

## DAG Debashish Bhattacharyya resigns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Attorney General Debashish Bhattacharyya has resigned from his office.

"I have tendered resignation on personal reasons. I submitted the resignation letter to the attorney general's office on Wednesday for forwarding it to the president," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

He refused to specify the reason behind his resignation, saying, "You are not entitled to know."

On October 11 last year, Murad Reza and Momtaz Uddin Fakir resigned from the offices of additional attorney general. At present, the attorney general, one additional attorney general, 65 deputy attorney generals and 151 assistant attorney generals move cases on behalf of the state.

## Three-hour

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back. "But the factory workers led by its chairman beat me up and threatened to kill me..." he claimed.

After Wednesday morning's incident, supporters of Sohag shut down launch and bus services in the city from 8pm to 11pm in retaliation.

The sudden shutdown created sufferings for hundreds stuck at the launch ghat and Nathullabad bus stand. They withdrew the blockade after 11pm once a case was filed against Mizan for harassing Sohag, claimed locals.

Saidur Rahman Rintu, a launch owner, said some Sramik League leaders asked them not to ply vessels.

Contacted, Azizul Karim, officer-in-charge of Kawnia Police Station, said they did not receive any complaint against Sohag yet.

"A case has been filed against Mizan," he said, adding they are looking into it.

Meanwhile, OC Lokman Hossain (operation) of the police station said Mizan detained Sohag at his factory on Wednesday morning and informed police.

Lokman refused to elaborate as to why Sohag was detained.

Many also alleged that some female workers went to police but law enforcers did not accept any complaint. Police, however, refuted the allegation.

Meanwhile, small traders and workers of BSCIC

said a tense situation has been prevailing in the area over infrastructure development works worth around Tk 54 crore.

The Barisal City Corporation has recently stopped dredging activities there after some industrialists were allegedly attacked by miscreants over extortion and tender manipulation.

Mayor Semiabat Sadiq Abdullah and BSCIC deputy general manager and Fortune Shoes Limited are engaged in conflict over this issue, according to sources.

Mentionable, Mizanur Rahman was the immediate past president of BSCIC Shilpa Malik Samity in Barishal.

Around three months ago, the Fortune Shoes authorities filed a case with Kawnia Police Station, alleging assault on several workers and locals.

After the case was filed, people who were made accused in the case, often beat and harassed factory workers, they alleged.

They also alleged that Sohag and his accomplices were behind such activities. Asked, Sohag denied the allegations.

Meanwhile, Mayor Semiabat in a programme at Barisal Circuit House yesterday said even though his party man was beaten by the Fortune Shoes authorities, police were not filing a case.

"After that, they blocked the river port and highway and then, police accepted the case," he said.

## Stolen motorbike found in AL leader's house

### Police arrest his driver for hijacking

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police have arrested driver of a local Awami League leader with a stolen motorcycle in Ashulia of Savar.

The arrestee -- Shahin -- kept the bike at AL leader Mosharaf Hossen Musha's house at Yearpur in Ashulia from where police recovered it on January 17, Kazi Newaz, sub-inspector of Tongi West Police Station, told journalists yesterday.

The SI told The Daily Star that the motorcycle was stolen at weapon point between 2am and 3pm from Bakrail area in Tongi of Gazipur on January 16.

Later, police started investigation and traced the vehicle after the motorcyclist filed a case with the police station that night, said the police officer.

Shahin was directly involved in the stealing, said SI Newaz, adding that he disclosed the names of other people involved in it. "We are trying to arrest them."

Contacted, Mosharaf Hossen Musha, a member of Ashulia Thana unit of AL and former president of Yearpur Union Jubo League, said, "I did not know who kept the motorcycle at my house. As police informed me about it, I watched my CCTV footage and came to know that my driver kept the vehicle."

"When I asked about it, my driver replied that a brother from his village gave him the motorcycle to keep for several days," said Musha, adding that later he handed him over to police.

Musha said Shahin has been working as his driver for nearly one year.

