



Road given to AL men

44 shops spring up on it; allocation clear violation of law; Dhaka South yet to act on it

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN with M ABUL KALAM AZAD

In a bizarre move, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) leased out a public road near Baldha Garden to Awami League men, who then set up a kitchen market there.

The once widely used road now has 44 shops on it. Some of the shops were rented out and some sold.

The city corporation cannot by law allocate any road for markets or shops, but some of its officials did it for bribes, alleged a number of officials at the Nagar Bhaban, the DSCC headquarters.

The lane is next to the west wall of Baldha Garden between Nawab Street and Hare Street in Wari, a densely populated residential area.

Documents state that Tasabbibor Hossain, son of Ward-41 AL president Abul Hossain, and local AL activist Shahidul Hasan jointly sought the allocation of 1,980sqft area of the lane for setting up a market in early 2012,

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What used to be a busy public road in the capital's Wari is now a kitchen market. Local Awami League men in collusion with some dishonest DSCC officials took lease of the lane and set up shops there, making it off-limits to pedestrians and vehicles of any sort.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



BNP's rejoinder and our reply

The BNP sent a rejoinder to our report published on August 14 under the headline, "Fatal deaf ear".

Following is the full text (unedited) of the rejoinder, undersigned by BNP national standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan:

Our attention has been drawn to the lead story in your esteemed newspaper of 14th August, 2015 under the caption, 'Fatal Deaf Ear', written by Mr Sakhawat Liton.

The whole purpose of the story seems to be to malign Shaheed President and founder of BNP Lt. Gen. Ziaur Rahman Bir Uttam as one of the associates of the killers of late President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15, 1975.

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Insecurity mirrors Pakistan days

Lament religious minorities; call for safety

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad yesterday demanded protection of religious minorities against repression and torture.

At a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club, it also demanded withdrawal of a notice issued to its General Secretary Rana Dasgupta by a committee formed to investigate the alleged land grabbing in Faridpur.

Oikya Parishad leaders think the notice has been issued to harass Dasgupta because in an interview with Bangla

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Taposh fumes at Rab

Insists culprits in extra-judicial killings to be punished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League lawmaker Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh, also nephew of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, once again hit out at the Rab yesterday for the recent killings of ruling party leaders and activists in "so-called gunfights".

Although panic has gripped the ruling party men following such killings, Taposh is the first to speak out on extra-judicial killings and to point fingers at law enforcement agencies.

"We will not tolerate killings of our leaders and activists in the name of so-called gunfight and those responsible for the killings will be brought to book," said Taposh.



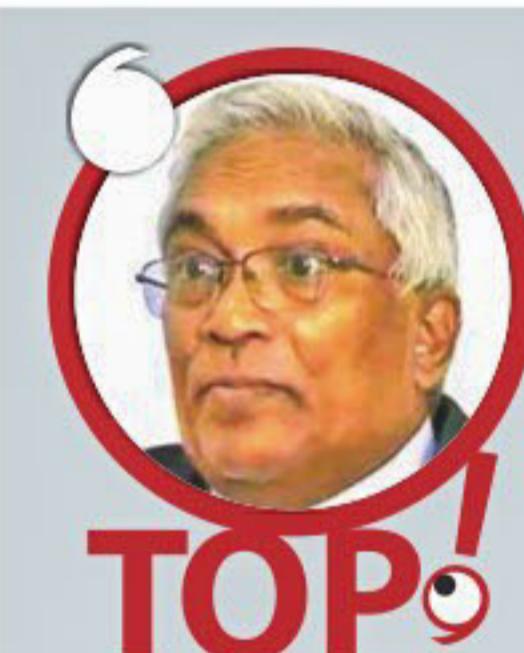
He was speaking at a prayer for Hazaribagh Chhatra League president Arzu Miah, who was killed in an alleged gunbattle with Rab on Tuesday.

In the last five days, at least four leaders and activists of the AL and its associated bodies died in "shootouts" with police and Rab, much to the ruling party's concern.

Taposh came down heavily on Rab soon after Arzu's killing. Later, he alleged the elite force killed him without trial.

Arzu was the prime accused in the case over Raja Miah's death. Raja, 16, was beaten to death allegedly by Arzu and his associates in Hazaribagh on Monday over claims that the boy had stolen a laptop

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TOP QUOTE

"Together we shed blood to liberate the nation in 1971. But it's unfortunate that we haven't yet tasted freedom."

RANA DASGUPTA

General secretary, Bangladesh Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad, at a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club

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