraghona

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## N'ganj by-poll farcical

Says BNP, affirming its claim that fair election is impossible under Hasina administration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming Thursday's Narayanganj-5 by-election farcical, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said it was again proved that free and fair elections were not possible under the Sheikh Hasina government.

"The whole process in the Narayanganj-5 by-polls was unacceptable because it was farcical," he told reporters at the party's Nayapaltan central office in the capital, two days after Jatiya Party's Selim Osman, brother of Awami League lawmaker Shamim Osman, won the by-election.

The BNP spokesperson said people's will was not reflected in the by-election, which is marked by allegations of fake votes.

"How could people go to

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Take control, get on with your life; avail  
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Stopping his car on the portico of his office, he gave the car key to gateman to park the car properly, before he rushed inside, almost running for the toilet to relieve himself. Mr. Ahsan Kabir, a 58-year-old man from Dhanmondi in Dhaka, first became aware of his symptoms about 12 months ago when he began suffering from recurrent painful urinary infections, which initially cleared up with antibiotics but persistently flared up again. He also suffered with the uncomfortable and frustrating feeling that his bladder was never empty.

The symptoms Mr. Ahsan suffered created an adverse effect on his life. He found himself having to plan his life around trips to the toilet including up to seven trips throughout the night to relieve himself. The turning point for Ahsan was when he wet himself during a breakfast with his wife, then he knew he needed help.

He went to visit a Consultant Urologist in an International Standard Tertiary Care Hospital in the city. The Doctor advised him a number of tests including a flow and camera test (Uroflometry studies and Cystoscopy) confirming that he had a benign enlarged prostate, causing his urine passage (urethra) to be squashed, leading to persistent infections.

As a result of the tests conducted, the Consultant Urologist at this hospital gave him a comprehensive assessment and recommended the HoLEP procedure for him. The Doctor told me "Patients have the right to know about their disease and the type of treatment being offered", therefore he explained the whole procedure to me to make my understanding easier, tells Mr. Ahsan.



Talking about his experience Ahsan says "I even did not need to stop my blood thinner drugs before this Holmium Laser procedure. I had an excellent experience and I felt well looked after. After the operation I felt no pain, which was a pleasant surprise! I only felt discomfort during the catheter removal and the only testing done afterwards were occasional flow tests to keep a record of how much fluid I was taking." Ahsan says "This procedure hasn't disrupted my life one bit. I started to return to normal life a few days after leaving hospital."

With a much better quality of life now Mr. Ahsan can go out without having to worry where the nearest toilet is. He also is no longer having a disturbed night's sleep with the constant urge to go to the toilet, something he hasn't experienced in months.

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