

## Any attempt to destroy religious tolerance will be crushed: Quader

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League general secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said any attempt to destroy religious tolerance in the country will be dealt strictly.

He said this while addressing an extended meeting of Laxmipur district AL via videoconferencing from Dhaka.

The ruling party office-bearer also issued a stern warning to those conspiring against the construction of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's sculpture.

The road transport and bridges minister said the government would not prevent any peaceful movement or gathering.

"However, if unrest is created in the name of such a movement, the government will take necessary action," he said.

The Awami League general secretary also said that those who had revolted in the local government elections would not be nominated by the party, and called upon party leaders and workers to ensure that no negative activities could cast a shadow on the development work of the government.

"A four-lane road from Begumganj to Laxmipur will be upgraded soon," he added.



Three police motorbikes parked side by side on a footpath in front of Golap Shah's shrine at the capital's Gulistan yesterday, blocking the way for pedestrians. When law enforcers themselves flout rules, regular citizens find it increasingly normal to disregard law and order.

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## Supporting

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support for a month of £50 [around Tk 5,500]. We hope Samia, wherever she is, will find some peace in this," said her sister Sumaiya Binte Sarwar. She urged all to visit the website --[https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/help\\_families\\_in\\_need\\_during\\_the\\_pandemic](https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/help_families_in_need_during_the_pandemic) to learn more.

Samia Sarwar was on a vacation and heading towards Cox's Bazar with her family members when the tragedy struck on a highway near the tourist destination. Her sister, brother, his wife and their four-year-old son were grievously injured and they narrowly survived.

Those who knew Samia remember her as a kind and loving human being, a person who would always put others' needs before her own, says her sister Sumaiya.

"While Samia was a student at DU's IBA, one day she gave a rickshaw puller Tk 5,000, which she had earned from private tuitions. She would often talk about her desire to do something for those in need after completing her academic life," added Sumaiya, who had suffered severe injuries in the accident.

With Samia gone, her family is now trying to fulfill that desire through this charitable initiative.

## Case finally

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plots in Badda, Nikunja, and other areas of the city and also in Keraniganj.

The anti-graft watchdog was alerted due to these, and led a separate enquiry and primarily found that the accused possesses wealth over Tk 600 crore.

On November 26, ACC issued notice asking Monir to submit the wealth statements and information about his own and dependants' movable and immovable properties as well as the undeclared properties that they have acquired since 2009.

Since the 2012 case was on the wealth amassed before June 2009, in the latest notice, the anti-graft watchdog has asked him to submit wealth statement from July 2009 to date.

## SC upholds

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the virtual hearing on the state's petitions yesterday.

Police filed the cases with different police stations in Dhaka against few hundred people including the BNP leaders and activists on November 12 and 13 after several buses were torched in the capital on November 12.

Following separate bail petitions, the HC on November 18 granted anticipatory bail to 120 BNP leaders and activists till January 5 in 11 cases.

The HC also asked the accused to surrender to the lower court concerned on expiry of their anticipatory bail. Later, the state filed seven petitions with the Appellate Division seeking stay on the HC orders.

## UN unanimously

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responding to the unprecedented crisis posed by the pandemic.

Referring to the alarming rise of intolerance during the pandemic, the Bangladesh ambassador underscored the growing importance of culture of peace.

The unanimous adoption of this resolution is a demonstration of the international community's trust and confidence in the leadership of Bangladesh in promoting the notion.

"In the rapidly changing global security scenario, it has proved to be a useful tool to complement UN charter obligations of maintaining peace in the world," Ambassador Fatima added.

"The notion of culture of peace is an integral part of our national agenda for people-centric development," she said.

Bangladesh remains fully committed to the implementation of this notion through action-oriented policy interventions in eight programme areas, such as, education, sustainable economic and social development, respect of human rights, equality, democratic participation, understanding tolerance and solidarity, free flow of information and knowledge and international peace and security.

Ambassador Fatima called for promoting a culture of peace and non-violence through peace education and global citizenship education for the youth to understand values such as tolerance, openness, inclusion and mutual respect.

She highlighted various national initiatives including those aimed at maintaining inter-religious harmony, preventing violent extremism and ensuring inclusive development.

"As we continue to fight the pandemic and build back better, let us recommit ourselves to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace in our quest for peace for our people, for the world at large and to counter all such evils which obstruct us from building a better world," she added.

The resolution has been adopted unanimously with co-sponsorship of 110 member states.

## A violation

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department did not act responsibly and send it itself."

If someone receives any government job, they are responsible for sending documents and reports. Initially, the forensic department blamed lack of manpower for the delay. Authorities will investigate everything, he said.

Rawshan's son Rafique Sikder told NHRC he had visited the department and police station several times, but they gave him various excuses.

"We will go to Shahbagh Police Station next week to take their statements... Every citizen has the right to get their report on time. Since the victim's family did not, I think their human rights have been violated," said the NHRC director.

