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**LAUDABLE:** Students from different institutions of Dinajpur take part in town clean-up drive. Around 40 students, divided into four groups, join hands to do the job to make townspeople aware about waste management and cleanliness. This photo was taken from Dinajpur Railway Station yesterday.

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movement would be in the "top gear", he said, "We start our cars in the first gear and gradually we switch to the top gear. Like this, our movement will be in its top gear in phases."

However, he said the opposition would refrain from movement, if the government takes initiatives for talks to ensure "peoples voting rights."

People as well as the world community did not accept the January 5 farcical national election. That's why we believe a free and fair election with the participation of all political parties must take place before 2019," he said.

On the government move to restore parliament's authority to impeach Supreme Court judges, Fakhrul said, "Now, the government has moved to control the judiciary completely so that no judge can go against its directions."

Recently, the cabinet has approved a constitutional amendment proposal that seeks to restore parliament's authority to impeach SC judges for misconduct or incapacity.

Fakhrul reiterated that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia could not attend Tuesday's programme in the capital due to her illness.

## Gas cylinder blast kills man in Sylhet

UNB, Sylhet

A man was killed and seven people were injured as a gas cylinder exploded at a bakery in East Kushighat area of Sadar upazila on Tuesday night.

The deceased was identified as Ismail Khan, 35, son of late Iskandar Khan of Dilgaon village in Chunghat upazila of Habiganj district.

Locals said, the accident took place around 8:00pm when the gas cylinder of 'Pusti Bakery' went off with a big bang at a room, leaving bakery employee Ismail dead on the spot and seven other staff critically injured.

The injured were admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital.

## Faridpur-Rajbari train services reopen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Train services between Faridpur and Rajbari districts resumed yesterday after 16 years of suspension.

Railway Minister Md Mujibul Haque inaugurated the much-awaited services at the renovated Faridpur station in the town at 4:30pm.

MD Zillul Hakim, MP, lawmaker Kamarunnahar Chowdhury Lovely, Kazi Zainul Abedin, administrator of Faridpur Zila Parishad

and Khandakar Mohesham Hossain Babor, chairman of Sadar upazila parishad, spoke at the inauguration programme with Abul Kalam Azad, secretary of Railway Ministry, in the chair.

Addressing the programme, the speakers said it was a great achievement for the AL government as it kept the party's pledge in the election manifesto.

Adorned with flowers, a train consisting of six compartments reached Faridpur

station from Rajbari around 3:40pm.

According to official sources, after constructing a new 30-kilometre track and renovating seven railway stations this year, the train services that came to a halt on March 15 in 1998 resumed yesterday.

Expressing pleasure, Md Ayenuddin Sheikh, station master of Faridpur railway station, said reopening of the services will now ease the longstanding sufferings of the commuters in the areas.



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After a long 16 years of suspension, train services between Faridpur and Rajbari resumed yesterday. Railway Minister Md Mujibul Haque inaugurated the service at renovated Faridpur Railway Station in the afternoon.

## Flood in North worsening

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portions of the Mawa approach road and left a jetty at the Mawa terminal inoperative.

BIWTC manager at Mawa terminal, Sirajul Haq said, "No truck will be allowed to board the ferries. As there are strong currents in the river, four tug boats have been employed to pull the dual ferries which would take five to six hours to cross the river."

In Dhunat upazila of Bogra, four primary schools were closed as water entered those institutions after flood control dykes in Dhunat and Sariakandi collapsed yesterday.

Local WDB officials said they were dumping sand-filled bags along the dykes to minimise leakage of water. Several thousand people have been affected by flooding in the two upazilas.

In Jamalpur Sadar upazila, around 200 metres of Hargila flood control

embankment under Noapara union breached yesterday. Some 3,000 families were displaced in Islampur upazila, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer Masumur Rahman.

Agriculture officials said crops on some 13,000 hectares of land went under water in the district. They feared that the crops would be damaged completely if floodwater did not recede there within next six days.

In Phulchari and Shaghata upazilas of Gaibandha, floods have affected around 20,000 people. Some 230 houses in five villages under Uriya union were washed away by strong currents of water.

About 1,500 hectares of croplands went under water in Gaibandha Sadar, Sundarganj, Phulchari and Shaghata upazilas.

In Kurigram, nearly two lakh people in the chars of the district remained

stranded by flooding in last one week. Around 11,000 hectares of cropland have been submerged.

Flooding displaced some 500 families in three unions under Shahzadpur upazila of Sirajganj yesterday. Earlier, around 15,000 families and a huge tract of cropland in the district were affected by the deluge.

Upazila education officials said 22 primary schools in Chowhali upazila were inundated by flooding.

The receding water of the Dharla and Teesta in Lalmonirhat has damaged some 200 houses in Lalmonirhat Sadar, Hatibandha, Kaliganj and Aditmari upazilas since Tuesday afternoon.

Al Mamun, sub-divisional engineer of WDB, said there was no special fund to check erosion immediately.

Our correspondents in Munshiganj, Bogra, Jamalpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha and Lalmonirhat contributed to this report.

## HIV cases on rise in Hili land port area

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Hili land port in Hakimpur upazila, the second largest in the country, risks a serious onslaught by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection as drug abuse and prostitution continued unabated in the port area.

At least eight people, including a couple, were found HIV positive in the last eight years, said officials of Surakkha, a local NGO, dealing with the deadliest disease in the port area since 2006.

HIV positive patients usually do not tell their

## 3 get life for killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Three people were sentenced to life term jail for killing a youth in 2006 at bordering Burimari village of Patgram upazila yesterday.

The convicts are Ashraful Islam Tufan, Faridul Islam Bachchu and Jobayed Hossain Suzon, all from Burimari village.

According to the case, the three tortured and later stabbed a local youth Sajedul Islam, over borrowing Tk 500, and threw in the roadside paddy field at Burimari village.

Hearing Sajedul's groaning, local people rescued him in critical condition and admitted to Patgram upazila where he died.

Over the last two months, the teachers have been taking classes of 165 students without any repair of the school.

Students Abdullah, Moriam and Shakila said,

their guardians were afraid

of sending them to school as the roof might collapse on them anytime.

A teacher, Rina Parvin, said they have no classroom, sanitation and educational facilities.

"We are teaching the kids amid risk and without salary since the school was declared a government primary school last year", she said.

Local guardian and president of the school, Abdul Hannan Sarder, said that they were worried at the vulnerable condition of the

school.

"They need immediate security and academic atmosphere to continue studies", he said.

Headmaster Abul Kalam Azad said that they informed the higher authorities about the matter but to no effect yet.

Contacted, upazila primary education officer Md Abu Eusuf Bhuiyan said that they wrote to the education department for a new school building and were waiting for a 'positive' answer.



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Students attend their classes at storm-ravaged Durgapur Government Primary School in Adamdighi upazila of Bogra at life risk as the authorities concerned are yet to repair the institution.

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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## নিরোগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পরিকল্পনা কমিশনের সাধারণ অধিবোৰ বাংলাদেশের আওতায় বাস্তুনামাদীন "প্রিপারেশন এন্ড মনিটোরিং অব মিডিয়াম টাৰ্ম ভেল্লাপামেন্ট প্ল্যান্স (সেভেনথ ফাইভ ইয়ার প্ল্যান)" শীৰ্ষক প্রকল্পে সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ীভাৱে ভিত্তিতে নিরোগের জন্য বালোদেশের হাতীয়া নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে আবেদনপত্র আহবান কৰা যাচ্ছে।

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