

Bring them to book

Demands 14-member team at press conference indicating those who barred them from entering Bandarban's Lama
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A group of citizens yesterday demanded legal steps against those who barred them from entering Lama upazila in Bandarban to see for themselves the alleged eviction of indigenous people from their ancestral land.

At a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity, the group that included rights activists, journalists and a politician alleged that "a special force" had barred them from going there on an excuse of road blockade in the area by settlers.

The team went to Bandarban on Saturday morning and they were heading towards Lama following media reports on the eviction. However, the "special force" reportedly barred them at Yancha Check point, according to the team members.

Oikya Nap President Pankaj Bhattacharjee, who led a 14-member team for the Lama visit, placed a number of demands at the press conference.

They demanded that the grabbed land be returned to the indigenous owners and stern actions be taken against the grabbers comprising influential persons and organisations.

Their other demands include demilitarisation of Chittagong Hill Tracts as per the peace treaty, allocation of sufficient fund and adequate manpower for CHT land commission, establishment of the commission's branch offices in Rangamati and Bandarban, and solution to land disputes.

After being barred, the delegates said, they tried to meet the deputy commissioner of Bandarban but the "security force" again barred them at Raisa point of the district for "security reasons".

Columnist Syed Abul Maksud, General Secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum Sanjeeb Drong and advocate Prokash Biswas were present, among others.



People from all walks of life pay their last tribute to Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra's artiste, veteran Tagore exponent and classical vocalist Mihir Kumar Nandi by placing wreaths at Central Shaheed Minar in Chittagong city yesterday.

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Last tribute paid to vocalist Mihir Nandi

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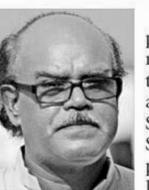
People from all walks of life paid their last tribute to Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra's artiste, veteran Tagore exponent and classical vocalist Mihir Kumar Nandi in Chittagong city yesterday.

He was cremated at Abhyo Mitra Cremation Centre in Baluar Dighir Par yesterday afternoon.

Born on December 14, 1945 in Keuchia village of Chittagong's Satkania upazila, Nandi passed away at Chittagong Medical College Hospital on Saturday night at the age of 72. He was suffering from cancer.

He was given a guard of honour by the district administration on the Chittagong central Shaheed Minar premises in the morning.

Hundreds of people, activists of different organisations, cultural, media and political personalities paid their homage to the artiste by placing wreaths.



Later, a short programme was held reminiscing contributions of the veteran artiste. Dr Anupam Sen, Abul Momen, Shila Momen, theatre personality Ahmed Iqbal Haider and Ustad Captain Azizul Islam spoke among others at the programme.

Nandi took his music lessons from the maestros like Waheedul Haque, Acharya Shailaja Ranjan Majumder, Ustad Nirod Barua Barua and Pandit Ashok Dasgupta.

He served as a part time teacher at Chittagong University's music department and as a jury member of Bangladesh Television, and Bangladesh Betar's special grade artiste, music director and composer.

As a frontline campaigner of the cultural front, he played an important role during 1969 mass uprising and during and after the Liberation War.

Students worried at

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previous years they have completed the process with the technical assistance from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

According to the guideline, students can apply by logging on to www.xiclassadmission.gov.bd or sending SMS to Teletalk mobile.

After paying an online fee of Tk 150, students can apply for a minimum of five and a maximum of 10 colleges.

The board will issue instructions on how to apply online. The applicants seeking to apply through sms will have to pay Tk 120, said the guideline.

The boards would publish a list of students in three phases specifying the colleges where they are to be enrolled.

The first list of selections will be published on June 5. Students in the first list will have to confirm selection of their colleges by SMS between June 6 and June 8.

Migration applications and new applications can be submitted on June 9 and June 10. The second list of admissions will be announced on May 13, the third one on May 18.

The admission of students selected in second round of admissions must be confirmed on May 14 and May 15, and their migration applications and new applications must be submitted on June 16 and June 17.