In response to questions, Dr Sohail pointed out that they had earlier said they did not find a single kidney in the body.

"If we can tell everything in front of the media, then what do we have to hide here?" he said.

Besides, police made no requisition in this regard. They also came late. However, the report did not reflect any lies. We don't think it will disrupt the judiciary," he added.

Regarding the autopsy report, he said they found that both kidneys were surgically removed.

Rafique, a filmmaker, admitted his ailing mother to BSMMU for kidney treatment on July 1, 2018. Rawshan had an operation on her left kidney on September 5 that year, but her condition started worsening fast.

Following later diagnosis at two private hospitals, doctors found that both of Rawshan's kidneys were missing. She died on October 31, 2018.

Then began the family's struggle for justice.

It took two years to get the report. Law enforcers then suggested that Rafique file a case with the court. Shahbagh police, however, registered the case only after NHRC issued a notice on November 26 in this regard.

On November 27, Rafique filed a murder case against four BSMMU doctors on charges of removing her mother's right kidney in a "planned manner with ill intention".

NHRC Deputy Director M Rabiul Islam, another member of NHRC's two-member probe committee, told The Daily Star that they earlier visited BSMMU and collected evidence.

Shahbagh Officer-in-Charge Mamun-or-Rashid told this newspaper yesterday that the accused got bail in the case on Wednesday.

## Women still

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dairy, and poultry farms in rural areas can provide greater employment opportunities.

Addressing the policy dialogue, speakers said women's unpaid labour such as household activities, care giving, and raising children, must be recognised institutionally to achieve different development goals.

They said formal recognition of unpaid labour will elevate women's socioeconomic status, uphold their dignity, and reduce gender-based violence.

Presenting the findings, Prof Ismat Ara Begum said change in globally-recognised System of National Accounts (SNA) is required to include women's household and care-giving activities in gross domestic product (GDP) calculation.

As the United Nations can make such decisions, if policymakers in Bangladesh take steps then women's unpaid labour could be recognised some day, she said.

She said, although women's unpaid labour in agricultural sector is counted in GDP, a woman's 12-hour work is considered equal to a man's 8-hour work, and that is inequitable.

The SNA method does not recognise work that does not go to the market, she added.

BAU Vice Chancellor Prof Lutful Hassan said recognising women's contribution and upholding their dignity will make it easier to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. He urged everyone to work collectively to uphold women's dignity.

MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said although women's paid labour is recognised to some extent, their contributions like care-giving and other household activities are not recognised or evaluated.

Pointing out that women constitute half of the country's population, noted parliamentarian and ruling Awami League lawmaker Saber Hossain Chowdhury said a nation cannot make progress after leaving half of its population behind.

Women have to be treated with dignity if the country as a whole wants to march forward, he said.

Prof Sayema Haque Bidisha of Dhaka University's Economics department, said target 5.4 of the SDGs clearly lays importance on unrecognised contribution of women.

"As we are walking on the track to achieve the SDGs, this should be one of our agendas," she added.

Director General of Department of Agricultural Marketing, Mohammad Yousuf, and Associate Professor of Economics at Jahangirnagar University, Sharmin Neelormi spoke at the programme among others.

## Guarantee

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The victim's father Mojibur Rahman filed the case with the Fourth Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka on November 6 last year. Matur and eight others had pleaded not guilty and are now out on bail.

Editors' Council, an organisation of newspaper editors, previously criticised the move, stating that Matur Rahman was not even at the spot of the event. It has also cautioned against external influence from any quarters affecting the course of justice.

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- Versus -  
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**Muhammad Ashraf Ali**  
Advocate  
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## 22 accused

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against all 25 accused in the case. Forty out of 60 prosecution witnesses, including complainant of the case, so far gave their depositions in the case.

On October 7 last year, Abrar, a second-year student of Buet, was beaten to death by a group of Buet unit Chhatra League men in a dormitory.

Abrar's father Barkatullah filed a murder case in this regard on October 7 with Chawkbazar Police Station.

The incident triggered a firestorm of protests on campuses across the country. Many took to social media to demand justice for Abrar.

Amid protests, Buet authorities on October 11 banned all political activities on the campus and suspended 19 students, mostly leaders of the university's BCL unit who have been made accused in Abrar

Fahad killing case.

Eight of the accused gave their confessional statements before separate magistrates on different days last year, narrating the horrifying torture that transpired that night.

Inspector Md Wahiduzaman of Detective Branch of police submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Dhaka against 25 Buet students on November 13 last year.

Of them, 22 accused were earlier arrested and they were remanded several times. During the investigation, eight of the accused gave confessional statements to magistrates on different dates.

Three other accused in the case-- Mustaba Rafid, Muhammad Morshed-Uz-Zaman Mondol alias Jishan and Ehtashamul Rabbi Tanim -- have been absconding since the incident.

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