

### Shun tax

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 "Our per capita income was \$200 in 1975, but now it stands at \$1,915. The country's GDP growth is highest among the Asian countries," he said.

Mentioning that the country is developing and the government has taken many projects, the NBR chief said, "So, we need huge amount of money. How will we carry out development activities if the government has no money? So, you all have to help the government."

He regretted that many people live in flats spending Tk 70,000-Tk 80,000 per month for rent, but are not interested to pay tax. "If we don't strengthen the government, how will it give you various facilities?"

Mosharraf said there will be no beggar in the country in future. "There will even be no tendency of going abroad."

Quantum Foundation director (coordination) Suraiya Rahman presided over the function.



Teachers and employees of non-MPO (monthly pay order) educational institutions formed a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding inclusion of the institutions in the MPO list under the previous policy instead of the 2018 one.

### Greenery on rent

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 in winter. Boston fern, money plant, palms, silver queen, desina and furcaria are the most commonly-rented ones. Banks, corporate offices and restaurants are the main clients of the service, they said.

Khokon Chandra Das, owner of "Boohter Mela" restaurant in Malibagh, has been availing the service since 2015 and now has more than 100 plants decorating his restaurant for a monthly charge of Tk 5,000.

"It's a very convenient arrangement, as nursery owners take care of your plants every week and you get a new one if plants get damaged. Besides, the plants stay fresh and create a soothing environment for the restaurant," Khokon told this correspondent.

With time, the business is also evolving. Some entrepreneurs - like Green Garden Agricultural Company - are now renting out plants via online platform, among other services.

Raisul Islam, who founded the company in 1993, says, "The rental service idea came in the country in the '90s, when office buildings started to flourish. Two or three companies used to rent out plants during that time. Being a garden enthusiast, I also started the initiative during that time."

Within a decade, the rental idea became popular among the office buildings and some households started to take the service as well, said Raisul, also the president of Dhaka City Nursery Owners' Association.

According to him, there are more than 100 companies and nurseries in Dhaka that provide the rental services. Besides, Chattogram, Khulna and Rajshahi also have some nurseries that provide such facilities.

The idea of plant rental service is also common abroad, he added.

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### BNP gears up for CCC polls

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 opportunity to showcase his strength. "If I get a chance this time, I will utilise it."

Talking to The Daily Star, BNP standing committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said the party will participate in the CCC election "although the ruling AL people have been involved in election engineering."

"By taking part in the elections, we want to expose them [AL government] to public," he said.

Munir Hussain Khan, district election officer, said schedule of the city corporation polls is likely to be declared in February next year and the election may be held in March.

#### HISTORY OF CCC MAYORAL POST

Chattogram municipality was declared a city corporation in 1990, with Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury appointed the first mayor by the government, followed by Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin, according to the CCC website. In 1994, AL leader ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury became the first elected city mayor. He was re-elected in 2000 and in 2005, the second time defeating Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin of BNP.

Later, BNP's Manjur Alam Manju won the mayoral race in 2010, defeating Mohiuddin. After his term, the mayoral post went back to AL as AJM Nasir Uddin won the polls on April 28, 2015, and is the incumbent mayor.

### Child dies from shock

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 was admitted to Jashore General Hospital.

Rafiqul Islam, in-charge of Khajura police outpost, said on information, police recovered the bodies and sent them to the hospital's morgue for autopsy. Police seized the truck but its driver and helper fled the scene. A case was filed in this connection.

In Chandpur, a seven-year-old boy was killed and his mother injured after a pick-up van collided with the three-wheeler they were in at Shahi Zame Masjid intersection in the town, said police.

The deceased is Nazmul Hasan, son of Md Abdul Quader and Nasima Begum.

Both the mother and son were injured in the accident, and rushed to Chandpur Government General Hospital where doctors pronounced the child dead.

Police have seized the pickup van. The woman was being treated at the hospital.

In Dinajpur, six-year-old Aradhan Roy, son of Naresh Chandra Roy, died after falling off a rickshaw-van at Bordhat village in Biral upazila, said police, quoting family members.

He was critically injured after falling off and died on the way to the nearby health complex.

In Jhenidah, police constable Amirul Islam, 25, was killed after a bus hit his motorbike at Chalabhara Bus Stand area of Sadar upazila around 11am, said police, quoting locals.

He was on-duty at Katlagari police camp in the upazila.

On information, police reached the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The bus driver fled the scene with the vehicle after the accident.

In Chattogram, two people were killed and two injured after a bus hit the CNG-run auto-rickshaw they were in at Kalipur union in Banshkhal upazila around 9am, said police quoting locals.

The deceased are Kartik Mandal, 41, and Md Jiyaul Haque, 45.

Jiyaul's wife and daughter Yeasmin Akther and Johra Akther were taken to Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) in critical condition.

Kartik died on the spot and Jiyaul died while undergoing treatment at CMCH, they added.

Police seized the bus but its driver fled the scene.

In Kurigram, Apel Mahmud, 22, a tractor helper, was killed after two tractors collided at Brac intersection area in Phulbari upazila around 9:30am, said police.

After the collision, Mahmud fell off the tractor and was run over. He was seriously injured.

Locals took him to the nearby health complex where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

After the accident, the tractors' drivers fled the scene. Police seized the tractors, and a case was filed in this connection.

### Rupnagar police station

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 government "of not allowing dwellers to build houses at the slum site. When asked which department of the government gave the directive, he did not respond.

