

Oikyafront slammed for failing

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 "farical" election was held on December 30 last year.
 They were speaking at a discussion marking the 7th founding anniversary of Nagorik Oikya, at Shaheed Shafiur Rahman Auditorium of Bangladesh Supreme Court.
 In his speech, Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna said that his party joined Jatiya Oikyafront to launch a collaborative movement for establishing people's right to vote, but his dream is yet to be fulfilled.
 "There was no election on December 30, so why did he [BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir] say that polls was going well in the morning of the election?" he asked.
 He also criticised BNP leaders for not calling any protests, not even a five-day hartal from election day.
 He stressed on a proper guideline by

a strong political platform to encourage citizens for initiating a united movement to halt this "illegal government".
 M Hafizuddin Khan, former adviser to the caretaker government and president of Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan), said, "It was shameful that neither BNP nor other opposition parties took to the street to protest this forgery."
 Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafullah Chowdhury said the government is undertaking different mega projects only to create opportunities for "mega corruption".
 "Disparity between the poor and rich are increasing day by day for not introducing a pro-poor budget" he claimed.
 Among others, Gonoforum's executive presidents Subrata Chowdhury and Abu Sayeed, Nagorik Oikya Advisor SM Akram and Central Member Momenul Islam also spoke.

Low-cost

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 The low-cost ambulances have a base price of Tk 3.5 lakh and final price would depend on its retrofit of medical equipment. It can carry one patient and two attendants and is able to ply 25km for every litre of oil.
 Lowered operation cost and easily available spares mean that these ambulances can be used to transport people from marginal areas to healthcare centres or places where the patients can be transferred to more technologically advanced ambulances for longer travel.

Sylhet City

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 at Puralanlane is caused by incomplete drainage development work at Zindabazar. It will be completed soon."
 So far, 23 schemes of three bigger projects are being implemented to develop drainage system of these parts of the city. These projects are estimated to end by 2020, Ali Akbar said.
 Mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury was seen monitoring maintenance of the old drainage system in Pathantula yesterday morning. "We're trying hard to resolve waterlogging problem but it's a huge challenge in a very short time. We've successfully reduced waterlogging in many areas and will hopefully reduce it in all remaining ones."

Post-deprived

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 Dhaka University for 33 consecutive days.
 The deprived leaders alleged that the new committee had many leaders with criminal records along with non-students and drug dealers.
 On May 13, BCL announced its 301-member central committee, touching off controversy and demonstrations by those who could not make it to the committee.
 On May 15, Sheikh Hasina directed the BCL president to drop the controversial leaders if allegations against them were found true. On May 29, BCL dropped 19 leaders from its central committee but did not disclose names.



Demanding exemplary punishment for the attackers of Rifat Sharif, students, under the banner of Bangladesh Sadharon Chhatra Odhikar Songrokkhon Parishad, formed a human chain at the base of Raju memorial sculpture at Dhaka University yesterday.

DU pharmacy dept refuses

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 said the job of DU researchers is to publish such research in different journals and not to disclose it through press conference.
 "The study was conducted by some unskilled students and I think there might be other intention behind revealing such report," he added.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof ABM Faroque, director of the Biomedical Research Centre, said, "We never said that pharmacy department was involved with the study, rather some teachers of the Pharmacy faculty and Biomedical Research Centre conducted it. I do not understand why Prof Sitiesh is so

discontented over it."
 Following the report published in media, State Minister for Rural Development and Co-operatives Swapan Bhattacharjee on Thursday said in the parliament, "A Dhaka University report claimed to have found arsenic in Milk Vita's milk. It is a lie."

Road accidents kill five

College student's forearm gets severed as bus hits him

STAR REPORT
 Five people were killed and three injured in road accidents in four districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.
 In Bogura, two people were killed and two injured as a truck hit another truck parked on Bogura-Rangpur highway in Buzrukbaria area.
 Al-Amin, 28, from Gokul village in Sadar upazila; and Biplob Hossain, 20, from Dighalkandi village in the upazila, died on the spot, said police.
 The parked truck loaded with jackfruits got damaged and was being repaired, said Sadar Police Station Inspector Rezaul Karim.
 The accident happened when a stone-laden truck hit it from behind, he said, adding that the fruit-laden truck eventually hit two men standing in front of it.
 The injured -- driver of the stone-laden truck and his helper -- were undergoing treatment at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.

