



The teachers of schools for children with special needs have been staging a protest to press home their 11-point demand, including adding them to the list of MPO enlisted schools, in the capital's Shahbagh area. Even a drizzle couldn't surmount their spirits on the fourth day of the protest yesterday, as they urged for the prime minister's intervention.

PHOTO: STAR

Invest more in girls' education

Urge rights activists

UNB, Dhaka

Leaders of different rights groups yesterday demanded that the country invest more in the education of girls to prevent child marriage and keep them in schools.

The call came at a virtual press conference held by The National Committee for the International Rural Women's Day Celebration on the eve of International Rural Women's Day, to be observed today.

The press briefing discussed the surge in child marriage especially during the pandemic when the educational institutions remained closed for almost a year and a half.

Lack of effective monitoring and measures by the local administration and law enforcement authorities, a drop in families' income, and the perception of girls as a burden, among other factors played a vital role in this regard, they said.

Speakers also said dropout rates of girls from schools have increased, which can be seen in the attendance numbers after schools finally reopened on September 12.

Tamanna Rahman, Abu Hanif, Belal Hossain, Lutfur Rahman Labu, Masuda Faruque Ratna, PM Billal, Rashida Begum, Tahrima Afroz, Sheikh Asad, Khondoker

Faruk Ahmed, Ashrafur Hasan Taimur, and members of the district committee spoke during the programme presided over by Shamima Akhter, the chairperson of the committee.

Mustafa Kamal Akhand from equitybd and Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, executive director of COAST Foundation, also spoke at the event.

In her keynote address, Ferdous Ara Rumea mentioned that Bangladesh ranks fourth in the world in terms of child marriage. The country has more than 4 million child brides, according to Unicef.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury said studies showed that the rate of child marriage decreased when girls are engaged in higher secondary education and graduation level. "Therefore, we should focus on increasing expenditure regarding girls' education," he said.

On behalf of the organisers, Mustafa Kamal Akand mentioned that more than 60 districts in the country are celebrating International Rural Women's Day. Every year, rallies, seminars, demonstrations, fairs, and award-giving ceremonies for rural women with contributions in different sectors are organised to celebrate the occasion.

Five killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Five people were killed in road accidents in two districts during the last two days, according to reports from our correspondent and a news agency.

In Jhenidah, Debidas Mondol (32) was killed as a truck ran him over after he lost control over his motorcycle in Charakata area under Moheshpur upazila yesterday, said assistant sub-inspector Habib of Moheshpur Police Station.

In another accident, Fazlu Rahman (28) was killed as a bus hit him while he was crossing a road in Ganna Bazar area under the district yesterday, said police.

Meanwhile in Sunamganj, three friends were killed as an unidentified vehicle hit a motorbike they were on on Sylhet-Sunamganj road at Noagaon in Shantiganj upazila on Wednesday night, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as Hridoy Hossain (20), Layek Ahmed (20), and Jamil Mia from Jauabazar union in the upazila.

Man falls in drain

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Meanwhile, rescuers of fire service began searching for him at the drain he fell into. They kept this up for six hours, and only stopped upon coming to know he had surfaced on the bank of the New Road canal. They later found him there, lying in a helpless state, around 3pm.

Doctors at Islami Bank Hospital said they did not find any injury on his body. However, he was physically weak. He was taken to Suhrawardy hospital by his son, Md Reaz.

Speaking to this correspondent, Reaz said his father had been visibly anxious for the last couple of days. On Tuesday noon, Manik told Reaz to take over their tea shop at Mirpur 12 -- within two kilometres of Kalsi canal -- and left. However, he did not come back for the next two nights.

The family -- who live in Pallabi's Shujatnagar -- later filed a general diary with Pallabi Police Station, before he was discovered yesterday afternoon. Reaz said upon reuniting with his father, Manik told him he fell into the Kalsi canal and tried to swim ashore but was pulled into the drain. He spent around forty minutes bumping all around and trying to survive by swimming with all his might, before popping out of a pipe in New Road canal.

Meanwhile, locals and fire service officials said though the drain at Kalsi canal is open, the waterbody is protected by a boundary and is visible enough for locals to be mindful of it.



This is the pipe leading to the New Road canal that Manik came out of. He was found lying on the canal's shore some six hours later.

PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Sherifa Quader set to become JP MP from reserved seat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman GM Quader's wife Sherifa Quader yesterday filed nomination papers for the vacant seat of the reserved seats for women (women seat-45) in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Sherifa, also an adviser to the JP chairman, and president of Lalmonirhat district unit of JP, submitted her nomination papers to Md Abul Qasem, joint secretary, EC Secretariat.

