



A woman and her child carefully walk past an unprotected large ditch in a road at Boro Moghbazar area in Dhaka. Extended renovation work spells woes for pedestrians. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

N'ganj human chain demands safe food

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

The Nirapad Khaddo Andolon Bangladesh yesterday organised a human chain in front of Narayanganj Press Club, to protest use of formalin, carbide and chemicals in food products.

Some 50 persons from all walks of life attended the human chain held at Chashara in the city.

Farid Ahmed Bondha, convenor of the movement, said currently there is no food free of contamination and people are falling sick day by day by eating these poisonous food items.

"We want to die a natural death," he said, adding that those handling mobile courts do not have machines to test adulterated food.

He demanded that the authorities immediately launch drives against contaminated food in Narayanganj.

Rafiqul Islam Jibon, joint general secretary of Narayanganj Press Club, said many people are dying from food adulteration.

But the administration is paying no heed to this issue, he said, and requested the authorities to take the matter into consideration.

Rohingyas

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The items that will be produced include embroidery pieces hand-sewn by refugees, along with apparel for children, men, and women, and household items. The finished products will be sold in one of Bangladesh's best-known fashion retailers, Aarong, a social enterprise of Brac.

Under the project, Aarong provides the raw materials and designs to Ayesha Abed Foundation. Half of the profits are transferred to Brac for its development work, while the remainder is used for investment and employment growth.

The pilot is seen as a model of providing skills-training support to these communities, Elizabeth Trossell said.

Cox's Bazar is one of the poorest and most under-developed areas of Bangladesh, with few job opportunities outside the rural sector. Over one million Rohingya are living there.

RMG workers

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Aktarul Islam, a worker, alleged that on April 13, the authorities declared that the factory will be closed for an indefinite period as they demanded salary under the new wage structure.

The factory authorities could not be reached for comments.

Sana Shaminur Rahman, superintendent of Dhaka zone industrial police, said additional police have been deployed in both the Ashulia factory areas.

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Balu Char in Chandpur can be a tourist attraction

Still lacks basic facilities and safety arrangements, say visitors

UNB, Chandpur

Balu Char, popularly known as "Mini Cox's Bazar" for its sandy areas and scenic beauty, could be developed into an attractive tourist spot.

This char (shoal) emerged six years back on the western bank of Meghna river near Chandpur district town, and has great potentials, said boatmen at Railway River Ghat.

While visiting Balu Char recently, the agency found a riverbank stretching for half a kilometre. The char area is nearly five kilometre long while its width is about one kilometre.

It takes only 10 minutes to get to the char by engine-driven trawlers from Chandpur Boro Railway Station Ghat.

Every day -- especially during holidays -- picnickers, hundreds of men, women and children of Chandpur town and also from far-off areas like Hajiganj, Shahrasti, Cumilla, Roypur, Ramganj, Faridganj and Matlab throng this char to enjoy its beach-like beauty.

This has turned out to be very popular among children and youths because of the waves of the mighty river Meghna.

Despite its natural beauty, the char still lacks basic facilities and necessary safety arrangements for tourists.

There is lack of good seating arrange-

ments and refreshment facilities.

Though a few chairs with umbrellas are found under private arrangement (Tk 50 per chair for an hour), those are not enough to fulfil the demands of visitors.

Mehdi Hasan, 24, a resident of Tongi, Gazipur, said that he came here after hearing about its scenic beauty. "It's really nice, there's no doubt. But, I'm sorry to say the facilities are too inadequate to attract visitors," he said.

Many other visitors like Mahfuzur Rahman of Sonaimuri, Noakhali echoed the sentiment.

They alleged that their journeys to and from the tourist spot get riskier when trawlers are overloaded as there is no one to monitor. They even charge fares whimsically, visitors further alleged.

Contacted, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Md Shawkat Osman said Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni has already directed the Public Health Engineering Department to set up "Wash Block".

He said authorities concerned have also been directed to raise the char by dumping sand.

Some local residents, however, said if the char gets bigger it may shrink the rivers and obstruct the natural flow of water at the confluence of the three rivers -- Meghna, Padma and Dakatia.



GATHERING DUST... impounded motorbikes left to rust on the premises of Sylhet Kotwali Police Station. According to police, these bikes, many of which were used in mugging, were confiscated during various drives. Due to delay in trial and resultant backlog of cases, police are unable to dispose of the vehicles. The photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR



Lt Col Qadir's martyrdom anniv today

CITY DESK

Today marks the 47th martyrdom anniversary of Lt Col Muhammad Abdul Qadir, who was killed by the Pakistani troops at the very onset of the 1971 Liberation War.

Army engineers are set to recall the freedom fighter today, says a press release.

Qadirabad Cantonment, named after the martyr in Natore, will arrange a milad mahfil at its central mosque.

Qadir joined the war as he was serving on deputation as the controller of operations at the then East Pakistan Oil and Gas Development Corporation in Chattogram. He was caught by the Pakistani occupation army as he secretly returned home to see his ailing wife on April 17. He embraced martyrdom the same day.

Qadir's grave was found in 2007 and he was reburied with full state and military honour in 2011 at Qadirabad Cantonment.

His two sons -- journalist Nadeem Qadir and Naweed Qadir -- requested his friends and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



Shabnam Huq's 19th anniv of death

CITY DESK

Today is the 19th death anniversary of Shabnam Huq, wife of Arham Masudul Huq who is senior executive vice president and company secretary of Dhaka Bank Limited.

Her relatives, friends and admirers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.

JS body for setting up textile research institute

BSS, Dhaka

Parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Textiles and Jute yesterday recommended setting up a textile research institute to ensure adequate development in the sector.