## Rafique Uddin passes away

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Alhaj Rafique Uddin Bhuiyan, former president of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (Narayanganj district) and son of late Gul Baksh Bhuiyan, has passed away on Monday. He was 67.

He was a past district governor of Lions Club International, and chairperson of Bangladesh Lions Foundation and Sahitun Nesa Eye Hospital.

He was also managing director of Gawsia Jute Mills Ltd, and director of Gawsia Cotton Spinning Mills Ltd and Ahmed Silk Mills Ltd.

He left behind his wife, three daughters, two sons-in-law and one grandchild.

He was buried at his family graveyard in Rugganj.

## Rebels

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In the 41 general wards of CCC, a total of 14 pro-AL councillor candidates who won in the last CCC polls failed to get party support this time. Of them, 12 filed nominations to vie for polls.

Of the 12 candidates, Tarek Solaiman Selim, a councillor candidate for ward-31 (Alkaran), died on January 18 and the returning officer has cancelled all the polling activities for the seat there. So, elections are going to be held for 40 councillor seats in CCC general wards along with 14 reserved seats for women and the mayoral post.

Contacted, AL Chattogram city unit general secretary AJM Nasir Uddin said, "There is no scope for defying party decision if anyone wants to stay in the party."

Nasir, also member secretary of AL committee for CCC polls management and former mayor, said, "We have clearly mentioned the names of those the party will support in this election. Others have been asked to step down and we have given them time to do so. If they do not comply, disciplinary action will be taken against them."

Meanwhile, the pro-AL councillor candidates, who decided to vie for polls defying party decision,

argued that they should not be termed "rebel" as the election for the councillor seat is non partisan.

While talking to The Daily Star they also said they were contesting in the polls to meet the people's expectations.

Abul Fazal Kabir Ahmed Manik, a councillor candidate for ward-14 (Lalkhanbazar), said, "I've been elected councillor several times and worked for the ward's development. That's why locals want me to run."

Asked why he defied the party decision, Manik said he did not defy party decision as councillor race is non partisan and there is no scope for any party to nominate a candidate.

Echoing the same, Saber Ahmed, a councillor candidate for ward-32 (Saraipara), said, "This local government polls will not impact the government that much so the party should be liberal and give us an opportunity to prove our popularity among voters."

Asked, whether BNP backed candidates would utilise this intra-party rivalry, Saber said voters will elect the candidate for councillor seats not the party.

"I won as councillor in previous polls where pro-AL and BNP candidates vied," he said.

## House help held over torturing elderly employer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A domestic help who tortured an elderly woman and fled with cash and valuables on Monday from her employer's house in the capital was arrested yesterday.

A team from DMP's Shahjahanpur Police Station along with local police arrested Rekha Akter from Ranisankail upazila in Thakurgaon, SI Rezaul Karim of Shahjahanpur Police Station, who led the drive, told The Daily Star.

Police also arrested her husband, Md Ershad, from the city's Basabo area in this connection, he added.

## DoE launches

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Humayun, who was also additional director general of the department, said noise levels will be surveyed in 64 districts and databases will be set up.

There will be programmes on TV, radio and other media to raise awareness about noise pollution, and 95,200 people from different backgrounds will receive training to tackle the issue, he added.

Humayun further said 128 billboards, 60 signboards, 7 lakh leaflets, 7 lakh stickers, 1,000 folders and 1,000 training manuals will be printed and distributed to create awareness.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Md Shahab Uddin was present as chief guest at the workshop. He said noise pollution will come down to a tolerable level with concerted efforts of all.

Former Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Prof Pran Gopal Dutta appealed to the government to include the harmful effects of noise pollution in the curriculum of fifth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades.

Ziaul Hasan, Secretary to the ministry, and Mahmud Hasan, additional secretary (environment), were present as special guests.

## DNCC drive

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had also widened many roads in Pallabi area, and people are getting benefited by those.

Additional chief engineer Md Sharif Uddin said work was underway to widen roads and footpaths under a government project and their work is a part of it.

