



Law enforcers given licence to suppress opposition

Khaleda says about interference in meeting at ASM Rab's house

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BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia strongly denounced law enforcers' "interference" in a meeting at Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rab) President ASM Abdur Rab's house yesterday, saying it manifested the state's current "vindictive and extremely anti-people nature".

In a statement, Khaleda alleged that the government had let law enforcers loose, and they had got desperate to suppress the opposition parties and alternative opinions.

"The current government has crossed all the limits after pushing the country into the dark depths of one-party misrule. Even, the indoor programmes of the country's political, social, and religious organisations are obstructed," she said.

Police on Thursday night took position in front of Rab's house in the capital's Uttara, as leaders of some opposition political parties sat in a meeting there. At one stage, the law enforcers stormed the house and asked them to cut the meeting short.

In the statement, Khaleda said police entered Rab's house with an ulterior motive to spread panic among people so that no one dare raise voice against the government.

"The government used police to foil the meeting at Rab's house as part of its ill tactics to eliminate opponents. The rule of law is now absent in the country," she said.

"Social crimes are now on a sharp rise as the law enforcers have been given the licence to repress the opposition parties and control their views."

The former prime minister warned the government

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A worker sprays pesticide on rose plants without wearing any mask at a flower farm. During a recent visit to the farm near Burulia area in Savar, none of its workers were found taking any safety precaution during the spraying. One may wonder if these growers, oblivious to their own safety, apply appropriate dose of the chemicals to ensure safety of the consumers.

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Rule of law is the key

Pro-BNP platform's discussion on extra-judicial killing, forced disappearance told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There will be no end to forced disappearance, extra-judicial killing, and abduction until the rule of law is established in the country, a roundtable discussion of a pro-BNP organisation was told yesterday.

The speakers also said there would be no rule of law if there was no democracy.

Speaking as the chief guest, BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed said 118 people were killed extra-judicially, 137 people were murdered, 84 became victims of forced disappearance, and 697 women and children were raped in the last 10 months.

He, however, did not give the source of the information.

Moudud also highlighted the need for a national unity among those who want an end to "one person rule" in the country. It has to be the one-point demand, he said.

"We may have differences, complaints, and grievances among ourselves on different issues. But let's get united on the point that we will restore democratic exercise in the country," he called upon the leaders of the parties aligned with BNP.

"After creating a national unity, we can come to an agreement with the people on how to make our democratic institutions including

the Election Commission, Anti-Corruption Commission, Public Services Commission, and parliament stronger," he said.

The discussion on "enforced disappearance, extra-judicial killing, and abduction" was organised by Adarsha Nagorik Samaj at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

Turning to parliament issues, Moudud said it was his personal opinion that the president and the speaker should quit from their party once they assumed the positions, to ensure neutrality because they were like institutions.

He also regretted that no adjournment motion was accepted in any of the parliaments in the country.

The adjournment motion is a procedure which, if admitted, leads to setting aside the normal business of the House for discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance.

The senior lawyer said, "We will have to correct ourselves.... Otherwise there will be no meaning of coming to power."

In his speech, Nagorik Oikya coordinator Mahmudur Rahman Manna said those who wanted to get rid of the "present situation" would have to take to the street protesting the government's misdeeds. "The present

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Youth 'rapes' girl in Savar

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A youth allegedly raped his girlfriend in Dhamrai of Dhaka on Friday night.

Victim's father alleged one Shamim Hossen, 25, of Chandrail area in Dhamrai convinced her daughter, 15, to go with him to his house making a promise of marriage.

One Friday around 11:00pm, the girl snuck out of her house when her parents were asleep and went to Shamim's house with him who later raped her after confining her to a room.

She was released around 3:00am yesterday, said the father, adding, while she

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Indian student 'killed' by compatriot

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An Indian student of a private university in Chittagong city allegedly killed a fellow student of his country in Akbar Shah area of the port city early yesterday.

He later tried to kill himself by hanging.

The deceased is Ateef Sheikh, 25, son of Abdul Khalique of Guwahati of Assam in India.

The injured, who was rescued by his roommates, is Maisnam Winson Singh, son of Maisnam Menjor Singh of Imphal East of Manipur in India.

Both were fourth-year MBBS students of University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC).

Alamgir Hossain, officer-in-charge of

Akbar Shah Police Station, said the incident took place at a flat on the fourth floor of a six-storey building at Lake View Society.