The recommendation was made at the second meeting of the committee, said a press release of the parliamentariat.

The meeting was presided over by committee Chairman Mirza Azam. Members of the committee -- including Textiles and Jute Minister Golam Dastagir Gazi -- were also present.

The committee also recommended holding discussions with the stakeholders concerned and providing optimum services to make the "Textile Act 2018" effective.

The meeting was informed that the ministry has taken necessary measures to pay due wages of the workers, the release added.

It was also stated that a committee was formed by the secretary of the Ministry of Textiles and Jute to expedite land acquisition process for setting up "Sheikh Hasina Tant Pali" (first phase) project in Shibchar upazila of Madaripur and "Sheikh Hasina Textile College".

Both projects will be implemented under supervision of Bangladesh Army with suggestions of the standing committee.

TRIAL OF WOMAN'S MURDER

HC show-causes Feni judge, PP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a show-cause notice to the judge and public prosecutor (PP) of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal of Feni for their failure to finish the trial proceedings of a woman's murder case in 180 days, and for not giving any explanation about it.

The court also issued the same show-cause notice to the investigation officer (IO) of the case.

The three respondents have been asked to place their explanation to the HC on April 30, on why they failed to finish the trial proceedings of the Rehana Aktar killing case filed on April 24, 2016.

According to Section 20 of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act-2000, the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal must finish trials of cases filed under this law within 180 days of charge-framing.

If the trial of a case is not finished on time, the tribunal judge, public prosecutor and police officer concerned have to submit separate reports to the SC and government, mentioning causes for the delay, and then the authorities concerned should take necessary steps, states the Section 31 (Ka) of the law.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman came up with the order during hearing a petition filed by Mortuja alias Mintu, an accused of the case and husband of Rehana, seeking bail in the case.

During hearing of the bail petition, Mortuja's lawyer Md Shahidul told the court that his client has been suffering in jail for around four years, as the trial proceedings of the case were not finished.

The HC bench fixed April 30 for further hearing on the issue. Assistant Attorney General Yousuf Mahmud Morshed represented the state.

Withdraw show-cause

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ignored the university act as it has no law to issue show cause notice to someone for their social media activity.

Following an arms case against six BCL activists after recovering ten machetes from different halls on April 3, he posted a status on Facebook the next day, titled "Running university through hooliganism is a sin."

On April 7, he was served a show cause notice that termed his Facebook status defamatory for teachers who were involved in administrative activities of the university.

Killers must

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Advocate Suraiya Begum, general secretary of Dokhinanchol Nari Andolon, said Nurat's murder has created a mass protest across the country, and the protest will continue until punishment of all rapists are ensured.

Among others, Advocate Jobaida Parvin, rights activist Rayhana Kamal, garment workers' leader Amirul Haque Amin, Khetmojur leader Zakir Hossain Raju, farmer leader Mahmudul Hasan Manik and Bangladesh Shan Parishad leader Engineer Enamul Haque Imran also spoke at the rally.

আইনগত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, নিম্ন তফসিলভুক্ত সম্পত্তির সারবকলা দলিল নং-৭৯৭০ মূলে ও দখল স্বত্তে মালিক (১) জনাব আতাউল হক (২) জনাব বাহাউল হক এবং (৩) জনাব আব্দুল মুকিত, সর্বপিতা জনাব বি হক, ঠিকানাঃ ৩৯২, নিউ ইকটন রোড, ঢাকা এদের নিকট হইতে আমার মজেলগণ ঢাকা এ্যাসেমব্লী অব গড চার্চ ও বেথেল এ্যাসেমব্লী অব গড চার্চ, ঠিকানাঃ ৩৯২, নিউ ইকটন রোড, ঢাকা, ক্রয় করার জন্য মূল মালিকগণের সাথে গত ২৫শে মে, ২০১৮ইং তারিখে বায়নাসূত্রে আবদ্ধ হন। তফসিলভুক্ত সম্পত্তিতে কাহারও কোন প্রকার মালিকানা দাবী স্বত্ত্ব থাকিলে তাহার স্বপক্ষে প্রয়োজনীয় দলিলাদি লইয়া আগামী ১৫ (পনেরা) দিনের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীগণের সাথে যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হইল। অন্যথায় নিম্ন তফসিলভুক্ত সম্পত্তি নিষ্কটক বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। পরভারীতে কেউ কোন প্রকার উক্ত সম্পত্তিতে দাবী দাওয়া করিলে তাহা সর্বআদালতে অগ্রাহ্য ও বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

তফসিল

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Stop use of Glyphosate herbicides

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Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), Unnayan Bikalper Neeti Nirdharani Gabeshana (UBNNG), Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO), Poribesh Bachao Andolon (Poba), Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa), Shikkha, Swasthya Unnayan Karjakrom (SSUK) and Bangladesh Resource Centre for Indigenous Knowledge (BRICK) collectively served the legal notice, requesting respondents to take

steps and to inform them in 15 days.

Secretaries to the ministries of agriculture, forest and environment, health and commerce, director generals of Directorate of Bangladesh Agriculture Extension, Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council and Department of Environment, director of Plant Protection Wing and Bangladesh Crop Protection Association have been served the legal notice.

Advocate Sayeed Ahmed Kabir served the legal notice on behalf of the rights bodies.

Impose higher tax on tobacco

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Prof Golam Mohiuddin Faruque, joint secretary of Bangladesh Cancer Society, said the negative impacts of tobacco on public health as well as economy have been established, so the government should take strict measures like imposing higher tax to reduce

its usage.

Helal Ahmed, acting coordinator of Bangladesh Tamak Birodhi Jote, and Syed Mahbulul Alam, a technical adviser to The Union (International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease), also spoke at the press conference.