

2020 the year to restore democracy: Fakhru

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday hoped that the new year, 2020, will be the year of "restoration of democracy".

"2019 was the year democracy was devastated, people's rights were snatched and fascism was victorious," he said.

The BNP leader further said, "We always want to think afresh in the new year, and want to strengthen our organisation to materialise our goals. We believe a mass upsurge will happen and we'll be able to restore democracy in the country under the leadership of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal upholding the tradition of student movements."

He came up with the remarks while talking to reporters after placing wreaths at BNP founder Ziaur Rahman's grave, together with leaders and activists of JCD, marking the organisation's founding anniversary.

Fakhru said 2018 was the year of destruction of democracy as the ruling party established "one-party rule".

"Those who struggled for democracy were humiliated this year while our leader Khaleda Zia has been kept in jail. Her jail term has been enhanced too. Thousands of our leaders and activists were harassed and implicated in false cases. Many journalists in Bangladesh were repressed while the country genuinely fell prey to fascism this year," he observed.

Asked about their party's expectation from the upcoming elections to two Dhaka city corporations, he said they think no election can be held in a free and fair manner under the current government and the Election Commission. "Even after that, we've taken the election as a way to reach people and take our demands to them as we believe in democratic politics."

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, a pro-BNP student organisation, will celebrate its 41st founding anniversary today. A discussion will be held at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh on the occasion.



Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority demolished illegal structures of a textile mill on the eastern bank of the river Shitalakkhya in Bandar area of Narayanganj yesterday.

USE OF 'ADIVASI' IN ORGANISATIONS' NAME HRFB concerned over NGO bureau directive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB) yesterday expressed deep concerns over a recent directive to NGOs that have the words "indigenous/advasi" in their titles, to rename themselves by dropping the words.

The platform of 20 rights and development organisations also demanded withdrawal of the directive issued by NGO Affairs Bureau recently, says a press release.

A December 18 letter, signed by Shilu Ray -- assistant director of the Bureau -- asked the NGOs to implement the directive within a month. It says, "According to article 23 (ka) of the constitution of Bangladesh, no community has been identified as Advasi. Besides, as part of global indigenous politics, a local/international vested quarter is active in realising benefits, mentioned in ILO convention 169 for indigenous people, which the NGO Affairs Bureau considers a threat to non-communal Bangladesh."

"Considering the reality of the Chattogram Hill Tracts, the word advasi/indigenous is also a threat to the national security," it adds.

In a press release, the HRFB demanded an explanation how the use of those words pose threat to national security.

People, especially those living in the hill tracts for years, have identified themselves as indigenous, which is an important part of their self-identity, it added. The attempt to introduce a new identity for them by denying their own identities is very sad, unexpected and inhuman, HRFB said.

Over half of narcotics

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16,260 people were accused in narcotics cases, of whom 9,268 were acquitted.

Replying of another question about a big number of accused going back to narcotics business again after securing bail, Jamal Uddin said offences related to drug cases are non-bailable under the Narcotics Control Act 2018 and 1990. "Even after this, if the honourable court grants bail to the accused, we have nothing to do."

"Judges have to play an active role. If they analyse facts and exercise their judicial power while granting bail to such accused, it will bring about a positive change," the DG observed.

DNC organised the briefing on the occasion of the 30th founding anniversary, which will be observed tomorrow. DNC started its journey in 1990.

The DG said they were unable to work properly in previous years with limited manpower. Recently, the manpower was increased to 3,360 from 1,706, and the new appointments are expected to be completed within June, he said.

Under the new organogram, prosecutors will also be appointed to deal with narcotics cases to ensure better conviction, according to DNC officials.

Presently, DNC has only 12 prosecutors and 37 assistant prosecutors to cover the judicial magistrate's court and judge's courts in 64 districts. The number of courts is more than 500, officials added.