Both the vehicles were seized, said the police officer.
 Meanwhile, a CNG-run autorickshaw driver was killed after the vehicle and a bus collided head-on on Bogura-Naogaon highway at Dupchanchia Thana bus stand in Bogura.
 Hasan Ali, 25, from Buroil in Kahaloo upazila, was declared dead at the hospital, said Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Dupchanchia Police Station.
 They seized the bus but the driver managed to flee, said the OC.
 In Rajshahi, forearm of a college student travelling in a bus got severed after a truck hit him in Katakhalia area yesterday, said police.
 Md Feroz, 25, a master's student of social welfare department at Rajshahi Government College, kept his right arm on the window, said Nibarun Chandra Karmaker, officer-in-charge of Katakhalia Police Station.
 He was going to Rajshahi from his Nandigram home in Bogura to

attend an exam, said the OC.
 Locals took him to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. Hours later, police recovered the severed forearm from the spot and sent it to the hospital, said the OC.
 Hospital sources said he was taken to the operation theatre.
 Police could not identify the truck yet.
 In Pabna, a motorcyclist was killed as a bus hit him in Kashinathpur area of Santhia upazila.
 Biplob Hossain, 37, from Pally Mangal in Bogura, died on the spot, said police.
 The bus driver managed to flee, they added.
 In Lalmonirhat, a man was killed instantly as his motorcycle and a truck collided on Lalmonirhat-Buirimari highway in Sratidhar area of Kaliganj upazila.
 The deceased -- Nur Islam, 48 -- was from Barakhata village in Hatibandha upazila.
 The truck driver managed to flee with the vehicle, said police.



A truck got mangled after it hit another truck from behind in Bogura yesterday.

A backbreaking

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 Two-three days a week, Anjuman Mufidul Islam brings unclaimed bodies to the graveyard and they always bring seven-eight bodies together, he said.
 Burials are done from 6am to 11pm every day.
 "I used to be scared initially at night and it took me two years to overcome that fear," said Quddus.
 He said he could not even go out alone for toilet at night while staying at the graveyard.
 Mohammad Shahadat Hossain, the contractor who has taken charge of all burials in the graveyard from DSCC, said they have a one-year contract.
 Denying the allegation that he does not give any money to the diggers, Shahadat said a grave digger gets around Tk 100 for each work -- a paltry amount.
 Afzalul Azam Reza, social welfare officer of zone-5 of DSCC, said a grave digger is supposed to get Tk 198 for a big grave, Tk 179 for a middle-sized one, and Tk 148 for a small one.
 Total area of the graveyard is 18 acres -- with 4,500 reserved graves and 10,000-11,000 for general burial.
 Every day on an average six to seven bodies are buried at the graveyard, he said.

Madhusudan's death anniversary today

STAR REPORT
 Today is the 146th death anniversary of Michael Madhusudan Dutt, legendary Bengali poet and father of the Bengali sonnet.
 Dutt is widely considered to be one of the greatest poets in Bengali literature. He initiated what came to be known as the Amitrakshar Chhanda.
 Dutt was born in 1824 at Sagardari, on the bank of Kopotaksho River in Jashore. His father, Rajnarayan Dutt, was an eminent lawyer, and mother was Jahnabi Devi. His celebrated work, "Meghnad Bodh Kavya" is a tragic epic. It consists of nine cantos and is exceptional in Bengali literature both in terms of style and content. He also wrote poems about the sorrows and afflictions of love as spoken by women.
 Dutt's childhood education started in Shekura village, at an old mosque, where he learnt Persian. An exceptionally talented student since his childhood, Dutt was recognised by his teachers as being a precocious child with a gift of literary expression. He was also very imaginative.
 From an early age, Dutt aspired to be an Englishman. Born to a Hindu aristocratic family, he converted to Christianity as a young man, much to the annoyance of his family, and adopted the first name Michael. In later life, he regretted his attraction to England and the Occident. He wrote ardently of his homeland in his poems and sonnets from this period.
 Dutt's major works included "Tilottama", "Meghnad Bodh Kavya", "Birangana", "Choturshodhodi Kobitaboli", "Brajangana", "Sharmishtha", "Ekei Ki Bole Shobhyota", "Buro Shaliker Ghare Rowan", "Ratnavali" and so on.
 The poet died on this day in 1873 in Kolkata of India.



