

## BNP slams govt for fuel price

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and transport leader to increase bus fares. "They gained financial benefits out of it."

The bus and launch fares are now up by as much as 28 percent and 43 percent respectively, in the first manifestation of the impact the Tk 15 hike in diesel and kerosene prices will have on the cost of living for the poor and the middle-class.

The BNP leader was speaking at a human chain organised by the party's Dhaka south and north units in front of the Jatiya Press Club protesting the price hike.

He said poverty and people's suffering were increasing in the country. "They [the government] talk about development. We see pillars, flyovers and other developments with our bare eyes, but the common people are becoming poorer..."

## Bangladesh struggle

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modification of government policies. Collective responsibility had been imposed by the authorities in March 1971, when the crackdown began, opined The New York Times. The painting of slogans on house walls had been punished by demolition of the houses. Villages in which Pakistani troops were resisted had been burned to the ground, and the army's typical operations were of the search-and-destroy kind.

The newspaper further reported that political assassinations by the guerrillas reached a rate of at least half dozen a day in East Pakistan, and bomb explosions were heard in Dhaka during the day and night.

**KENNEDY WELCOMES HALT OF ARMS SHIPMENT TO PAKISTAN**  
Senator Kennedy welcomed the halt in shipments of military aid to Pakistan and described it as "the first step in what he hoped will be a redirecting of the US policy in South Asia". He, however, informed that the State Department order excluded some \$160,000 worth of items cleared by customs in New York which were awaiting shipment to Pakistan.

### ON THE WAR FRONT

Mukti Bahini ambushed Pak patrol in Shyamganj-Shambhuganj area of

Fakhrul said prices of all essentials would go up even further as an impact of the hike in the fuel prices, aggravating people's misery. "So, this protest against the hike should spread to all parts of the country."

"As long as the Awami League government is in power, public sufferings will keep increasing and people will become more helpless and poorer. So, we must get united, hit the street and oust this regime."

The BNP yesterday also announced a two-day demonstration programme in protest against the recent hike in diesel and kerosene prices.

As part of the programme, all metropolitan city units of BNP, except in Dhaka, will hold demonstrations and protest rallies tomorrow. It will hold similar programmes in all district towns on November 12.

## If there was any mistake, it's lawyers'

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to the fault?" the court asked.

A four-member bench of the SC's Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain said this while hearing the issues regarding execution of the two and non-disposal of their regular appeals filed through their lawyers.

During the hearing, Asif Hasan, the lawyer for Mokim and Jharu, told the court that the jail authorities concerned are responsible for executing his clients before their appeals were disposed of, and the jail authorities need to be warned.

The lawyer said family members of the two, who are illiterate and poor, had not informed the lawyers about their filing and hearing of the jail appeals.

The court then asked how it was the fault of the jail authorities.

The jail authorities executed the convicts after the Appellate Division dismissed their jail appeals and the president rejected their mercy petitions, the apex court said, adding that such incidents took place due to

the lawyers' mistake.

The court said sometimes lawyers on the record don't appear in the court although the judges sit in the courtrooms.

It is not responsible of them, the bench said, adding that the court faced criticisms after it was reported that the two convicts were executed before their appeals were disposed of.

Lawyer Asif Hasan said there was no legal mistake in the execution.

Attorney General AM Amin Uddin told the court that some media reports published on the issue were not accurate as journalists were not given proper information.

He said the jail authorities executed the convicts following the legal and official procedures.

After the proceedings were concluded, the SC set today for resuming hearing on the issue.

Mokim and Jharu were executed at the Jashore Central Jail on November 16, 2017.

They were hanged after the Appellate Division bench of then chief justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, Justice

Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Mirza Hussain Haider upheld an HC judgment on November 15, 2016.

In the judgment, the HC had handed the death penalty to the two for murdering a former union parishad member of Chuadanga's Alamganga, Md Manwar Hossain, on June 28, 1994.

The two convicts appealed against the HC decision, but the highest court of the country rejected their jail appeals, paving the way for the execution.

All of a sudden, their criminal appeals against the death sentence appeared on Wednesday's (November 3) cause list of the Appellate Division for a hearing, leaving everybody perplexed: Had the state executed two men even before their appeals were heard?

Humayun Kabir, another lawyer for the convicts on that day (Wednesday), said they learned only a few days ago that his clients were executed. Their appeals were filed in 2013, it has been eight years since then.

