

# Youths don't want politics of violence

Says Mahi B Chowdhury, Projonmo Bangladesh launches 'Plan B' campaign

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Projonmo Bangladesh, a platform of youths, yesterday launched a campaign titled "Plan-B" to introduce a new culture in politics, which would be non-violent and corruption-free.

Led by Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) Joint Secretary General Mahi B Chowdhury, the campaign will be carried out through various activities -- dialogue, workshop, blood donation drive and social media promotion -- in the next couple of months.

It was launched at a programme held at Krishibid Institute Bangladesh (KIB) in Dhaka.

The major objectives of the campaign are to attract the youths in politics, ensure their leadership and pursue politics of peace instead of following the path of muscle power and violence, said its organisers.

A number of workshops will be held between September 10 and 12; a month-long blood donation camp and dialogue with students and professionals will begin from September 28, they added.

"People's expectations have not been fulfilled... We want both development and democracy. We want freedom of speech," he said, adding that a reasonable government is a must to overcome the current situation.

"A new era in the country's politics will not begin if the new generation doesn't get involved," said Mahi.

"Politics of muscle power must change... Politics is now hostage to corruption and terrorism. How would decent young people get involved?" he said.

Mahi also said they will not allow anti-liberation forces, like Jamaat, to be the determinants of the country's politics.

Expressing solidarity with the campaign's objectives, Nagarik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna said, "A sense of fear has gripped the country due to oppression of the current government."

## 6 hospitals fined for irregularities

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion in Savar fined six private hospitals Tk 23.8 lakh and sealed off one of them for various irregularities on Saturday and yesterday.

Goni General Hospital was fined Tk 4.05 lakh and its pharmacy Tk 75,000; Habib Clinic Tk 5 lakh; Momtaz General Hospital Tk 5 lakh, said Executive Magistrate Sarwoor Alam, who led the drive.

Besides, Palash Diagnostic Centre and Hospital was fined Tk 5 lakh; Ruposhi Bangla Hospital Tk 1.5 lakh and Shema General Hospital Tk 2.5 lakh.

Goni General Hospital was sealed off while pathology units of Habib Clinic and Palash Diagnostic Centre and Hospital were shut down, said the executive magistrate.

The fines were realised on the spot.

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## Travelettes of Bangladesh tour through southern region

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Four members of the Travelettes of Bangladesh, a Facebook-based group of female travellers, concluded their tour of Barisal region on Saturday, visiting historical places and raising awareness among schoolgirls.

Members of this group have so far visited 26 districts of the country starting from April 6, and the southern region was their latest leg. Riding on scooters, they completed the tour of Patuakhali, Barguna, Pirojpur, Jhalakathi and Barisal in six days.



Manoshi Saha, general secretary of Travelettes of Bangladesh, poses with students at Halima Khatun Secondary School of Barisal city on Saturday.

PHOTO: STAR

The women-only group, nicknamed Bhrmon Konya (female travellers), aims to cover the entire country, an initiative they call "Bangladesh through the eyes of women". Through this, they promote the independence of women.

Five members of this group led by Sakia Haque and Manoshi Saha Tuli, two interns at Dhaka Medical College (DMC), also president and general secretary of the group, was on this trip. The rest are Zannatul Ferdous Shova, a primary school teacher; Shamsun Nahar Shuma, a Dhaka University student; and Musfiqa Rahman

"We discussed the Liberation War of Bangladesh, early marriage, health and nutrition, and the problems adolescent girls are facing," she added.

Shuba, a student of class VI, said, "This kind of programme gives us courage to face our personal and social problems."

Her classmate Beethi added, "We learnt about many issues related to adolescence, which was not told to us before."

The team reached Barisal on August 31 after starting from Dhaka on August 27. On their way back, they visited Madaripur and Shariatpur.

## ২০১৯ সালের ক্যালেন্ডার ও ডায়েরি মুদ্রণের জন্য দরপত্র আন্তর্বান

পুরালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেডের ২০১৯ সালের ক্যালেন্ডার ও ডায়েরি মুদ্রণ, বাংলাই ও সরবরাহের জন্য প্রথম শ্রেণীর মুদ্রণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের কাছ থেকে সিলশোরূপ দরপত্র আন্তর্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

০১. দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহ ও জ্যামানাঃ মুদ্রণ ও সরবরাহ সংক্রান্ত বিত্তান্বাত তথ্য সম্পর্ক সিডিউল (ক্যালেন্ডার ও ডায়েরির প্রথক প্রথক সিডিউল) ০৩ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৮ তারিখ হতে ১৩ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৮ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ব্যাংকের জন্মসংযোগ সেল (প্রধান কার্যালয়, ১৩ তলা) থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। আগামী ১৬ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৮ তারিখ সকাল ১১:০০ টার মধ্যে ব্যাংকের প্রধান কার্যালয়ের সহস্থানে বিভাগে (১৩ তলা) রাখিত টেক্টোর বাসে দরপত্র ফেলতে হবে এবং এন্ডিনাই সকাল ১১:৩০ মিনিটে উপস্থিত দরপত্র দাতাদের সামনে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে।

