



The road in front of the capital's Shyambazar warehouse is a hotspot for selling fresh produce, and with winter just around the corner, vegetable traders are hoping for great profits. This road, however, was constructed to ease Sadarghat's traffic, but with all the traders and customers gathering there, vehicles find it almost impossible to squeeze through. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

'Need do-or-die movement amid the pandemic'

Says BNP leader Gayeshwar for 'restoring' democracy

UNB, Dhaka

BNP senior leader Gayeshwar Chandra Roy yesterday said their party needs to continue its movement for the "restoration" of democracy amid coronavirus pandemic by taking the right strategy.

"We must wage another war with courage for the restoration of democracy in this month of victory. We have to take a vow that we'll either restore democracy or die in this war," he said.

Speaking at a doa-mahfil, the BNP leader said, "Don't we have the responsibility for repaying the blood debt of the martyrs of the Liberation War? If so, why should we back off from the movement showing the excuse of coronavirus? We must move forward taking an appropriate strategy."

Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal arranged the programme at BNP's Nayapaltan central office seeking speedy recovery of party standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan who got infected with coronavirus.

Gayeshwar, a BNP standing committee member, slammed Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader for questioning BNP's ability to wage a movement, saying their party led by Khaleda Zia ousted autocratic ruler HM Ershad through a strong movement.

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People's interest in politics on the decline

Says GM Quader

UNB, Dhaka

Jatiya Party Chairman GM Quader yesterday voiced concern that the voter turnout in polls has marked a gradual fall due to people's apathy for voting and politics.

"People are now reluctant about elections as voters' presence is decreasing day by day. People's interest in politics is also declining," he said.

GM Quader, also the deputy leader of the opposition in parliament, made the remarks while speaking at a workshop on leadership at the grassroots level arranged by Jatiya Party's Khulna unit at the party chairman's Banani office.

He said many are dropping out of politics only for lack of a proper political environment in the country. "The participation of people who own the country is not being ensured in the process..."

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Only AL practices democracy within the party: Quader

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said no political party other than Awami League practices democracy inside the party though it is needed to give democracy an institutional shape in the country.

He said this while talking to reporters after paying tributes to Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy by placing a wreath at his grave at the memorial of three national leaders near Doyel Chattar in the capital, on the occasion of his 57th death anniversary.

Quader, also road transport and bridges minister, said Suhrawardy had struggled for democracy until his death and wanted to give an institutional shape to it. But democracy could not get an institutional shape due to evil efforts of a vested quarter, he added.

"On this death anniversary of Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy, it will be our pledge to give an institutional shape to democracy," he said.

Pointing to BNP, the minister said a quarter always talks about democracy but their behaviour never reveals that they believe in it.

"Though they talk about democracy, actually they are enemy of democracy. It can't be expected from those who don't practice democracy within their party, will establish democracy in the country," he said.

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UN PEACEKEEPING 140-member contingent of police leaves for Mali

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 140-member contingent of Bangladesh Police left Dhaka by a charter aircraft on Friday night to join a UN peacekeeping mission in Bamako, the capital of Mali.

Commander Belal Uddin, a superintendent of police, is leading the 70-member Bangladesh Formed Police Unit (BANFPU-1) seventh rotation while SP Muhammad Abdul Wahab is the commander of BANFPU-2 third rotation, having the rest 70 members.

Deputy Inspector General (Welfare) Bashir Uddin Ahmed and officials of the UN Affairs Wing saw them off at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, said a press release sent by Sohail Rana, assistant inspector general of Police Headquarters.

Police members have been serving in the UN

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Draft law seeks to protect witnesses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To ensure safety and security for witnesses, a draft witness protection law has been prepared by Manusher Jonno Foundation, which was presented at a virtual conference yesterday.

"On one hand, accused people continue to threaten and harass witnesses. On the other, most people have accepted that they will be harassed if they seek legal redress," said Barrister Tapas Kanti Baul, lead author of the law. Bangladesh has no witness protection act, he observed.

The draft stipulates that victims and witnesses who fear for their safety will be provided a secured housing facility "until he/she has made the statement in any investigative proceeding or testified, or until the threat, intimidation or harassment disappears, whichever occurs later."

According to the draft, victims or witnesses can request protection from the investigating officer of the concerned proceeding, the officer-in-charge of the police station where the case was filed, or the public prosecutor.

The request shall then be vetted by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, adds the draft.

During proceeding of a trial, the court can direct that victims get compensation, relief or treatment from a witness protection fund created by the government, says the draft.

This compensation includes expenses for medical treatment, psychological or psychiatric counselling, lawyer fees, travel expenses borne by the victim, as well as "victim's income generation capacity lost or damaged as a direct result of the offense".

The document also defines protections that should be afforded to a victim when filing a case. This includes special provisions for female witnesses and linguistic minorities.

"A social worker or support person, preferably a female, in case of a female victim, shall be required to be present when the victim girl or woman is being interviewed by a police officer or officers after the rescue," said the draft.

Victims whose mother-language is not Bangla shall be

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Star wins gold and bronze at South Asian Digital Media Awards 2020

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star has won a gold and a bronze at the South Asian Digital Media Awards 2020, presented by WAN-IFRA (the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers).

The newspaper won gold in the category "Best Special Project for Covid-19" and bronze in "Best in Audience Engagement".

This is the most prestigious recognition for publishers for their outstanding work in digital media. WAN-IFRA recognises news publishers who have adopted digital media and mobile strategies as part of their total product offering to meet the major challenges in how people consume news and information today.

The awards are presented in every region: South Asia, Asia, Middle East, Africa, Europe and Latin America.

"Mission Save Bangladesh", a philanthropic initiative by The Daily Star

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Job Grade: SO-SEO

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