

# Out of court row could create constitutional crisis

Claims Mirza Fakhrul  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said a "constitutional crisis" might arise due to a "parliament-judiciary row" over the 16th constitutional amendment concerning impeachment of Supreme Court judges.

"The country is facing a serious political and financial crisis. There's a chance that there will be a constitutional crisis now," he told a discussion at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

National People's Party, a component in the BNP-led 20-party alliance, organised it, protesting the recent charging of BNP chief Khaleda Zia in two cases.

On May 5, the High Court scrapped the 16th amendment that had re-empowered parliament to remove SC judges. The very day, at least three ministers and several MPs said in parliament that the verdict was unconstitutional and beyond the jurisdiction of the HC.

Fakhrul said a "suffocating situation" was created in the country as the government had "re-established one party Baksal rule" in the country in a different style.

He alleged that the ruling party men in the name of development had looted hundreds of crores of taka and siphoned off the money abroad. "The evidence of their involvement in plundering public money has started surfacing from different places."

The BNP leader said the government was implicating Khaleda Zia in "false" cases one after another as part of its conspiracy to annihilate the nationalist forces by removing her from politics.

Criticising Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, Fakhrul said Inu wanted to establish democracy by removing Khaleda from politics.

He also asked Inu to clarify the principles of his party, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal.

"It is mentioned in the charter of your party that you want scientific socialism. What do you mean by it? You have to make it clear before the nation whether you support one-party democracy or multiparty democracy. It's a fundamental question."



These remains of a building in Janata Bazar of Barisal yesterday, used to be a mosque, which was the only one in the area. It also is not the only structure that got and is getting devoured by the Kirtankhola River, owing to onrush of water for the last couple of days from the upstream during the high tide, over a long stretch including the areas of Charbaria, Beltola, and Charkaua Kheyaghat as well, rendering hundreds homeless.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

# 48hr transport strike in Khulna div from today

UNB, Khulna

Transport owners and workers yesterday declared a 48-hour strike in 10 districts under Khulna division from today demanding withdrawal of two compensation cases filed against the owners of Chuadanga "Deluxe Paribahan" and "Green Line Paribahan".

Khulna Division Road Transport Owners-Workers' Unity Council announced the programme at a press briefing at Jessore Press Club yesterday morning.

They demanded immediate withdrawal of the cases, including the Tk 12 crore compensation case filed against the owner and driver of the "Deluxe Paribahan" over a road crash on Dhaka-Aricha highway on August 13, 2011 that left noted filmmaker Tareque Masud, media personality Mishuk Munier and three others dead.

Besides, a Tk 7 crore compensation case was filed against "Green Line Paribahan" over another accident.

Earlier on May 8, transport owners and workers threatened to go for the 48-hour strike.

# Budgetary allocation for law ministry not proportional to its contribution

Experts tell Bilia discussion  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite being one of the biggest revenue earners, the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs does not get a budgetary allocation proportionate to its contribution to the exchequer, legal experts said yesterday.

Addressing a symposium on the allocation organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (Bilia) at its auditorium in the capital, they opined increasing it for the country's overall development.

A University of Notre Dame law lecturer, Mustakimur Rahman, presenting a paper, said the allocation for the 2015-16 fiscal year was

Tk 1,042 crore while earnings until April Tk 2,739.22 crore.

"Actually, the ministry...is directly contributing to the national economy," he said.

East West University Law Professor Tureen Afroz said the ministry often failed to utilise the allocation.

"To overcome case backlog, the ministry needs more courtrooms, judges, training etc. But it is surprising to know that the ministry...failed to utilise the allocated development budget to fulfil those necessities," she said.

Eminent jurist Shahdeen Malik said the government allocated Tk 430 crore to extend the Moghbazar-Malibagh flyover by half a

kilometre, an amount bigger than the ministry's development budget.

Eminent jurist and Bilia Chairman Barrister M Amir-ul Islam said there was a lack of judges, lawyers and university law faculties and that the ministry must take up the initiative to meet the deficiency.

Admitting the lack of judges and scarcity of infrastructures, Law Minister Anisul Huq said the government was working to solve the problems and reduce the backlog of cases and that he would talk to the finance minister to increase the allocation.

Barrister Tania Amir and Additional Secretary of the ministry Mustafizur Rahman also spoke.

# Indian university offers scholarships for Bangladeshis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM), an Indian university, has offered 20 full scholarships per year for meritorious insolvent Bangladeshi students, the chancellor of the university said at a meeting in Dhaka yesterday.

Private owned USTM also offered 15 percent waiver in tuition fees for all other Bangladeshi students, when USTM Chancellor Mahbulul Hoque, leading a team of 30 members, came to visit Dhaka to develop educational cooperation between the two neighbouring countries.

The meeting was held at the capital's Sangskriti Bikash Kendra.

However, the full scholarships do not cover boarding and dining costs.

The chancellor assured that if any student without scholarship also found it hard to bear the expenses, the university would provide support as much as possible.

Interested students will have to apply through the university website, and a Bangladesh team will make the selection in cooperation with the university, Mahbulul Hoque added.

The Bangladesh team is led by Prof Liaquat Ali, vice chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Health Science, as they already signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with USTM.

The USTM team also signed a MoU with Dhaka University on Thursday on educational cooperation.



Pedestrians meandering through sewer pipes left haphazardly on the street connecting Madinabagh Wasa Road and Ahambadbagh Road in the capital's North Mugdapara on Thursday, for installing those underground, courtesy of the city corporation south. The situation was still the same yesterday for more than a week.

# Road crashes kill four, injure two

STAR REPORT

Four persons including a schoolteacher were killed and two others injured in three districts yesterday.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports: Durga Proshad Roy, 35, died instantly and his sister-in-law, Rita Roy, was injured when a speedy truck hit a motorbike the duo were riding on Dinajpur-Bogra highway in Amtoli area of Chiribadnar upazila.

Durga was a teacher of Amina Karim Memorial Girls High School in Birganj upazila. Injured Rita is hospitalised.

Our Gopalganj correspondent reports: Mizanur Rahman and Sumon were killed when their motorbike hit another bike from behind in Majhigati area of Kashiani upazila. The two were from Lohagara upazila in Narail.

Our Narayanganj correspondent reports: A covered van hit a rickshaw from behind in Chashara area of Narayanganj city, leaving the latter's passenger Samsunnahar Begum, 40, and her niece Bushra injured. Later, they were taken to a hospital where Samsunnahar died.

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**Boy held for 'raping' girl in Dhaka**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday morning detained a schoolboy on allegation of raping a six-year-old girl at a Bhasantek school in Dhaka.

The girl's father, who is a rickshaw-puller, said the 14-year-old boy raped his daughter after he forcibly took her to an alley between two buildings on the campus during tiffin period. Locals caught the boy as the girl screamed, he said. Bhasantek police said the father filed a case. The girl is scheduled to be sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital today for forensic test.

**DU criminology dept celebrates founding anniversary**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The fourth founding anniversary of the Department of Criminology at Dhaka University was observed yesterday.

The inaugural session of the event was addressed by LGRD Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique was also present. It also organised a conference "Social Disorganisation and Violence in Bangladesh: Recent Experience".

**Probe at final stage**

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State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam urged teachers and students not to be afraid. Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin urged giving attention to the fact that four RU teachers were murdered in the past 12 years. Earlier, a minute's silence was observed and the ministers paid a visit to the murdered teacher's residence.

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