HOTLINE LAUNCH

DNC will launch a hotline number on January 2, said the DG. The number is -

01908888888.

The prime reason to launch the number is to include everyone in combating narcotics. Anyone can contact DNC officials of 64 districts directly using the hotline, and provide narcotics-related information to them, said the DG.

INITIATING DOPE TESTS

The Narcotics Control Act 2018 came to effect on December 27, 2018. A major addition to the law was introduction of dope tests, said the DG.

Dope tests have been initiated in 2019, and it has been made mandatory for appointment of all government, semi-government and autonomous jobs, he said.

DNC has also taken steps to initiate dope tests in different sectors; as a result, educational institutes have started conducting dope tests for new admissions, said the DG.

Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) has already started dope tests for admission to the university in 2019.

REHABILITATION CENTRE

The DNC will also take steps to set up 200-bed rehabilitation centres in seven divisions of the country, to provide better treatment to drug addicts, said the DG.

Presently, rehabilitation centres of the country only apply one or two techniques for treatment of drug addicts, while 82 techniques are applied for treatment around the world, he said. "We have plans to introduce new techniques for treatment of drug addicts in coming years."

Book on home minister

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has been working tirelessly for the last several years to ensure public security and peace.

"I hope, he will keep up such efforts in the coming days. I wish him success and a long life," added Prof Rafiqul.

Asaduzzaman said the law and order situation will remain stable, even improve further, if they receive sufficient cooperation from all spheres of society.

Responding to the wishes, the minister said the love and respect he received from such renowned personalities made him elated and humbled.

Eminent writer Selina Hossain, Kaler Kantho Editor Imdadul Haq Milon, former caretaker government advisor AR Khan, Home Ministry Senior Secretary Mostafa Kamal Uddin, Inspector General of Police Mohammad Javed Patwary, RAB Director General Benazir Ahmed and DMP Commissioner Shafiqul Islam also spoke at the event.

Masud Bin Momen

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ambassador to Japan and Italy.

Masud obtained his bachelor's degree in economics from Dhaka University. He holds a master's degree in economics from the same university and another master's in international relations from Tufts University in the United States. He is a career diplomat from BCS batch of 1985.

From 1998 to 2001, he was director-in-charge of the Foreign Ministry's United Nations Wing and Foreign Secretary's Office in Dhaka.

He served as director of poverty alleviation at Saarc Secretariat in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 2001-04.

After that, he was deputy commissioner at Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi, India, from 2004-06.

Masud Momen had served as permanent representative to Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and International Fund for Agricultural Development.

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e-Tender Notice No. 02/2019-20

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as mentioned in the following table:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of works	Online (e-GP System) tender publication date & time	Online (e-GP System) tender closing date & time
401251	UGHP-III-2/AF/NILP/SW M+S N/01/2017	Construction of 01 Nr. Sanitary Landfill (9811.25 sqm), 05 Nos. Public Toilet & 01 Nr. Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) Work in Nilphamari Pourashava under Nilphamari District.	02-01-2020 9:00am	04-02-2020 1:00pm

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Dispensing safe drinking

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will have to purchase a Tk 200 card (Tk 100 for registration) and use it to get water.

The card is reloadable.

"Our plan is to offer something good to residents on the first day of the New Year," said AKM Fazlullah, managing director of Chattogram Wasa. "We have signed the agreement for five years, which will be extended considering its effectiveness."

The vending machines are connected to Wasa pipeline, he said.

About the quality of Wasa water, Fazlullah said, "We supply water after treating it and the water is supposed to be safe for drinking. But we cannot guarantee that in every area as our pipeline may get damaged [for various reasons] and contaminate water."

"We have also installed purifiers in the machines so that people can get safe drinking water," said the managing director.

Contacted, Ariful Islam, superintendent engineer of Chattogram Wasa, said around 1.5 litres of water can be dispensed from each machine per minute. "The booth will remain open 24 hours. There will also be an operator and people can buy rechargeable cards at the booth," he said.

