



At Old Dhaka's Begumbazar Road, this particular spot was used for dumping waste, with two DSCC garbage bins set up for this. However, around a year ago, the city corporation changed plans and prohibited the practice, even putting up a banner for it. But they never removed the bins, and to no one's surprise, the spot is still heavily used for waste dumping. This photo was taken yesterday.

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Star journo receive

FROM PAGE 3 (print/online) -- Phensedyl Smuggling; Pouring in unchecked -- on narcotics while Rafiul Islam for best report (print/online) -- Case buried, hope too -- on human rights. Both of them also received crests and cheques for Tk 30,000 each. Eight journalists in eight categories

were awarded for their reports in 2020. Khurshid Hossain, additional inspector general of Bangladesh Police; Mustafa Khair, additional managing director at First Security Islami Bank Ltd; and Abdullah Zubair of Noman Group, who were present as special guests, handed over the awards at a programme at

Shilpkala Academy yesterday. The other awardees are Aynal Hossain of Sharebiz for investigative report (print/online), Sazzad Parvez and Imtiaz Momin Soni of Jamuna Television for investigative report (television/radio) and Sazzad Parvez of Jamuna Television for investigative report on narcotics

(television/radio), Sameer Kumar De of Ittefaq for best report on woman and child repression (print/online), Nadia Sharmeen of Ekattor TV for best report on woman and child repression (television/radio) and Shafiq Shahin of NTV for best report on human rights (television/radio).

11th founding anniversary of Industrial Police observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The 11th founding anniversary of Industrial Police was observed yesterday.

On the occasion, a daylong programme was organised which started around 3pm at Dhaka Industrial Police-1 office at Sreepur in Ashulia, Savar.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan was chief guest at the programme, presided over by IGP Benazir Ahmed.

Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, State Minister for Disaster Management Enamur Rahman and Public Security Division senior secretary Kamal Uddin were present.

Informant

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Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station, said, "A drug peddler named Limon, who was arrested based on Alamgir's information earlier, stabbed him to death. He was released from jail recently."

"We are trying to arrest him," he said. "The victim lived with his wife and two sons in Boubazar area and worked as a mason and auto-rickshaw driver, at times," said the OC.

Empower youth

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moderated the roundtable conference.

Saila Farzana, joint secretary of local government division and national project director of LoGIC, said, "The government, non-government organisations and international donors must act together to unleash the infinite potentials of Bangladesh's massive youth population to mitigate the impacts of climate change."

"We must ensure that our pledge to involve our youths in fighting climate change does not remain confined to papers and promises," she added.

Charles Whiteley, head of delegations of the European Union to Bangladesh, said there is no way to flee from the impacts of climate change. Its effects on the lives of youths should be discussed by policymakers.

He said stories shared by Bangladesh's youths are similar to the experiences shared by Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg.

Van Nguyen, deputy resident representative at UNDP, said, "This discussion just prior to COP-26 is extremely impactful. More research and discussion should be done to reveal the impact of climate change on the lives of our youths."

According to Global Climate Risk Index 2021, Bangladesh is the seventh most climate change vulnerable country.

According to Bangladesh Climate Change Household Expenditure Survey, 82.6 percent people in climate change affected districts reported that they are being affected by at least one slow onset natural disaster. Households in these districts on average spend Tk 10,822 to take at least one protective measure against natural disasters.

Kaaoo kaaoo kah-ow!

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ornithologists, including Prof Monirul H Khan of Jahangirnagar University, and Paul Thompson and Sayam U Chowdhury of Birds Bangladesh.

They said its discovery shows Bangladesh's richness of biodiversity and necessitates the protection of the country's nature and environment.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Reza said the country has some 18 species of owls, among a total of 250 species across the globe.

On RU campus alone, six varieties of owls have built their habitat, which now goes up to seven with the welcome addition of the new species.

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Dispose of FROM PAGE 3 moderated the seminar where former attorney general and former adviser to a caretaker government AF Hasan Ariff, and former judge of the Supreme Court Justice AFM Abdur Rahman also spoke.

The law minister said the government had formulated the Arbitration Act, 2001 in order to settle the cases outside the court through compromise. Besides, the government has incorporated the ADR rules in several laws in recent years, he said.

He also said the government is considering to include appropriate rules in all government agreements for arbitration and mediation of all commercial disputes.

From 'Kabuliwala'

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we come across in contemporary media, and the three women who have just shared their own narratives."

