

Work together to save rivers

State minister for shipping urges all

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday called upon all irrespective of their political affiliations to work together to save the country's rivers.

"Civilisations developed along rivers' banks. We have to take united efforts to save them," he told a meeting, held on a BIWTA ship on the Buriganga. Nongor, a social organisation, organised it.

Various steps have been taken by the government to free rivers from illegal occupation and pollution, he added.

Awami League Information and Research Secretary Advocate Afjal Hossain, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) Chairman Commodore M Mahubul-Islam, environment expert Ezaz Ahmed, and Nongor President Sumon Shams also spoke at the event.



Bicyclists took part in the rally in Mymensingh city yesterday.

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Anti-drug bicycle rally held in M'singh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

With the slogan "Say no to drugs", a bicycle rally was held in Mymensingh city yesterday.

Dhaka Round Table, a social organisation, organised the event in the morning in association with voluntary organisation BD Clean, Mymensingh.

Around 400 cyclists from four cycling organisations took part in the rally, starting from the city's Zero Point near Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) campus.

There is no planet B

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Yesterday, millions of people from Sydney to Manila, Dhaka to London and New York marched for urgent action on climate breakdown.

As part of the movement, children gathered on Mani Mia Avenue, holding colourful banners, festoons and placards with slogans -- "Our world, Our Future", "Plant Trees and Save the World" and "There is No Planet B" -- to show solidarity with the call.

Meanwhile, Center for Participatory Research and Development, COAST Trust, Coastal Development Partnership, Network on Climate Change Bangladesh and Shariatpur Development Society (SDS) organised a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club, said a press release.

Rapid deforestation is gradually destroying nature's capacity to absorb carbon dioxide whereas carbon emissions is on the rise due to urban sprawl, speakers said.

Though scientists have warned about the adverse effects of climate change, countries responsible for carbon emissions are yet to shoulder the liability, they added.

Corruptors won't be spared: info minister

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Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud yesterday said those found involved in corruption will not be spared.

He said drive against the corrupt, wrongdoers and drug dealers will continue.

"After the capital, the drive has already started in Chattogram city. It will take place in every nook and corner of the country," Dr Hasan said.

The minister said this while inaugurating the "national television inter-school debate competition" of BTV Chattogram centre at Theater Institute of Chattogram in the afternoon.

About the competition, the minister said the present government believes in flourishing talents of students, and the importance of a logic-based society. He also emphasised the role of teachers and guardians in this regard.

Director General of BTV Harunur Rashid presided over the event where lawmaker Wasika Ayesha Khan, among others, spoke. A total of 48 debate teams, including 18 from Chattogram, are participating in the competition.

Road accidents kill five, injure three

STAR REPORT

At least five people were killed and three injured in road accidents across the country during the last two days, our correspondents and news agencies report.

In Joypurhat, a schoolboy was killed after a speeding truck hit him at Tetultoli village in Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased is Joy Hossain, 11, son of Golzar Hossain. He was a fifth-grader at Joypurhat Barind Campus School.

Quoting witnesses, police said Joy was going to his friend's house, riding his bicycle. The accident left him critically injured and he later succumbed to his injuries while locals were taking him to a nearby hospital.

Police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee.

In Savar, three people were killed and three injured in separate road accidents in Genda, Amin Bazar and Modhumoti Model Town areas yesterday.

At Genda, Shahin Alam, 42, was killed and two were injured after a truck hit an auto-rickshaw around 4am, said police.

After the accident, three people,

including Shahin, were injured. They were taken to a local health complex where the on-duty doctor declared Shahin dead.

At Amin Bazar, Atiar Rahman, 32, was killed and one injured after a covered van and truck collided.

Driver and helper of the van were seriously injured after the accident. They were taken to Enam Medical College Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared helper Atiar dead.

In Modhumoti Model Town, Jibon, 38, was killed when a vehicle ran him over.

All bodies were sent to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital and the injured were referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said police.

In Manikganj, Arifa Akhter, 28, suffocated to death after her scarf got caught in the wheel of the engine-driven rickshaw carrying her on Shahid Swarani road near Manikganj Zila Parishad around 8:15pm on Thursday, said witnesses.

On information from locals, police rushed to the spot and took Arifa to Manikganj District Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared her dead.

Police seized the rickshaw but its puller fled the scene after the accident.

AL itself exposing its graft, plundering: Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said Awami League leaders themselves are now exposing that they are indulging in "corruption" and "plundering" public money.

"No one now needs to talk about Awami League's misrule, corruption and repressive acts. The leaders of Awami League, Jubo League and Chhatra League are now exposing their own corruption. Awami League itself has proved that they're plundering the wealth of the people of Bangladesh," he said.

