

Govt, EC need to learn from US polls: Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday urged both the government and the Election Commission to take a lesson from the US presidential election.

"The Awami League government has completely destroyed democracy by using state institutions and ruined all the prospects of democracy. But it's not the end," he said.

Speaking at a press conference, the BNP leader said, "They (govt) should review the election (US election). Awami League and those who are in charge of the Election Commission should take a lesson from the polls."

BNP arranged the press conference at its chairperson's Gulshan office to present the party's observations on the role of the government and EC in the Dhaka-18 and Sirajganj-1 by-elections.

Fakhrul said the election authorities in the US remained steadfast in the face of pressure and upheld the verdict of people. "That's called democracy."

"Democracy cannot be established without democratic institutions. The institutions must be neutral, the Election Commission, the judiciary and the administration must be completely impartial and strong. They should work for the welfare of people," he observed.

He alleged that the AL government cannot realise the country's situation and read the languages of people's eyes and writings on the wall as it has plunged into darkness.

About the atmosphere in the by-polls to Dhaka-18 and Sirajganj-1, he said law enforcers are raiding the houses of BNP leaders and activists at night and threatening their family members of dire consequences if they stay in their areas.



Lines of rickshaws remain parked on the capital's Green Road all day, narrowing the space for vehicular movement, which often results in traffic congestion on the busy road. Encroachment of road space is a common scene in Dhaka, with little effort from authorities concern to address the public nuisance. The photo was taken earlier this week.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

DMP chief helps out Nannu Mia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Moved by the picture of 70-year-old Nannu Mia, who was carrying a sack of grass he cut from the capital's Bangabandhu National Stadium to earn a living, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner gave him Tk 25,000 to buy two rickshaws to ease his struggles.

The Daily Star published a photo of the man on its front page on November 5.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) of DMP Motijheel Division Zamil Hasan handed over the money on behalf of DMP Commissioner Shafiqul Islam on Monday.

Walid Hossain, DC (media) of DMP, said the story of Nannu touched the commissioner. Later, police found the elderly man and took him to Shafiqul.

Nannu had to work for several hours in scorching heat to get grass from the stadium, to sell for Tk 100. He has no family member, and cannot even see clearly.

64th death anniversary of Maj Abdul Gani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today marks the 64th death anniversary of veteran military officer Maj Abdul Gani, founder of East Bengal Regiment.



He was born in Cumilla's Brahmanpara. He studied in Cumilla, and later in Kolkata. He graduated from Kolkata Islamia College in 1940 and joined the British Indian Army in 1941, during the Second World War. He was commissioned as a lieutenant, and fought in the Burma sector. As a mark for his courage, he was nicknamed "Tiger Gani".

Following the Partition of India, he was promoted to captain in 1948. He dreamt of an independent Bangladesh, and so, established the regiment in 1948 to give a unique identity to Bengali soldiers. Maj Gani was one of the greatest military officers of the nation, who directly protested the then Pakistani president Ayub Khan's speech against the Bangla language in 1948.

The relief he received after the establishment of East Bengal Regiment did not last long, as Pakistani rulers deprived him of everything, including promotion. Angered, he quit his service in 1953 and joined politics and eventually got elected as member of East Pakistan Provincial Assembly as an independent candidate.

Bangladesh Army and Major Gani Parishad will pay tributes at his mausoleum, while RAOVA, and the parishad jointly organised a doa-mahfil today.

She found

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"I spend most of my time with my plants. It's as if they're my children," the 65-year-old said. "It definitely helps (the fight against cancer)."

This whole concept of gardening as a lifestyle, as a meditation, as a cure touched Moshfeka so much that she has become something of a gardening advocate.

"To spread this concept, a couple of us have opened a Facebook group called 'Green Agriculture Barishal'. We are trying to build a platform for green enthusiasts," she told this correspondent.

The group has helped her during the pandemic, she said. "When the going got tough, we kept each others' spirits high through plant care."

"With 'Green Agriculture Barishal', we are spreading the idea of a green Barishal to thousands," said Barkat Hasan. A textile engineer by profession, he is one of the founding members of the group.