Students in the third list must confirm their college selections by June 19. Classes of the eleventh graders will begin July 1. The government also fixed the admission fees in the admission guideline.

Colleges in rural or municipal areas cannot charge more than Tk 1,000 in admission fees while the amount is Tk 2,000 for colleges at district towns. Colleges in metropolitan areas other than Dhaka cannot bill students more than Tk 3,000.

MPO-enlisted educational institutions in Dhaka metropolitan area can collect a maximum of Tk 5,000. However, partially MPO-enlisted institutions can charge a maximum of Tk 9,000 for Bangla medium and Tk 10,000 for English version, respectively.

No educational institution can realise over Tk 3,000 in the "development" sector, read the guideline.

Daulatdia Ghat may get swept

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should take necessary steps, he said.

BIWIA Executive Engineer Nijam Uddin Pathan said a decision to shift Pontoon No-3 and 4 to the area of launch berthing point was taken last year, but to no avail due to failure of RHD in starting the construction of a new approach road there.

"We started erosion protection work in the launch ghat area," he said.

Water Development Board had dumped a large number of sand bags in the river to protect the approach road from erosion, he said.

"But now, the sand bags started eroding."

Rajbari RHD Executive Engineer Johirul Islam said they could not construct the approach road yet due to delay in official procedure.

"We gave work order on April 24. The work will begin within a few days," he said.

The communication between Dhaka and 16 south and south-western districts is maintained through the Paturia-Daulatdia ferry route.

On the other hand, many establishments including mosques, houses and shops are also under the threat of erosion. Locals are passing their days in utter uncertainty.

Against all odds

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"I want to be a teacher when I grow up so that I can help others," said a confident Rabeya.

At the same time, she was also worried. "I may not be able to continue my education due to the constant burden of poverty. My mother is sick and cannot work anymore."

"We are very happy at her results. But I

don't know how we will manage to continue her studying," said her father Jalal.

If affluent section of the society extends their help, Rabeya could continue her education without any hindrance, said the teachers of the school.

She needs all the support in pursuing her dreams, they added.

DB asked to submit probe report

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Jagriti Prokashoni, was hacked to death inside his office on the second floor of Aziz Cooperative Super Market in the capital's Shahbagh on October 31, 2015.

Later, his wife Razia Rahman filed the case accusing unknown persons.

Detectives have so far arrested three members of banned Ansarullah Bangla Team -- Moynul Hasan Shamim alias Sifat alias Samir alias Imran, Abdus Samad alias Abdus Sabur and Khairul Islam.

They confessed to the killing to magistrates on different dates.

Judges must be free

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and materials before him and decides the issues, weighing the submissions of the learned advocates, in the light of applicable law. A judge must be able to make her/his decision in any given case freely and impartially based on the facts and law involved, without fear or favour. The judge must be able to protect the rights of the citizen in accordance with the law without having to look over his/her shoulders and without feeling any pressure or interference from other sources, specially the government," he observed.

The apex court judge said an independent judiciary is the key to upholding the rule of law in a free, democratic society, and true democracy is dependent on the existence of the rule of law.

Mark Guthrie, legal adviser to Commonwealth Secretariat, said judicial independence is enshrined in Bangladesh's constitution.

"It is important because without judicial independence you cannot have democracy, the rule of law, human rights including freedom of expression, the right to fair trial, freedom of association, the right to peaceful assembly, the right to a private life, the right to property, the right to freedom from torture, the right to life -- all of which if upheld lead to the fulfillment of human aspiration, social and economic development and good governance," he added.

Judge Shamim Qureshi, director of programmes, Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association, also spoke.



Speakers at the seminar on judicial independence.

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A branch of a tree shoved into a lidless manhole on a road in the capital's Tejgaon area. Locals have come up with the idea to warn traffic of danger as the lidless manhole is still "unnoticed" by the authorities concerned. The photo was taken in front of Tejgaon Police Station yesterday.

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