Speaking at a human chain programme, the BNP leader said Chhatra League president and general secretary were removed for demanding their "fair share" of Tk 86 crore. "Awami League plunged the country into such an anarchic situation that a university VC has also been involved in bribery."

Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal arranged the programme in front of Jatiya Press Club, demanding the release of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

Fakhrul said Dhaka University students are now protesting, demanding the removal of its VC as he has been involved

in corruption by enrolling students without any test while the students of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University are demonstrating for the removal of their VC for his immoral acts. "The current illegal government has chosen the worst people and appointed them to the post of VCs," he said.

Referring to media reports, he said 60 casinos are now in Dhaka run by Awami League and Jubo League leaders.

Fakhrul also said the government has failed to deliver on all fronts as it was not elected with people's votes. "People have now started realising that they won't get justice and security of their lives as long as Awami League remains in power. The situation has turned so awful that minors are being raped and killed, but none is facing trial," he said.

He said their party Chairperson Khaleda Zia's health condition is critical and she is unable to move without help, but she is not getting proper treatment.

The BNP leader said they have long been demanding their chairperson's release for her better treatment, but the government is not paying heed to it.

"She deserves to get freed on bail and it is her justified right," he said.

Bangladesh made

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universal health coverage."

But the new estimates reveal that 6.2 million children under 15 years of age died in 2018, and over 2,90,000 women died due to complications during pregnancy and childbirth in the year before.

Of the total child deaths, 5.3 million occurred in the first five years, with almost half of these in the first month of life.

An estimated 2.8 million pregnant women and newborns die every year, mostly of preventable causes, the new estimates say.

Children face the highest risk of dying in the first month, especially if they are born too soon or too small, have complications during birth, congenital defects, or contract infections.

"Around the world, birth is a joyous occasion. Yet, every 11 seconds, a birth is a family tragedy," said Henrietta Fore, UNICEF executive director.

"A skilled pair of hands to help mothers and newborns around the time of birth, along with clean water, adequate nutrition, basic medicines and vaccines, can make the difference between life and death. We must do all it takes to invest in universal health coverage to save these precious lives," Fore said.

Oli Ahmad demands

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conversation [between two Chhatra League leaders about corruption by the VC], but only the ruling Awami League leaders couldn't hear it," he said.

"We, on behalf of people, are requesting to arrest the Jahangirnagar University vice chancellor immediately," he added.

About the recent crackdowns on casinos in Dhaka, Oli said casinos are responsible for moral degradation of the youths, which also push them towards

drugs.

He urged the law enforcement agencies to find out the real owners of those casinos and bring them to book soon.

Blaming the government for its failure to guide people to the right direction, the LDP president also called upon the government to step down.

Kalyan Party Chairman Maj Gen (ret'd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim and LDP Secretary General Redwan Ahmed also spoke at the press conference.



Students of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University protested on the campus in Gopalganj yesterday.

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Students continue protests

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brushed aside the allegations, saying those are false and fabricated.

The demonstrators said the university authorities suspended students and served show-cause notice to those teachers whose speeches or statements go against them.

Fatema Tuz Zinia, a second-year

student of law department and a campus reporter of The Daily Sun, was a victim of suspension for a Facebook post.

Amid countrywide protests, university authorities withdrew the suspension order on September 18.

At yesterday's event, students vowed to continue their protests until the vice chancellor (VC) steps down from his post.

Brisk business on footpath

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hawkers, permitting them to sit on the footpath. Besides, most vendors live in the area and have been doing business for years. Some of their children study at nearby schools and colleges, he said.

"We cannot oust them all of a sudden, without ensuring their rehabilitation," he said. "But we will try to reduce the number gradually," he assured.

When asked about the money taken from the hawkers, he said some vendors rent out spaces to others and charge them for that. "The ones who pay the money may term it extortion. This is all I know..." he added.

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When children become

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save money and wait for the day of sapling distribution," he said.

Pijush Kumar, a 10th grader at Bagha Model School, said, he planted some 57 trees over the last four years.

"My parents and neighbours are supportive of me taking care of the trees," he said.

Jubaer said expanding the movement across the country on his own is difficult for him.

"It is possible to plant five crore trees in a day across the country," he said. "If the United Nations intervenes, this eco-movement can take off beyond the country and maybe the whole world can one day turn green," he hoped.

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Reference no & date	IFT/BRAC/BPD/FWA/19-13 dated : 18 September, 2019
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Price of the tender documents	BDT 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand only) non refundable
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Cadet College Literary Society Shamoyiki-1 unveiled copies of "Kobitashonkha 2019" at Cadet College Club in the capital's Gulshan yesterday.

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