He said people were running shops by encroaching land on both sides of the road, which resulted in narrowing vehicular movement.

Sharif said they talked with the illegal shops' and structures' owners many times and asked them to evict but they did not pay heed.

DNCC has been conducting drives against illegal structures constructed occupying roads, footpaths or canals since Atiul took charge as mayor.

The mayor said they will continue their drive to recover all canals in DNCC areas as well as to widen roads and construct footpaths.

## Future of

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about ownership. Ownership should not be kept only by the company or by few people only," said Shahidul Haque, chairman, Department of communication and journalism, University of Chittagong.

All speakers stressed on the need to be digital first.

There is an "odd idea" that digital media means less operational costs, Gousul stated, adding that this is absolutely wrong.

"We all know we need to expand digitally, and in the new business landscape we need to learn how to protect our content from aggregators and how to monetise our content," said Syed Ashfaque Haque, executive editor of The Daily Star.

For media organisations to survive and thrive it must adopt new practices, said Prof Jude William Genilo, dean of Media Studies and Journalism department of ULAB. "This does not only mean moving towards digital platforms. New journalism skills need to be taught to students."

Zafar Sobhan, editor of Dhaka Tribune, spoke about the need to gather solid statistics about the media industry in order to find a way out of the pickle that the pandemic has left the industry in.

Speakers also cautioned against the impact of the government on free media. "Friendly media -- that is media friendly

with the government-- is thickening and free media is thinning out. The unions, journalist organisations are aligned to the power, not to free media. This is why readers are gradually turning away from the media," said Ashfaque Haque.

"The government party is obstructing journalists from speaking the truth, and journalists are self-censoring. The government can also affect advertisements," said Faruq Faisal, regional director for Bangladesh and South Asia at international rights organisation Article 19.

The report said Bangladesh may be one of the most heavily served media markets in the world, adding that TV audiences can choose from over 30 domestic channels, including eight news-only ones, apart from dozens of international providers. Print media presents an even more crowded market with more than 700 publications registered with the government. However, both TV and print industry is heavily concentrated in Dhaka, it found.

The report also said all but the largest publishers in the country operate with little to no profit margin, often fully dependent on circulation revenue and government advertising.

The full report can be accessed at [https://www.mrdibd.org/publications/Media\\_Viability\\_Study.pdf](https://www.mrdibd.org/publications/Media_Viability_Study.pdf)

## Govt planning

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diplomatic zone to move all their offices there. But the shortage of land in the area is an important factor in this regard, the minister said. The current diplomatic zones -- Gulshan and Baridhara -- do not have enough land to meet the demand.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh missions across the world do not have any legal desk to provide legal aid to expatriate workers, Momen said while answering queries of another MP.

The Bangladesh missions, however, provide all types of legal assistance to migrant Bangladeshis in case of any unexpected problem, he added.

He said the government provides fund to the missions abroad in cases where they need to help Bangladeshi nationals in jail or facing other problems.

Giving example, Momen said recently the foreign ministry has provided legal help to Bangladeshis detained in Kolkata and Assam in India.

## Over 100

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persons in this connection," he said.

On Wednesday night, a clash broke out between AL and BNP activists after AL men were allegedly attacked by BNP supporters in front of Nasiman Bhaban, also the BNP office, in Kazir Dewri area.

During the incident, crude bombs were blasted and a vehicle was vandalised.

Meanwhile, OC Ruhul Amin of Bakalia Police Station said a case was lodged following a clash between AL and BNP men in Balirhat area of Bakalia during an election campaign of AL mayor candidate.

"One Imam Hossain Sagor filed the case accusing 24 BNP and its associate wing's leaders and activists. Police have arrested four persons in this connection," he added.

Besides, a staff member of Paharali Degree College filed a case accusing 81 BNP activists over attacking staffers of the college during the training session of EVM machine, said OC Jahir Hossain of Akbarshah Police Station.

"In the case statement, it was mentioned that the BNP men tried to enter the college forcibly. Failing to get in, they vandalised the window panes," he said.



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