The building's caretaker Bashir Uddin said Ateef, Winson and one Gangmel Niraj,

also from India -- rented the three-room flat two-and-a-half-year ago. Several months later, a female MBBS student of USTC of the same country, introducing her as Ateef's wife, started staying there.

The youths used to arrange parties with friends often in the flat. On Friday, they arranged a similar party where around eight people attended, said OC Alamgir.

Around 11:00pm, when the guests left the flat after the party ended, Niraj and the

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Don't isolate me from people for security reasons

PM tells SSF personnel marking its 31st founding anniversary

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the Special Security Force (SSF) personnel to be careful so that security measures do not isolate her from common people as they are at the centre of all power.

"It's not possible to serve people being isolated from them, we're accountable to people as public representatives... you'll have to be careful about it," she said.

The prime minister was addressing a programme marking the 31st founding anniversary of SSF at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

She mentioned that power belongs to people as stated in the constitution. "In the parliamentary form of government, every activity of the government is formulated and implemented for the welfare of people."

The prime minister asked the SSF members to coordinate between the desire of people and their duties.

"It'll be commendable on your part to ensure the highest level of security with professionalism by keeping the VIPs'

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EC takes steps to increase number of women voters

BSS, Dhaka

The Election Commission (EC) has directed the field officers to engage public representatives and village police to increase the number of women voters in the upcoming voter list.

Assistant Secretary of EC Secretariat Md Mosharraf Hossain sent directives in this regard to field officers and local public representatives on Thursday.

The commission gave directives to specify eight problems for women to become voters and get over those problems to increase the number of women voters.

According to the EC, the eight problems included - reluctance to collecting birth registration certificates by paying fees, apathy in taking photographs in excuse of religion and unawareness of rural women and distant registration centres.

The EC asked the field officers to take cooperation from women public preventatives especially members of reserved seats at Zila Parishads, Upazila Parishads, City Corporations, Pourasavas and Union Parishads.

The EC will collect information about citizens who are eligible to become voters from July 25 to August 9. The commission will collect information of those who will become 18-year-old on January 1, 2018.

It's Gourd!

As the songs of summer begin to serenade our senses, the ground and the trees come alive with colours, as the best fruits and vegetables start to bloom. The summer brings with her a bounty of delicacies, consisting of fruits and vegetables packed with taste and nutrition. One such favourite vegetable is the bottle gourd or lau as we call it.

Packaged with fantastical tales from the world over, comes the finest of bottle gourds in any Shwapno outlet near you. History is ripe with stories of gourd, each time the vegetable playing an important role in dissecting the narrative of what happened back then. The gourd is one of the most ancient plants to migrate around the world, with many claiming its origins to be in Africa. In fact, the Fulani people, a primarily Muslim people spread throughout many parts of Western Africa, used the gourd as a present given to a wife marking her formal entry into her husband's homestead. For every child, the size of the woman's gourd collection would be increased and a large collection would be used to signify her prestige in that particular society.

Gourd was considered to be such an important part of a person's diet that to internalise these benefits, cultures have often resorted to marrying them with symbolic gestures or easy to remember myths. All over the world, the bottle gourd has found many uses but it is the health factor that makes it so popular globally. Bottle gourd is rich in dietary fibres. It helps in curing constipation, flatulence and even piles. Additionally, it is very easy to digest. The vegetable also promotes weight loss with the many vitamins, minerals and dietary fibres it constitutes, keeping the body well-nourished. Gourd is also 96% water and is also rich in vitamin B and C. It contains sodium, potassium and many other minerals and trace elements which help to regulate blood pressure and reduce risk of heart ailments. The juice it produces can also be used to gain a wide range of health benefits.

For those concerned with weight loss, the bottle gourd can be an amazing aide. First thing in the morning, use the gourd to make juice and drink it. The minerals, vitamins and dietary fibres present will help decrease your appetite. Especially during summers, the fact that the gourd is 96% water, drinking its juice will keep your whole body feeling cool for a long time. Alongside, you will also benefit from the decrease in fatigue the juice can bring about.

Apart from taking care of your heart and your liver, there are beauty aspects to gourd as well. It can help with hair growth and prevent premature greying of the hair. This is down to the high Vitamin B content. If you can't eat it, you can crush it and apply directly to your scalp. Lau juice can also be applied to treat pimple, acne, dark circle and puffy eyes and it also works as an anti-aging cream.

Finally, lau can also help with digestion and constipation. It can cut down gas and acidity. Overall, it improves the digestion process better than most other vegetables and thus is highly recommended.

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