"People from all quarters are flocking to the group. There are agriculturists, researchers, students, teachers, engineers -- everyone is getting involved with this initiative," he added. His own garden hosts 120 different species of rare fruit and flowers, he told The Daily Star.

This creates a unique mood for knowledge exchange in the group. Members share opinions,

articles, donate saplings, raise green awareness, and respond to each other's queries. There is also a budding network, as members are exchanging information on buying and selling gardening-related items. On top of this, many members are also going out of their ways to physically help others set up their gardens.

"I have been associated with rooftop gardening-related activism since 2012," Barkat said.

"We have another platform called 'Sabuj Krishi Barisal' which has over 3,700 members."

Some of them are renowned agricultural researchers, like Prof Abdur Rahim, founder of Bangladesh Agriculture University's Germplasm Center. Government Barisal College's professor Latifa Akhter, herself a rooftop gardener, is also part of the community.

"Our dream is to build a green Barishal," she said. "It will be built with the love of all."

Humayun Kabir, the recently retired deputy director of Rahmatpur's Barisal Horticulture Centre said rooftop gardens are trending up. At the moment, about 3,000 orchards have sprung up across Barishal's skyline, he added.

When one such garden has helped Moshfeka with her fight for life, who knows how many of the 2,999 help their gardeners.

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location of bus depots and terminals will be selected, he said.

Ten terminals were decided primarily, but the study will find out how many terminals are required, he said.

DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam virtually joined the meeting, while DMP Commissioner Md Shafiqul Islam, BRTA Chairperson Nur Mohammad Majumdar, BRTC Chairperson Md Ehsane Elahi, Rajuk Chairperson Md Sayeed Noor Alam, public transport expert Dr SM Saleh Uddin and Bangladesh Transport Owners Association General Secretary Khandaker Enayet Ullah were present in the meeting.

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Prof Dr Md Mainul Islam, head of the Department of Population Science, University of Dhaka, said, "Along with incorporating the CSE issues in the national curriculum, we must monitor the practice of such lessons in the national, mass and local levels."

He also stressed on setting up the learning outcomes, as well as timing and delivery method for CSE.

Shaheen Anam, executive director, Manusher Jonno Foundation, said the lack of SRHR issues has a severe impact on our society.

"Although adolescence is the most vulnerable stage of our life cycle when boys and girls experience a change in their body and mind... and need support, we don't have any support system for these groups," she said.

"The way pornography is spreading, the uneducated minds cannot process the information, and it directly creates an impact on violence against women and girls," she said.

"When we talk to married women in field level, we come across the magnitude of sexual violence they face, which is the result of the lack of sex education," she added.

Dr Mushfiqia Zaman Satiar, senior adviser,

the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Bangladesh, in her speech as special guest said, "Although we have good policies (like youth policy and education policy), action plans, and initiatives, we are lagging behind in terms of implementation."

Among other recommendations, Dr Mashfiqia stressed the availability of age-specific CSE and incorporation of menstrual health management issues in the primary school curriculum.

Prof Md Moshuazzaman, member, National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB), said "We are working on how effectively we can incorporate the CSE issues in our national curriculum revision, and how we can ensure proper output from our effort."

NCTB is working on creating innovative, gender-sensitive and interdisciplinary learning methods in the next curriculum revision, he assured.

Prof Dr Syed Md Golam Faruk, director-general of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education; Dr Noor Mohammad, executive director of Population Services and Training Centre; and Sanjib Ahmed, director (programme), Family Planning Association of Bangladesh, also spoke at the webinar.

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(a) Educational Qualification and Experience : Principal in a degree college / Vice-Principal / Professor / Associate Professor / Assistant Professor with at least second class in Graduation and Post-graduation levels can apply. Applicants must have 15 years of teaching experience in a degree college. Candidates must have the experience of 3 (three) years as a Vice-Principal or 5 (five) years as an Assistant Professor in a degree college.

(b) No third division / class in any level of academic career is acceptable.

(c) Candidates must not cross the age limit of 55 years on the date of the publication of the advertisement. Age limit may be relaxed in the case of experienced candidates.