## If dissatisfied

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the police and that the forces are collecting money illegally.

However, not a single penny was deducted from any police member of the DMP, he said.

Shafiqul Islam came up with the statement while inaugurating a sports festival of the Bangladesh Crime Reporters' Association (CRAB) in the capital's Segunbagicha.

The DMP boss said that he had spoken to police members after the report was published.

"The police have to be on duty 24 hours a day," he said, adding, "What do you think the DMP commissioner is on duty for two hours? We do not have time to sleep; we do not have time to eat...I have worked for 18-hours in one day...When it comes to police work, the pressure will remain."

About accountability, he said, "If there is no journalism, then government jobs would be 'fun'. [But] We do not want this job for fun... Journalism's task is to ensure accountability and journalists have brought commissioners like me under accountability."

## HC orders status

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unconstitutional and contrary to public interest.

The HC bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah came up with the order and rule after the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association filed a writ petition seeking necessary directives to protect the river and the canal in Ashuganj.

Lawyer Mohammad Ashraf Ali represented the writ petitioner.

## Russia shutdown ends despite coronavirus wave

AFP, Moscow

Most of Russia yesterday ended a week-long paid holiday aimed at curbing the spread of the coronavirus, despite the country seeing thousands of new cases and more than 1,000 deaths per day.

President Vladimir Putin ordered the paid holiday period from October 30 to November 7 in a bid to stem soaring infections and deaths exacerbated by a slow vaccination drive.

Individual regions had the authority to extend the period but as of yesterday only five had done so, including the western region of Bryansk and the northwestern region of Novgorod.

## Revoke hike in fuel prices

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latest price surge was in violation of the BERC act 2003.

Reading out the statement at the press conference, Prof M Shamsul Alam, energy adviser to the CAB, said the energy and mineral resources division increased the prices of diesel and kerosene after a proposal was sent to them from the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).

However, as per sub-clause 34(4) of the BERC act, the responsibility of raising prices of all fuels, including petroleum, falls solely on the BERC, which is supposed to make a decision after a hearing in the presence of all stakeholders.

In this regard, the BPC has to submit a proposal of fuel price hike before the BERC, not the energy and mineral resources division.

In over five years, the BPC maintained the fuel prices set by the energy division, going beyond the jurisdiction, and "took away" about Tk 43,734 crore from consumers in addition to its targeted revenue, CAB said in the written statement.

Architect Mubassir Hussain also addressed the event.

## Focus turns to climate finance

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for countries in the Asia Pacific region to deal with the impact of global warming.

It says the money is on top of the "billions in additional international funding" already committed by rich countries such as Denmark, Japan and the United States for adaption and resilience in the nations experiencing the worst effects of climate change.

But Ghana's Environment Minister Kwaku Afiyie said negotiations were not reflecting the levels of ambition publicly voiced by developed countries.

"It's very unfortunate and sad indeed," he said.

### DIFFERENT PRIORITIES

While developing countries want more money to help them adapt to higher temperatures that have caused more frequent droughts, floods and wildfires, developed nations have

been focused on channelling finance towards cutting emissions.

The cost of both is huge, but the cost will be even higher unless the Glasgow talks can keep alive a goal that dates from UN talks in Paris in 2015 to keep global warming below 1.5 Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels.

Beyond the 1.5C level, the world risks devastating climate impacts.

Richer nations need to show they can make good on the many pledges they delivered in the first week of the talks, which are scheduled to finish on Friday.

Developing countries are wary. At a UN climate summit 12 years ago in Copenhagen, rich nations promised to hand developing countries \$100 billion a year by 2020 to help them adapt to climate change.

The target was missed and at

COP26, richer nations have said they will meet the goal in 2023 at the latest, with some hoping it could be delivered a year earlier, reports Reuters.

Potentially more problematic for rich nations is how they should compensate less developed countries for loss and damages caused by historic emissions, an area where concrete pledges have yet to be made.

Emily Bohobo N'Dombe Dola, facilitator of the Adaptation Working Group of the official youth constituency to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, said she was drawn to action after seeing how climate change had affected Senegal.

"Now it is time for governments and donors to level up on equitable finance and plans for loss and damage and for adaptation," she said in a statement.

## Astronaut becomes first Chinese

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the camera while tethered to the outside of the station--and installed a suspension device and transfer connectors.

"This marks the first extravehicular activity of the Shenzhou-13 crew, and it is also the first in China's space

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