Aiming

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 A gram of crystal meth is sold at around 15,000 Malaysian ringgit, or in Dhaka it would be around Tk 7,000," he said.
 "This drug is still very new to the country. To promote it, Ajah was selling it at a price lower than Tk 5,000," the DNC official added.
 A case was filed with Khilkhet Police Station in this connection.
 In February, DNC busted a narcotics manufacturing laboratory and seized a consignment of two types of drugs, including crystal methamphetamine, from Jhigatola.

Raifa's father

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 were also present at the event.
 The little girl's death sparked protests across the country. Journalists in Chittagong, Dhaka, Cox's Bazar and many areas demonstrated, demanding that the government investigate the matter and take action against those responsible.
 A government investigation led by the Chattogram civil surgeon found negligence of doctors in treating Raifa.
 Following their report, Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council started investigation.

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Losing honour

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 government to invite its mission to prepare a set of corrective measures to secure the Sundarbans from any potential environmental danger.
 "It is a matter of shame that Unesco has listed the Sundarbans as 'in danger,'" said Sultana, convener of National Committee to Protect the Sundarbans.
 At the next meeting of the Heritage Centre, scheduled to be held from June 30 to July 10, Unesco will take the final decision whether the Sundarbans will remain as a world heritage site or not, she said.
 "...If the Sundarbans loses the honour of world heritage site, it will be insulting and we will be identified as an incapable [of protecting a national asset] nation," she added.
 Sultana, also vice-president of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) -- a platform of environmental activists -- urged the government to stop construction of the power plant immediately.
 She also demanded that the authorities soon stop other development activities close to the world's largest mangrove forest.
 "If the Sundarbans is destroyed, its liability will be upon the prime minister and us as a nation," she added.
 Speaking at the press conference, Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD) Executive Director Shamsul Huda said none of the development activities will be fruitful if the forest, river and nature are unprotected.
 Bapa General Secretary MA Matin said the Sundarbans is a global asset. People are protesting around the world for its protection. The protest will intensify in the future if the forest loses the honour of world heritage site, he added.

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Corrigendum-2 of Specific Procurement Notice for Development of Sheola Land Port RFB Reference No. BLPA-W2, IDA Credit No. 6002-BD

The following Corrigendum-2 has been made in the Specific Procurement Notice for Development of Sheola Land Port (Memo No. 18.15.0000.023.14.046.19/391, Date: 24-04-2019), published in the Daily Ittefaq on April 26, 2019 and on The Daily Star on April 28, 2019 and Corrigendum published in both the papers on May 31, 2019.

Para 2 & 6 of Specific Procurement Notice will be replaced as below:

- The Bangladesh Land Port Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Development of Land Port at Sheola including construction of buildings, pavements and other infrastructures as well as installation of necessary equipment and utilities as per the specifications and giving due attention to ESHS aspects so that the land port could be operated with all intended functions. The works are to complete in two years time. The bidders shall have construction experience of ten years, average annual construction turnover minimum USD 10.00 million best three years of last five years, working capital/liquid assets/credit facilities of minimum USD 2.40 million, similar experiences of minimum two contracts each of value minimum USD 8.00 million or minimum one contract of value minimum USD 15.00 million. More details are mentioned in the bid documents.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before July 10, 2019, 3.00pm (Wednesday) Local Time (Local Time is GMT+6 hours). Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on July 10, 2019, 3.30pm Local Time.

The detail addendum of the Bid document will be available in the project website brcp1.bsbk.gov.bd.

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