Prof Imran Rahman, special advisor to ULAB's trustee board, said, "Empathy is an integral part of nation-building. It is important for our students to extend a hand to our Afghan sisters now."

Claire Chambers, professor of global literatures at the University of York, also shared her thoughts on Afghanistan in the plenary session, wherein she discussed works of British journalist Yvonne Ridley, who was captured by the Taliban in 2001, and Dutch journalist Bette Dam, who lived and worked in Afghanistan for four years.

Among other sessions, the first day ended with a round-table discussion, led by critic, academic and translator Prof Niaz Zaman, and Prof Lahiri. The session was moderated by Prof Sabiha Huq of Khulna University.

Dr Khan Touseef Osman, research fellow at the department, was the colloquium's convener.

The colloquium will reconvene today to showcase winners of a creative contest and with sessions on Afghanistan's art and heritage, feminist discourse in the country, and more. Speakers will include Professor of English Lilly Want of Islamic University of Science and Technology, Kashmir, and professors Fakrul Alam, Syed Manzoorul Islam, Afzar Hussain, and Sohana Manzoor.

It's anarchy everywhere

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launching a book on former Dhaka University VC Dr Anwarullah Chowdhury at a hotel in the capital.

Fakhrul said when people were dying and going through a horrible time due to the pandemic, the ruling party men and government employees were busy making a quick buck. "Even, a driver of the health directorate's DG owns Tk 400 crore," he said.

The BNP leader said a Rajshahi University VC appointed 169 people in one night to make money.

"It's very difficult to expect anything good from the current society we've built," he added.

He said the government does not give

adequate allocation for developing the education sector, as its main intention is to indulge in corruption by taking mega projects.

Fakhrul opined that DU students now fail to uphold the long tradition of the country's premier educational institution, as they hardly raise their voice against misdeeds and injustice.

He, however, urged all not to get disappointed, as he believes a positive change will surely come.

"The big question in the public's mind is when will the change actually come, and when will we get out of this suffocating situation? We must overcome this situation as the country's people have never been defeated," the BNP leader observed.

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BNP can criticise FROM PAGE 3 attack on Sheikh Hasina," he said. "BNP has no solid ground to stand on because of its negative and conspiratorial politics... They are isolated from the grassroots," said Quader. They tried to uproot democracy and democratic values from the constitution," he added. "Sheikh Hasina brought back democracy by overcoming many obstacles. On the other hand, BNP created obstacles in the development of democracy through their undemocratic behaviour and politics of conspiracy," added the Awami League leader.

"If BNP had played a responsible role as an opposition party, it would not have taken long for democracy to be institutionalised," he said. Quader also remarked that BNP is now instigating communal forces against the country and the government, after it had failed in its movements and elections.

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Still unsure FROM PAGE 3 After nearly 17 months, primary, secondary and higher secondary schools in Bangladesh reopened on September 11. The government shut the educational institutions on March 17, 2020, and later the closure was extended several times. The pandemic-related school closure affected about 38 million students, although the government introduced TV-based learning programmes for them. The 17-monthlong closure, termed the second longest Covid-triggered school closure in the world by Unicef, had multiple spillover effects in Bangladesh. The increasing rate of school dropouts and child marriage top the list. Four killed FROM PAGE 3 Belal Uddin Jahangir said the accident occurred when the microbus hit the lorry from behind after its driver lost control over the vehicle. The two persons died on the spot and the injured is being treated at Cumilla Medical College Hospital, he added.

বিজ্ঞপ্তি বিষয়: প্যানেল আয়কর উপদেষ্টা তালিকায় নাম নিবন্ধনের অগ্রহ ব্যক্তকরণ (EOI) বিজ্ঞপ্তি। বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইন্স লিমিটেড, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা কর্তৃক দায়েরকৃত বিভিন্ন পর্যায়ে চলমান আয়কর সংক্রান্ত মামলা সমূহ পরিচালনা, নতুন আয়কর সংক্রান্ত মামলা দায়ের, বাৎসরিক আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল এবং আয়কর সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে প্রয়োজনীয় আইনী পরামর্শ/ মতামত প্রদানের নিমিত্তে, আয়কর উপদেষ্টা প্যানেল গঠন করা হচ্ছে। উক্ত প্যানেলে নাম নিবন্ধনের লক্ষ্যে নিম্নে বর্ণিত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন আয়কর আইনজীবী (বাজি/ফার্ম)/সিএ ফার্ম-এর নিকট হতে অগ্রহপত্র (EOI) আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে।