

Chronicle of BCL

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who is loyal to the former mayor, brushed aside the allegations.

Contacted, Dr Shahadat Hossain, president of BNP's Chattogram city unit, said the illegal activities are behind the current clashes.

"We also get complaints of extortion by BCL activists from owners of clinics and diagnostic centres," Dr Shahadat Hossain said.

"I would not only blame the students but the political leaders who give them shelter as well," he said.

"CMC's academic council should be cautious in this regard," he added.

CMC Principal Prof Shahena Akter could not be contacted for comments.

AQIB GETTING BETTER

Mahadi J Aqib, who was assaulted in the clash, is getting better at CMC's intensive care unit (ICU), said on-duty doctors.

"His organs have started responding today [yesterday], one of the doctors said.

Meanwhile, Aqib's father Golam Faruq Majumder blamed dirty politics for his son's condition, reports BNP.

"I want no one's son to face this fate. Now, I'm only praying for his speedy recovery and waiting to hear 'Baba' from his mouth yet again," Faruq said, standing in front of the ICU yesterday.

Meanwhile, a case was filed with Chawkbazar Police Station in connection with the Friday night clash at CMC hostel.

Mahmudul Hasan -- a BCL activist at CMC, who is loyal to ex-mayor Nasir -- filed the case against 16 BCL rival activists yesterday, said Ferdous Jahan, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Earlier, police arrested two BCL activists loyal to Nasir, in connection with a case filed with Panchlaish Police Station over attacking Aqib.

BCL activist Taufiqur Rahman filed the case, mentioning names of 16 people, said Sadekur Rahman, inspector (investigation) of Panchlaish Police Station.

Rule violators

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discipline is being prepared, Quader said.

"No wrongdoer would be spared. If anyone is elected uncontested in the elections, it would be considered as an act of breaching the party discipline," the AL leader added.

He also said BNP is the patron of the country's fanatic and communal forces.

The country's people know better who practice the communal politics and use religion as a tool of politics, said the minister.

Mentioning that BNP depends on communal forces to assume power and sustain it, he said the party in 1991 came to power in collusion with the communal forces.

Quader said the religious extremism emerged in the country during the BNP regime.

In the spirit of the Liberation War, Awami League wants to build a non-communal Bangladesh, Quader further said.

However, BNP in association with defeated forces of the Liberation War wants to destroy the country's communal harmony, the AL general secretary added.

AL-backed 'looters' hiking

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are high. When the supply of goods is sufficient, the prices of essentials are being hiked only in the interest of the Awami League-looters syndicate," he said.

He was speaking at a programme organised by the Dhaka district unit of BNP in front of Jatiya Press Club, protesting the soaring prices of daily essentials.

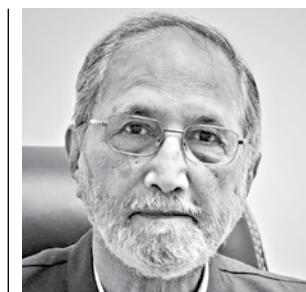
The BNP leader said people are facing serious crisis due to the growing price hike of the daily essentials.

He alleged that people of no religion and community is now safe in the country as there is no democracy. "But the corrupt, bribe-takers and those who go to TVs and tell lies in favour of government are safe."

Speaking at the same event, BNP senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi bemoaned that the major cities in Bangladesh, including Dhaka, have become poisonous-gas chambers due to widespread pollution.

The BNP leader alleged that the prime minister went to the Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, after destroying the trees, fish and water of Bangladesh. "How self-contradictory that is!"

Rizvi said all parties, environmentalists and civil society organisations opposed coal-fired power station at Rampal upazila of Bagerhat near the Sundarbans, but the government has given permission to set it up.



Alimur Rahman Khan no more

CITY DESK

Classical music expert and Sufi scholar Alimur Rahman Khan passed away yesterday morning at his Gulshan residence due to old-age complications.

He was 86 years old.

Alimur left behind his daughter Ruma Khan, the founder and executive director of Friendship, an international NGO, her sibling Barrister Ayesha Taishin Khan, and his son Farid Khan, who currently resides in Canada.

Born in 1935 in the Balia Zamidar family of Manikganj, Alimur collaborated with various organisations for the welfare of people and society, said a press release.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Asr prayers. He was laid to rest next to his mother's grave at Banani Graveyard.

Still bogged down by cases

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A number of robbers who surrendered between 2016 and 2018 narrated their sufferings while talking with The Daily Star at the event premises.

"I hardly earn around Tk 26,000 a month driving an auto-rickshaw in Dhaka, but almost Tk 22,000 of that go into dealing with six cases filed against me," said Jahangir Shikari, head of the once-notorious Jahangir Robber group, who surrendered to Rab with 48 associates in 2017.

