



Business establishments set up encroaching upon the Bongshi river in Namabazaar area of Savar. The grabbers have been in the business for years whereas the authorities concerned continue to turn a blind eye to the illegal practice. Apart from the mindless encroachment, different industrial units are also dumping effluents into the river, rendering a blow to the aquatic life. The photo was taken recently.

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BEGUM ROKEYA UNIVERSITY VC faces wrath at end of tenure

OUR CORRESPONDENT, from Rangpur

The vice chancellor of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR), Dr AKM Nur-Un-Nabi, was sued yesterday for allegedly defaming a lecturer by implicating him in an assault and halting his promotion.

Tabiur Rahman of the journalism and mass communication department filed the defamation suit with the court of Senior Chief Judicial Magistrate. The case will be heard on May 11.

The complainant said that during a protest against "corruption, mismanagement, and recklessness" of the VC on March 3, 2015, some unidentified miscreants attacked the demonstrators -- students, teachers, and staff. Later police sued 200 people in this connection, and the investigation is underway till now, he said.

But the VC, during a syndicate meeting on September 18 the same year, said Tabiur was involved in the attack and halted his promotion, hence damaging his personal and professional image, he said. Asked why he filed the suit after so long, Tabiur said he had waited for his grievances to be addressed, but it did not happen, and the VC's tenure would end today.

Prof Nur-Un-Nabi denied the allegations against him. He joined as VC on May 6, 2013. His tenure ends today.

CONFINED FOR 14-HR
Two days before the end of his tenure as VC, Prof Nur-Un-Nabi had been confined for 14 hours by Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders and activists.

The protesters demanded jobs at the university. ABM Zahidul Islam, officer-in-charge of Rangpur Sadar Police Station, said BCL men led by former vice president of the university unit of the student organisation, Hadiuzzaman Hadi, confined him at his office room around 11:30am Wednesday.

Police rescued him at 1:30am yesterday.

No distance between judiciary and executive

Says Anisul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said there is no distance between the judiciary and the executive body of the government.

"I feel that honourable chief justice has resolved this issue yesterday [Wednesday]. He has very clearly said there is no distance between the judiciary and the government," Anisul said.

The minister said this while replying to queries from reporters after attending the 22th annual conference of Bangladesh Lions Clubs at a hotel in the capital as the chief guest.

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha on Wednesday reportedly told a function in Joypurhat that there was no conflict between the judiciary and the government.

Earlier, on April 15, Justice SK Sinha told a function in Dhaka that "a quarter is always engaged in an evil design to create a distance

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BCL activities at CU suspended

Following factional clash

CU CORRESPONDENT

All organisational activities of the Chittagong University (CU) unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) have been suspended following yesterday afternoon's factional clash on the campus, leaving at least eight BCL leaders and activists injured.

BCL central executive committee issued a statement in this regard last night. The clash erupted after the BCL activists loyal to CU unit President Alamgir Tipu beat up an activist loyal to its General Secretary Fazle Rabbi at the university rail station around 2:30pm, said police and witnesses.

BCL activists also beat up SM Masum Khan, deputy finance secretary of CU unit BCL, as he tried to stop them.

Following the incident, loyalists of both the groups chased and hurled brickbats at each other, leaving at least eight BCL men, including vice president Zaman Nur, deputy sports secretary Mehedi Hasan Uzzal and assistant secretary Abu Bakar, injured.

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ELECTION-TIME GOVT Khaleda's vision 2030 to reveal outline

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will present the party's vision 2030 on May 10, giving the outline of an election-time "supportive government" and detailing its development agenda for the country, senior leaders said yesterday.

BNP standing committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said the party chief would elaborate its plan on how the country would be developed by 2030 if BNP was voted to power.

Addressing a meeting of BNP and its associate bodies of Chittagong city, he also criticised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina over the outcome of her recent India visit.

Khasru said Bangladesh was far ahead of

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