০২. দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্যঃ ক্যালেন্ডার মুদ্রণের জন্য প্রতিটি সিডিউল টাঃ ৩,০০০/- (তিনি হাজার টাকা) মাত্র ও ডায়েরি মুদ্রণের জন্য প্রতিটি সিডিউল টাঃ ২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার টাকা) মাত্র "পুরালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড" এর অনুমতি প্রদানের বিনিময়ে (অফেরত্বেযোগ্য) সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।

০৩. দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের মোগ্যাত্ত অফসেট প্রিস্টিং কাজে ০৩ (তিনি) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা এবং যেকোন সরকারি/বেসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠানে ক্যালেন্ডার/ডায়েরি মুদ্রণ ও সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। আঞ্চলিক দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠান সমূহকে হালসন নাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাটি/ টর্নওভার ট্যাক্স রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ, টি.আই.এন নম্বরসহ আয়কর পরিপোর্দের সনদ, ব্যাংক সলভেনী সনদ প্রতিসিদ্ধ প্রামাণিক কাগজপত্রাদি দাখিল করতে হবে।

০৪. বিশেষ দ্রষ্টব্যঃ কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যাতিরেকে যে কেন দরপত্র প্রথম অথবা বিত্তান্বের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। কার্যালয়ে প্রদানের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বনিম্ন দর প্রদান একমাত্র বিষয়ে বিশেষ নয়, প্রতিবেগিতামূলক দরে মানসমত্ব কাজ গ্রহণযোগ্য।

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## WHEN WILL THIS MINDLESSNESS END?

Within only one year, almost half a kilometre stretch of the newly excavated drainage canal, known as Rayerbazar Khal, has been completely clogged with a four-five feet deep layer of garbage [a lot of it is plastic]. According to the locals, the situation resulted due to the authorities' nonchalance. The photo was taken in Rayerbazar, Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Situation will

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after this no parliament member will have any official power. There is no question regarding this," said Quader, who was the chief guest at the rally.

Quader also warned the Hindu community not to get trapped in the attempt to create communal polarisation in the name of national unity.

He further reminded the Hindu community of the 2001 period when "BNP-led communal forces came into power" and said the situation will be worse if they come back to power.

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon inaugurated the Janmashthami procession. Among others, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia, Bangladesh Puja Uddipan Parishad President Milon Kanti Datta, and its General Secretary Nirmal Kumar Chatterjee also spoke at the programme.

## Abul Mansur Ahmad's

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government led by then prime minister Hossain Shahid Suhrawardi. His contribution to the development of East Bengal through various initiatives, especially in industrialisation, is undeniable.

Among his famous satirical novels, "Aina", "Asmani Parda", "Gulliverer Safarnama" and "Food Conference" are notable. Two of his autobiographies are "Atma Katha" and "Amar Dekha Rajnitir Panchash Bachhar", which, while bringing out his own personal struggles, depict the historical and social challenges faced by the common people of that period.

His role in the initial days of Pakistan was extremely important in highlighting issues of the economic and cultural rights of the people of East Pakistan. He was one of the earliest proponents of Bangla being the national language of the country.

He had written extensively about the issues of national language since the beginning of the '40s and also contributed actively to the Language Movement as the editor of Ittehad. Abul Mansur Ahmad was the author of the famous 21-point manifesto for the United Front in the 1954 election, which saw the demise of Muslim League from power and from the politics of East Pakistan. The manifesto was a historic document that first portrayed the political, economic, and cultural aspirations of the suppressed Bengalis.

As a result of his political activities in the late '50s and early '60s, Abul Mansur Ahmad was jailed several times, by the military administration of Ayub Khan.

Bangla Academy has published three volumes of Abul Mansur Ahmad's collected works. There are three more volumes to be published. A collection of memorial books on Abul Mansur Ahmad was recently published by Prothoma. Star Books has also published "Abul Mansur Ahmad Shreshtho Golpo".

## Roma Chowdhury shifted to ICU again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Freedom fighter Roma Chowdhury was shifted to the intensive care unit (ICU) of Chittagong Medical College Hospital again yesterday evening.

She has been undergoing treatment at the hospital since January.

A medical board led by Prof Ashok Dutta, head of the medicine department, has been formed for her treatment.

Dr Kazi Md Abrar Hasan, coordinator of the nine-member board, said her blood pressure was fluctuating, that was why she was shifted. "We're monitoring her condition."

Roma suffered a fractured waist in January this year, and was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

The freedom fighter has written 18 books including a chronicle of her days in 1971 named "Ekattorer Janani".

## Rohingya

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state of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean), the Bangladesh foreign ministry should have launched efforts to engage other Asean member states to resolve the issue, he added.

Prof Salimullah Khan, director, Centre of Advance Theory of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, said Rohingya persecution has been taking place over the decades and there has been a complete denial of their citizenship in the process. International recognition of a "Rohingya state" is a prerequisite to resolve the crisis, he said.

Praising Bangladesh government's efforts in giving shelter to Rohingyas, Papa Kysma Sylla, deputy representative of UNHCR, said to resolve the crisis its challenges have to be addressed properly.

Prof Zia Rahman, chairman of DU's criminology department, moderated the session.



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## BGB-BSF

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issues, will be discussed at the summit.

The two sides will also sign a "joint record of discussions" on September 7.

As per a decision taken by the home secretaries of India and Bangladesh at a meeting in Dhaka in October 1993, the two sides agreed that the director general-level meetings between BGB and BS