He also claimed to have taken around Tk 2.5 lakh in loans from a number of people, all to address the case expenditures.

"We do not want any monetary aid, but we need assistance for the cases," he appealed.

Mustafa Sheikh, another former head of a gang, said, "The government promised to withdraw the cases within a year at the time of surrender, but even after 3 years, I remain accused in mine."

Yesterday's programme started around 11:30am, with the guests handing over

houses, grocery stores, boats, and nets to the former robbers. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal was present as the chief guest.

Among others, Khulna City Corporation Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaled, chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Home Affairs Shamsul Haque Tuku, Khulna-2 MP Sheikh Salahuddin and Inspector General of Police Benazir Ahmed were present at the occasion.

Director General of Rab, Chowdhury Abdulla Al Mamun presided over the event.

The home minister said, "All your cases, except murder and rape cases, will be withdrawn. Directives has already been given in this regard."

The IGP said, "We will provide legal assistance to you for the cases."

Under the supervision of Rab, from May 31, 2016 to November 1, 2018, 328 members of 32 gangs surrendered with 472 weapons and a large quantity of ammunition.

5-year-old dies

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which made all four fall on to the road," said the deceased's uncle Nazrul Islam. With severe injuries, Rihan was rushed to DMCH, where doctors declared him dead around 1:30am, said SI Nazrul Islam of Gulshan Police Station. Police has seized the truck and detained its driver.

Of the injured, Shahjadi and Rahi took treatment at DMCH while Rahim was admitted to Shahabuddin Medical College Hospital.

Khaleda's biopsy

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to give further details about the results of the report.

He also mentioned that Khaleda's condition is a bit better now, and her temperature is also normal.

A senior BNP leader, wishing anonymity, said Khaleda's biopsy report was sent to doctors in both the USA and the UK for a review to clarify some confusion about the results.

On October 25, the BNP chief underwent surgery and a biopsy test at Evercare Hospital due to the growth of a small lump in her body.

The mangoes

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ward-5, said former DC Md Ajai Rahman had chosen a place behind the parishad office for constructing a four-storey building. But the decision was changed, and authorities settled on constructing the building in the orchard by felling the trees.

Contacted, Upazila Forest Officer Mahidur Rahman said, "Permission is needed from the forest department to fell trees, but they have done so without permission."

As further reasoning, Bakerganj Upazila Chairperson Samsul Alam Chunnu said because of the trees, the parishad building was not visible.

Asked about authorities taking no permission, he said if they had sought permission from the forest department, as per the rules, they would not have received it even after four or five years.

"We will plant trees of good varieties," he added.

Contacted, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Madhabi Roy said, "I was on leave when they did this."

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon Barishal Divisional Coordinator Rafiqul Alam said felling so many trees in the name of development is not justifiable at all. Punitive measures must be taken.

4 die in road

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Muktarpur bridge and kept moving forward at a high-speed for about 1.5km, colliding with 5-6 CNG auto-rickshaws, a pickup-van, an auto-rickshaw, another truck, and a few more vehicles. At least 15 vehicles including eight CNGs, a pickup, and an autorickshaw were damaged."

He said the truck was seized and legal action is in process.

In Gazipur, two people died and five were injured when a bus overturned on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Memberbari yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Kona, while the other's identity could not be known immediately, reports our local correspondent.

Quoting eyewitnesses and locals, Kamal Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mawna Highway Police Station, said the accident took place around 10:30am as a Dhaka-bound bus of Shoukhan Paribahan from Mymensingh tried to overtake another bus.

However, it skidded off the road and overturned as the driver lost control of the bus, leaving passenger Kona and a pedestrian dead on the spot.

On information, police recovered the bodies and seized the bus, said the OC, adding that the injured bus passengers were taken to a local hospital.

Traffic movement on the highway is now back to normal, the OC added.

In Rajbari, a man was killed and two others were injured in a road accident on the Dhaka-Khulna Highway at Nabuchimuddin area under Goalanda upazila around 10:30pm on Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Md Raihan Uddin (40), of Kamalapur under Faridpur Sadar upazila. He was a computer operator at the Faridpur Deputy Commission Office, reports our Faridpur correspondent.

Quoting locals, Md Deloar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Allahdipur Highway Police Station, said, "The accident took place when Raihan Uddin, along with two friends, were returning from Goalanda to Faridpur on a motorbike."

"The accident occurred as the bike hit a truck parked beside the highway. Critically injured, they were rushed to Goalanda Upazila Health Complex by locals, where on-duty doctors declared Raihan dead," the official said.

The injured were sent to Faridpur Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College Hospital, he added.

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