



The social services department under social welfare ministry has put up a sign on the capital's Bijoy Sarani-Tejgaon Link Road declaring it a "beggars-free zone". But beggars, like the one in the photo taken on Thursday, continue to go from car to car seeking alms. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Brac distributing 78,000 sets of clothes among Rohingya children

Brac is distributing 78,000 sets of clothes among the children coming from Myanmar's Rakhine State to Bangladesh. The Bangladesh-based international development organisation already distributed 58,535 sets of clothes to the children, aged up to 10 years, said Shararat Islam, senior manager communications at Brac. The organisation has gathered clothing items for the children living in 10 makeshift settlements in Ukhia and Teknaf, said a press release. In addition, floor mats have been provided to around 1,700 families.

Land management going

FROM PAGE 3 and Property Rights to All Citizens of Bangladesh', is going on in this regard. Under the pilot project, AC (Land) office, sub-registry office, settlement office, and two union land offices of Monirampur upazila in Jessore district have installed 'Integrated Digital and Land Record System' software to bring the land management system under the computerised system. Once the system is automated, landowners or buyers will not need to visit over 10 government offices for documents. All the documents will be uploaded to a database, to which the government officials and people, in some cases, will have the access. Through this project, a plan has been taken to simplify the land management through countrywide land mutation, collection of land development tax, khas land and sairat mohal (water bodies) management, office and finance-management. The government also has a plan to resolve the problems of land management through digital system. To this end, three projects have been taken so far. The projects are -- Strengthening governance management project (Component-B: Digital Land Management System), Digital land record, survey and maintenance project, and National land zoning project. Once the land digitisation projects are completed, the government officials sitting at their offices will be able to see any transformation of land, including infrastructure and ownership. Bangladesh's land management has been divided in terms of authorisation, which remains as a problem. The Land Ministry looks after the survey and record issues,

while the Law Ministry handles the registration process. As per the National Land Zoning Project, Bangladesh has a total land surface of 12.31 million hectares, of which presently 7.85 million hectares are under agriculture. It accommodates over 152.25 million people. This amounts to an average of 27 percentile of land and 17 percentile of cultivable land per head. Besides, due to population growth, this share of land per capita is shrinking every year making the resource base for agriculture, forest and wetlands more vulnerable and marginalised. For example, in 1983-84 there was 20.0 million acres of total cultivable land, which dropped to 17.5 million acres in 1997. There are many driving forces compelling people in Bangladesh to overexploit the natural resources like land. The main ones are the poverty with rapid population growth, improper land use and ineffective implementation of existing laws and guidelines. Competition for diverse uses of land resources, the tremendous increase of population, natural and manmade hazards, economic opportunities and ecological hot spots call for distinctive and sustainable land management arrangements through the development of Land Use Based Zoning in the country. The government realises this need, and formulates more policies, strategies and planning documents making special reference to different land issues and its integrated management, the document mentions.

Sudipto victim of leaders'

FROM PAGE 3 "He was a bright student and was outspoken... he might have been a victim of intra-party feud in his college," he said. The general secretary of the same unit, Nurul Ajim Rony, said, "It is my personal observation that Sudipto's outspokenness and his criticism against the activities of some former BCL leaders might have made a section of former BCL leaders upset at him." "Sudipto was a victim of conflict among the seniors," he said without mentioning any name. "The former leaders are using the present leaders and activists for their own interest." On October 3, Sudipto wrote about BCL leaders on his Facebook: "We didn't see many of them on the streets after the 1/11... Oh sorry! It is wrong to say this." The next day, just a couple of days prior to his death, in another post he said a king without his or her activists does not have any meaning -- just like a king without his subjects. "Activists should rise up to achieve something new." In an earlier post, on September 14, he said, "To the powerful: you can repress the juniors, but if the juniors counter-act, your prestige will vanish beyond the Himalayas." On September 27, he said on Facebook that over the last twelve to thirteen years, none of the BCL leaders cared for the activists who had suffered severe financial hardship. But the same leaders, with their boastful talks, were now making him laugh.

Ctg homeowners resent

FROM PAGE 5 Amir Uddin, the platform's general secretary, said due to the reassessment, the holding tax would be around 10 to 15 times more. "It will inflict a huge burden on the homeowners." "We are paying income taxes to the National Board of Revenue (NBR). If CCC also imposes tax on our income, it will be like a double taxation, which is not fair," he said. The taxation ordinance that CCC is now following was formulated in 1986 during the military regime. The regime was declared illegal by the Supreme Court through a verdict on the seventh amendment to the constitution. So, the taxation ordinance should also be declared illegal, he said. Contacted, Dr Muhammad Mustafizur Rahaman, CCC chief revenue officer, said

they had assessed the tax within the law. The "Ideal Tax Schedule", which was in function since 2016, allowed the CCC to determine the holding tax, he said. "If homeowners deemed it unjust, they can appeal to the CCC review board." The board would consider it based on the homeowners' financial condition, he added. Ruling out the allegation of double taxation, he said the authorities realising income tax do not provide the service CCC renders to the city dwellers. To ensure civic facilities, CCC must be financially solvent. The reassessment process started in March 2016. It found 1.85 lakh holdings in the port city, 28,702 more than the previous year. CCC has set a target of realising Tk 851 crore as holding tax for the fiscal year 2017-2018, according to its sources.

In a September 6 post, Sudipto demanded election to the college students' union as an election is mandatory for ensuring constructive politics.

Regarding Sudipto's killing, Chittagong city BCL general secretary Nurul Ajim Rony said the ones who took part in the killing mission were professional killers, based in the city's Lalkhan Bazar area. "They were hired." "It is really unfortunate that a promising student leader has been murdered only for his constructive criticism," he said, adding, "We want to come out of this type of [negative] politics."

Bimstec disaster

FROM PAGE 3 ministry yesterday. The exercise follows the call from top leaders of Bimstec at their retreat, hosted by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in western state of Goa in October 2016, for

closer cooperation in disaster management through joint exercises. India had offered to host the first exercise at the 17th Bimstec Senior Officials' Meeting in Kathmandu on February 7 this year.

Rony also claimed that only half-an-hour prior to the killing of Sudipto, the same group of killers made an attempt to get another BCL leader of CGCC out of his house.

He escaped the same fate as Sudipto's "as he refused to come out of the house," he claimed. Marjina Akter, the OC of Sadarghat Police Station, however, said no one filed any complaint with them in this regard. Contacted, Chittagong city BCL President Imran Ahmed Imu demanded arrest and punishment of the killers of Sudipto.

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