



The street, *right*, is neither inundated with rainwater nor by flash flooding. It is a direct result of unchecked encroachment upon the dying Nayanjuri Khal, *left*, which once was a drainage canal for surrounding areas including Palashbari in Ashulia, outside the capital. The Daily Star published the photo on the left twice, on April 2 and May 6, warning about the consequences but local authorities were blasé. The photo on the right was taken in Palashbari on Monday, just half a kilometre from the canal. Adjacent areas face similar inundation for the same reason.

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RASHAD AHMAD

# BCL beating sends RU cultural activist to OT

## With broken shinbone

RU CORRESPONDENT

Even a humble apology for the negligible mistake did not spare Basudev Roy the wrath of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists at Rajshahi University last evening. They clobbered him mercilessly and did not give up until he lost consciousness.

With his legs bleeding, Basudev was first taken to the university medical centre and then to the operation theatre (OT) of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. An orthopaedist said the shinbone of his right leg was broken.

Proctor Prof Tarikul Islam said the university authorities took the matter seri-

ously and requested arrest of the attacker, Sajib Ahmed Saddam, assistant secretary of BCL's RU unit. He added that a probe committee would be formed soon, and based on its report, the authorities would take action.

Basudev, former president of RU Kendrio Sangskritik Jote, also a master's student of psychology, was attacked at Silsila Restaurant on the campus around 7:30pm.

Witnesses said Sajib and a BCL activist launched the assault because the pan of a window of the restaurant Basudev was opening from inside slightly hit the head of Sajib, who was sitting outside.

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# Get Mirza Fakhrul admitted to BSMMU

## HC orders prison authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the prison authorities to admit BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University immediately for his treatment.

The order came after Fakhrul's wife Rahat Ara Begum filed a writ petition saying that her husband had been suffering from various diseases including diabetes and heart complications.

She sought court direction upon the prison authorities for admitting Fakhrul to BSMMU or Birdem hospital.

Fakhrul's lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon told The Daily Star that his client was detained from Jatiya Press Club on January 5 and shown arrested in seven vandalism and arson cases.

Among the cases, Fakhrul got bail in one, he said, adding that the BNP leader has been in Gazipur's Kashimpur Jail-2.

# KSA rejects request for 25,000 more hajis

Current quota for Bangladesh is 1,01,750; coordination lapse between agencies, ministry reason for situation; Hajj flights start Aug 16

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Saudi government has rejected an appeal of the Bangladesh government to allow 25,000 additional Bangladeshis to perform Hajj this year.

However, they will continue their efforts to convince the Saudi authorities to reconsider the appeal, Religious Affairs Secretary Chowdhury M Babul Hasan told The Daily Star yesterday.

The Saudi authorities fixed a quota of 1,01,750 Bangladeshis to perform Hajj this year. Accordingly, the religious affairs

ministry in Dhaka introduced an online registration system for them ended in February.

The problem of 25,000 pilgrims has arisen as the Hajj agencies failed to maintain coordination with the ministry to streamline the online database. However, the agencies and the aspiring pilgrims demonstrated in the capital to press home the demand.

Hajj flights to Saudi Arabia are scheduled to start on August 16 and continue until September 18.

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