Manjur Alam, area manager of Drinkwell, Chattogram, said a person can get around 166 litres of water for Tk 100. "A resident can add [minimum] Tk 50 after the initial balance runs out," he said. "For registration, two copies of photographs and a copy of NID card will be needed."

"The entire process of purifying and supplying water from the booth is automated," said Alam. "People will also be able to monitor the amount of water being dispensed and the remaining balance," he said.

Two held over rape in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police arrested two youths in Narayanganj yesterday on charge of raping an RMG worker.

Sohan Hawlader (21) and Mehedi Hasan (19) were held in Ati Housing area of Siddhirganj, said police.

The victim and the accused are co-workers. Mehedi took her to Sohan's sister's home in the name of discussing her marriage with Sohan, said police. The two raped her when she went there on December 26, said Jaynal Abedin, SI of Siddhirganj Police Station.

The woman filed a case on Monday night, the SI added.

In primary interrogation, the accused confessed to raping her, Jaynal Abedin said.

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Application along with copies of Academic Certificates, Transcripts and two copies of passport size photograph should reach BUBT within January 15, 2020.

Registrar

No failure

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As per the ARI report, at least 4,076 people were killed and 8,715 injured in 3,513 road crashes in 2018.

Till December 22, 2019, a total of 4,230 people were killed while 7,002 were injured in 3,820 road crashes, according to ARI. The institute prepared the data on the basis of media reports.

The number may increase as many accidents go unreported.

To achieve "target 3.6" of sustainable development goals, the government would have to reduce the number to half of that mentioned in the police report, by 2020.

Yesterday, when a reporter asked Quader whether he has any failure in this regard as he has been at the helm of the ministry for eight years, the minister said, "There is no failure here."

"Go through the WHO report. It shows that the number of road crashes and casualties is declining in our country," said Quader, asking a ministry official to read out the statistics.

Browsing his phone, the official then said Bangladesh's rank was 90 among 192

countries in 2011 while 109 among 172 countries in 2014 and 103 among 183 countries in 2017. He did not give further details.

The Daily Star could not independently verify it.

But when a reporter mentioned that a WHO report published in 2018 said around 25,000 people were killed in road crashes in Bangladesh, Quader said, "This is not true. No, the report did not mention it."

At least 24,954 people were killed in road crashes in the country in 2016, according to a WHO report published in December 2018.

The number is almost 10 times the official number given by police. According to police data, 2,463 people were killed and 2,134 injured in 2,566 road accidents in 2016.

The WHO, in its report released in 2015, said 21,316 were killed in road crashes in 2012. But police report said the number was 2,538.

Quader said they are working to further reduce the number of road accidents.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources
Power Division
Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA)
IEB Bhaban (10th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consultancy Service

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources, Power Division.
2. Agency	Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA).
3. Procuring entity name	Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA) represented by Secretary, SREDA.
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5. EOI for selection of	Individual Consultant (Lump- Sum).
6. Title of service	Consultancy Services to Develop Project Documents and related feasibility for (i) Implementing National Action Plan for Clean Cooking (NAPCC) in Bangladesh (2020-30) Project, and (ii) Awareness Raising on Sustainable Energy (ARSE).
7. EOI Ref. No.	Memo No. 27.02.0000.021.16.042.18-390
8. Date	Date: 01/01/2020
KEY INFORMATION	
9. Procurement sub method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10. Budget and source of funds	GoB.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
11. EOI closing date & time	Date: 20 January 2020, Time: 11:00 hrs.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
12. Brief description of assignment/experience, resources and delivery capacity required/other details	Individual consultant as mentioned in the EOI Document (TOR) posted in SREDA website (www.sreda.gov.bd).
13. Other detail (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
14. Name of official inviting EOI	Niaz Rahman.
15. Designation of official inviting EOI	Secretary (Joint Secretary).
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