Many slum dwellers have been living under the open sky in the area, since the tragic fire. "Some of us were living under the open sky at the slum, while some went to their native villages and the rest -- who have the financial ability -- are living here and there in rented houses," said bus staffer

Mohammad Dulal, who has been living the slum for the last 35 years.

"I have been living under the open sky with several hundred dwellers who lost their houses in the fire... I have sent my wife and children to my native village in Chandpur, as I could not manage any shelter from them here in Dhaka," he said.

Dulal's story is similar to many others.

They also sought cooperation from the government, and urged the authorities concerned

to help them build their houses at the slum to ease their sufferings.

Contacted, DNCC ward-6 councillor Razzab Hossain said as per local lawmaker Elias Uddin Mollah's directive following discussions with the authorities concerned, no shanty can be built on the site in an haphazardly, to ensure safety.

That is why police are obstructing the slum dwellers, he said, adding that work is underway to rebuild the slum in a planned way.

On August 16, a massive fire broke out at a slum in Chalantika area of the capital's Mirpur, burning more than a thousand shanties to ashes. Four people also sustained burn injuries in the fire.

### Urgent solutions needed

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 UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, launched a global "#IBelong" Campaign in 2014 aimed at ending statelessness by 2024.

Since then, some 15 countries have acceded to the two major treaties on statelessness, the 1954 UN Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, according to the UNHCR.

With additional accessions and other commitments expected this week, total accessions to the 1954 treaty could soon exceed the notable threshold of 100 countries.

In the first five years of the campaign, more than 220,000 stateless people acquired a nationality as a result of concerted national efforts motivated by the campaign, in places such as Kyrgyzstan, Kenya, Tajikistan, and Thailand.

In July this year, Kyrgyzstan became the first country in the world to announce the complete resolution of all known cases of statelessness.

Besides, since the campaign was launched, two countries -- Madagascar and Sierra Leone -- reformed their nationality laws to allow mothers to confer citizenship to their children on an equal footing with fathers.

However, 25 countries continue to make it difficult or impossible for mothers to confer citizenship to children, one of the leading causes of statelessness globally.

Not all nationality laws contain safeguards that ensure that no child is born stateless, hence statelessness can also be passed down from generation to generation.

Ending all forms of discrimination in nationality laws would help the international community live up to the commitment all states made when adopting the sustainable development agenda to "leave no one behind".

Leading figures in the media, and human rights activists joined member state representatives in Geneva in a special session of UNHCR's executive committee meeting known as the High-Level Segment on Statelessness, says the UNHCR.

Among those attending are UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed; UNHCR goodwill ambassador Cate Blanchett; British TV journalist and presenter Anita Rani; formerly stateless refugee and activist Maha Mamo; and OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Lamberto Zannier.

### Must use creative technology

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 landscape. "It is possible to ensure sustainable development in Bangladesh like other countries across the world by transforming waste into resource using modern technology," said the president.

The prime minister, in her message, said the government is giving importance to modern waste management system with particular emphasis on environmental protection for all kinds of activities including urbanisation and setting up industries and factories.

The ministry of housing and public works should play a pivotal role in the management of waste that is created due to urbanisation and housing, she said.

Elaborate programmes were undertaken to observe the day. President M Abdul Hamid attended the inaugural ceremony of World Habitat Day as chief guest at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) in the capital.

A colourful procession was brought out in front of Dhaka Club at Shahbagh at 7:30am and it marched up to the department of public works at Shegunbagicha. Housing and Public Works Minister SM Rezaul

Karim led the rally.

The ministry arranged the publication of a special supplementary in different national dailies on the occasion.

Special seminar and rallies were held across the country.

A three-day housing fair under the supervision of Housing and Building Research Institute was opened by President Abdul Hamid at BICC.

#### WORLD HABITAT DAY OBSERVED IN SAVAR

World Habitat Day 2019 was observed in Savar yesterday through a daylong programme organised by Brac.

The programme began around 10am with a procession on Dhaka-Aricha Highway.

Hazi Abdul Goni, mayor of Savar municipality; Sharf Uddin Ahmed Choudhury, chief executive officer of the municipality; Mahfuzur Rahman, field coordinator of Brac Savar office, and Rashidul Islam, monitoring and evaluation officer of Brac Savar office were present among others.

A discussion was also held at the auditorium of Savar municipality office.

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**Admission Test: 06 December, 2019; Friday, Time: 10:00am**  
**Class Schedule: Every Friday and Saturday**

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### Body exhumed

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 Enamul Haque filed a murder case against Lipon's friends at Rupganj Police Station on September 18.

The accused are: Ehtesham Kabir alias June, Manzoor Morshed and Engineer Masum. Enamul claimed the three murdered Lipon. All of them are residents of Khulna and Daulatpur, but they live in Dhaka.

### We are living in a death

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 the BNP leader said extending his party's heartiest sympathy to the bereaved family members.

In his last Facebook post, Abrar criticised the government for signing several deals with India, including allowing the neighboring country to take water from Feni river. He also criticised the government for "deteriorating" the country's law and order.

### Rangpur-3 by-polls

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 Quader yesterday reached Rangpur on a three-day visit.

"In the by-election, it has been proven once again that Rangpur is Jatiya Party's stronghold. Although voters' presence was thin due to their lack of interest, our leaders and activists cast their votes," he said.

The Rangpur-3 seat fell vacant following Ershad's demise on July 14.

Ershad's son Rahgir Al Mahi Saad Ershad won the election, beating the BNP candidate Rita Rahman by a huge margin.

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