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Professor Dr. Syed Modasser Ali
Chairman
Governing Body, Dhaka City College
Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205

He siphoned

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after his lawyer moved it on grounds that he has been suffering from different ailments including heart disease.

The prosecution opposed it, saying that the accused had committed offences by laundering money abroad.

On September 13, CID filed the case against the duo under the Money Laundering Act with Ramna Police Station.

In the case, it was alleged that Samrat siphoned off Tk 195 crore to Singapore and Malaysia illegally with the help of his aide Enamul.

On October 6 last year, Rapid Action Battalion arrested Samrat, who was the president of Dhaka South unit of Jubo League, and Arman, former vice-president of the same unit, from Cumilla after raiding a house near the Indian border.

Samrat came under the spotlight after Rab busted his illegal casino business at different sporting clubs in Dhaka and later was expelled from the Jubo League following his arrest.

Biman to start Sylhet-Cox's Bazar flights from tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman Bangladesh Airlines is going to start direct flight from Sylhet to Cox's Bazar from November 12.

Considering the demand and development of domestic tourism, the national flag carrier has taken the initiative to launch flights on the Sylhet-Cox's Bazar route, Biman said in a release.

This is the first time in Bangladesh's domestic flights history any airline of the country will fly on the route. Biman hopes that this will create a bridge between the tourist areas of Sylhet and Cox's Bazar for rapid development of tourism and commercial development.

The flight will leave Sylhet for Cox's Bazar every Tuesday at 11:45am and Thursday at 11:50am. Besides, it will depart from the tourist city of Cox's Bazar to Sylhet twice a week on Sunday at 12:05pm and on Tuesday at 1:45pm.

Biman Managing Director and CEO Mokabbir Hossain said it will take around one hour 17 minutes to fly from Sylhet to Cox's Bazar using Dash 8Q aircraft.

Biman is now operating flights on all seven domestic routes -- Chattogram, Rajshahi, Jashore, Barishal, Sylhet, Saidpur and Cox's Bazar from Dhaka.

Besides, the national airliner is operating flights on 10 international routes including London, Singapore, Malaysia, Abu Dhabi, Dammam, Jeddah, Dubai, Riyadh, Muscat and Doha, said the Biman MD.

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Robayet Ferdous of Dhaka University and joint convener of the committee.

Among others, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Kapeng Foundation, Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, Sammilito Samajik Jote, Hill Women Federation, and Bangladesh Adivasi Nari Network co-organised the event.

Rashed Khan Menon, president, Workers Party of Bangladesh; Pankaj Bhattacharya, president, Oikya Nap; Rokeya Kabir, executive director, Bangladesh Nari Pragati Sangha; Dr Sadeka Halim, dean of social science faculty, Dhaka University; Dr Mushtak Hossain, former general secretary of Ducus; Shamsul Huda, executive director, Association for Land Reform and Development; Prof Mesbah Kamal of DU; Ruhin Hossain Prince, central member, Communist party of Bangladesh; Numan Ahmed Khan of Institute of Environment and Development; Sanjib Drong, general secretary, Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, and Ushatun Talukder, vice president of Parbatya Chattogram Jana Samhati Samiti, also spoke at the programme.

BGB gets riot control vehicles, APCs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sophisticated Armoured Personnel Carriers (APC) and riot control vehicles were included in Border Guard Bangladesh's (BGB's) arsenal yesterday to enhance its operational activities and capacity building.

In addition to ensuring its own security, riot control vehicles have been added to BGB for effectively maintaining the country's internal law and order and controlling domestic riots, BGB said in a release.

Through the efforts of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and overall supervision of the BGB director general, the inclusion of these APCs and riot control vehicles has greatly enhanced the capacity of BGB, the release added.

BGB has already started operational activities to ensure proper and maximum use of the sophisticated equipment.

"As a result, BGB is able to play a more dynamic role in the overall security of the border as well as in controlling the internal law and order situation and protecting the sovereignty of the motherland," BGB said in the release.

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All interested bidders are requested to attend pre-bid meeting on 24.11.2020 at 11.00 AM, EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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