On Wednesday, Sherifa was nominated for the vacant women's seat in JS. The seat fell vacant following the death of Prof Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury, a lawmaker for reserved seats, on September 13.

According to the constitution, only lone candidates nominated by the party are elected unopposed in each reserved seat. As a result, it is only a matter of time for Sherifa to become an MP.

JP chairman late HM Ershad made Sherifa the party's vice chairperson.

A conspiracy to destroy

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Sammilita Samajik Andolon, a united movement of different social and non-government organisations, demanded hard steps against oppression of minorities. They urged the government to protect temples, and in turn, lives.

Sommilito Sangskritik Jote, Shujan, Basad and some other organisations also expressed their concerns.

Meanwhile, a protest rally along with a human chain was organised in Barishal city over the incident. The programme was held in front of Ashwini Kumar Hall, reports our Barishal correspondent.

Members of Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal, Udichi Shilpi Gosthi Barishal, Bangladesh Students Union Barishal and Barishal Rickshaw-Van Driver Workers Union took part in the event.

Bangladesh Puja Uddipan Parishad will hold a sit-in programme in every puja mandap across the country from 11am to 2pm today, said a press release.

BNP ACCUSES GOVT OF DESTROYING COMMUNAL HARMONY BNP yesterday alleged that the government is trying to destroy communal harmony in the country.

"The government has completely failed to keep the law and order situation stable. In the newspaper, you [people] saw the incidents that occurred during Durga Puja in Cumilla and Chandpur. Three were killed in Chandpur and police

opened fire indiscriminately," said Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, BNP's secretary general.

Fakhru made the remarks at a discussion at Dhaka Reporters Unity to mark the 11th founding anniversary of Jatiyatabadi Samabay Dal.

Saying that Bangladesh is a country of tolerance and communal harmony, the BNP leader said these types of incidents are orchestrated to divert public attention.

GOVT WILL NOT TOLERATE COMMUNAL FORCES: QUADER

The government will not allow any communal force to raise their ugly head and disturb harmony between communities, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said yesterday.

Quader, also Awami League general secretary, issued the warning after visiting the capital's Ramkrishna mission puja mandap.

"Evil groups and extremist communal forces have carried out attacks on Hindu temples in 10 to 12 places and vandalised houses of Hindu people as the election is looming," he said.

Calling upon citizens to keep communal unity and harmony, he said, "Those who don't like the country's development and peaceful celebration of puja, the biggest festival of the Hindu community, are trying to push the country backwards by destroying communal harmony in many ways."

Man

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Plaza on Elephant road, he said.

Arafa's husband Nurul Huda is also a drug trader, who is now behind bars on similar charges.

The official said that they were bringing crystal meth and yaba from Teknaf through various means, including courier services. "We can say more after further investigation," he added.

Meanwhile in another drive, DNC officials arrested six people with 8,600 pieces of yaba from Jatrabari, Gendaria, Ramna and Tejgaon Industrial area in the capital on Tuesday, said Mehedi.

The seized crystal meth and yaba tablets are worth Tk 1 crore, he added.

Like yaba, crystal meth, popularly known as ice, is mostly smuggled into the country from Myanmar through the border in Teknaf.

Officers seized at least 10 kg of ice in several raids in Dhaka, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar this year alone.

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Charges pressed against Taslima Nasrin, 2 others
ICT case was filed in 2018 over hurting religious sentiment
COURT CORRESPONDENT

Police have pressed charges against exiled writer Taslima Nasrin and two others in a case filed for hurting people's religious sentiments.

The two others are Women Chapter editor Supriti Dhar and sub-editor Shuchemita Simonti.

After around three and half years' investigation, Investigation Officer Md Nazmul Nishat, also an inspector of CITE unit of police, on October 3 submitted the charge sheet of the case to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court of Dhaka.

Name of another accused Leena Haque, advisor editor of Women Chapter, was not included as the IO could not find out her address during the probe.

In the charge sheet, the IO said the accused published false defamatory information regarding religion in Women Chapter's website. On April 19, 2018, Mahub Alam, editor of monthly magazine Al Bayyinat and daily Al-Ihsan, filed the case against the four with the Cyber Tribunal of Dhaka under ICT act.

বয়লার ক্রয়
একটি স্বনামধন্য গার্মেন্টস শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের জন্য ৬০০০ কেজি ক্ষমতাসম্পন্ন একটি পুরাতন বয়লার ক্রয় করতে চাই। চলতি সনের বয়লার নিবন্ধন সনাদ এবং বয়লার আমদানী সংক্রান্ত সকল কাগজ-পত্র সহ প্রকৃত মালিকগণকে যোগাযোগের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। যোগাযোগঃ ০১৭৩০ ০০৯৯০০

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