

Public health action need of the hour

Experts tell programme marking World Suicide Prevention Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government needs to adopt public health programmes to prevent suicide across the country, speakers said at an event yesterday.

Suicide is a public health concern, which needs to be addressed through awareness meetings and seminars at school levels, they said.

The speakers made these remarks at a programme organised by Brighter Tomorrow Foundation (BTF) on the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day at The Daily Star Centre.

Public health expert Benazir Ahmed said the government can appoint councillors in all educational institutions for suicide prevention.

AAMS Arefin Siddique, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, said, "Our society puts so much pressure on students to do well academically that they end up feeling deeply ashamed of themselves to even face society again."

Prof Bidhan Ranjan Roy Podder, director at National Institute of Mental Health, said, "The SDGs require countries to reduce suicide by 10 percent. The government has taken two initiatives – the mental health act and national mental health survey – in this regard."

Brig Gen (ret) Dr Md Azizul Islam, principal of US Bangla Medical College, said "People going through suicidal ideation should not be punished."

BTF President Jayashree Zaman presided over the event.

Those in power behind river

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He also claimed that no government took any measure to save Buriganga from pollution and encroachment.

"The manifesto fielded by our prime minister in the 2008 election proclaimed to save the rivers, reclaim and free those from encroachment."

Rights activist Sultana Kamal, also president of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, moderated the programme. Eight councillors of Dhaka South City Corporation participated in the programme and committed to putting a stop to any further onslaught on Buriganga.

A boat rally – parading from Muslimbagh point to Sadarghat – was also

organised as part of the programme displaying placards that urged people to be cautious against river pollution and encroachment. Humayun Kabir, general secretary of Awami League's Dhaka south city unit, Kristin McCrae, director, Office of Democracy, Human Rights and Governance, USAID Bangladesh, Mainuddin Ahmed, chief of Party Counterpart International, and Prof Kamruzzaman Mojumder, founder and chair of Centre for Atmospheric Pollution Studies, spoke at the event, among others.

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'Govt trying to create unrest'

Alleges Rashtra Sangskar Andolon

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A section of people in the government and administration is trying to create communal unrest in a planned manner in the country, alleged Rashtra Sangskar Andolon yesterday.

In a statement, the newly-formed political party said one of its activists, Pritom Dash, was arrested on charge of hurting religious sentiment at Sreemangal in Moulvibazar on September 9.

The arrest was made as Chhatra League filed a case under the Digital Security Act.

Rashtra Sangskar Andolon claimed that a group of BCL leaders swooped on their activists while they were holding a programme to express solidarity with the tea workers' protest.

BCL abused the religious identity of Pritom Dash while filing the case, said the left leaning political party.

The government is trying to push the country towards a conflict ahead of the Durga Puja, said the party in a statement.

The party leaders also demanded withdrawal of the case against Pritom.

Dhaka University

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at the centre but the dentist informed me otherwise. I was advised to go to a hospital or manage Tk 5,000 for treatment at his chambers," said Mamun Hasan, an Urdu major.

Dr Rathindra Nath Sarker admitted to giving visiting cards to students who come to the centre for treatment. However, he said it was provided to them so that they can access necessary treatments that are not available in the centre.

Asked about maintaining the roster, he said the centre needs till 9:30am to clean equipment and make room treatment suitable.

Emran Hussain, a student of mass communication and journalism, said he needed to get an X-ray done on August 25 but had to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for it as the university's

medical centre could not provide the service.

At least 10 students told this correspondent that they never get necessary medicines from the medical centre, except paracetamols and some common medicines and they had to buy necessary medicines from outside.

Mohiuddin Roni, a student of theatre and performance studies, went on a hunger strike for three days after not getting proper treatment at the medical centre. It was then that the university authorities assured him that they will meet his demands.

However, the authorities did not keep their word later, said Roni.

An annual budget of Tk 2 crore was approved in 2022-23 fiscal for the university's medical centre. Of which, Tk 1 crore and 55 lakh were allotted for buying a digital X-ray

machine, Tk 20 lakh for medicine import, Tk 10 lakh for pathological equipment, Tk 6 lakh for homoeopathy medicine, Tk 3.5 lakh for dental equipment and other equipment worth around Tk 5.5 lakh.

Md Humayon Kabir, principal store officer, said there are 27 kinds of tablets and 8 types of capsules available at the centre which are enough for primary treatment.

Asked about medicine scarcity, Medical Centre director Dr Hafeza Zaman said, "We can't afford many things due to budget and equipment constraints."

"The X-ray machine is too old and the only radiologist comes twice a week. The roster maintenance gets disrupted once in a while. And about the dentist, I will look into the matter and try to take necessary steps," she said in response to the allegations.

BCL infighting reaches Hasina's political BNP

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accused in the case of vandalising a temple and a permanently expelled activist was appointed to BCL's Kushtia University chapter.

The letter also says that Lekhak Bhattacharjee is engaged in the stone trading business in Sylhet, where he has created a monopoly by abusing his power.

He allegedly managed licenses in the name of his brother Avinav Bhattacharjee for Hilsha

trading. They also alleged that the posts in the committees were allocated in exchange for money and without holding councils, violating the BCL charter.

"No organisational steps were taken against a joint general secretary and two vice-presidents of BCL after they were caught with drugs by police officials in Brahmanbaria's Bijoynagar area since they are close aides of the president and general secretary," it added.

The BCL leaders also

wrote in their letter that after the formation of the committee in 2018, no general meeting of the central committee has been convened despite a clear mandate in the organisation to hold one every two months.

This correspondent could not reach Joy and Lekhak despite repeated attempts.

On September 14, 2019, Joy and Lekhak, who were senior vice-presidents of the central committee, were made its acting

president and acting general secretary after the then leaders were removed from their posts.

On January 4 next year, Hasina gave the duo full responsibility for the organisation, at a programme marking its 72nd founding anniversary.

According to BCL's constitution, the tenure of a central executive committee is two years, meaning the present committee expired on July 30, 2020.

Badda on September 25, Kalabagan zone on September 26 and Tejjagon zone on September 27.

BNP has been organising demonstrations across the country since the government raised fuel prices and adopted the load-shedding policy.

BNP also alleged that their three activists were killed while over 1,000 injured as police and ruling party men attacked the party's programmes in different parts of the country.



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Nothing to brag

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is saying that fair elections will not be possible if the political parties do not extend their cooperation (to the EC). Sometimes they are saying it is not the job of the EC to bring someone in the polls," he said.

GM Quader said the EC

should understand that the political parties do not want to go to the elections because they do not have confidence in it. "People of the country do not want EVMs in the elections... people have lost interest in elections."

The building

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water was leaking through the roof and falling on the students.

Anyone could feel the discomfort in the rooms.

Assistant teacher Bishnu Rani said there are six classrooms in this risky building. "We're facing great difficulty teaching in such horrible conditions," she said.

She added that the students' attendance at the school is also decreasing due to this reason.

Alauddin, a guardian, said, "I worry for my daughter every day as class activities go on in such hazardous conditions."

Abul Kalam Azad, the

high school's head teacher said, "I've written to all the departments concerned, informing them about the school's risky condition. It has become necessary for us to construct a new building here. We've applied for financial assistance to repair our roof but received no assistance as of yet."

"At present, in such conditions the school building could collapse any moment," he added.

Contacted, District Education Officer Md Mojibur Rahman admitted that a new building needs to be constructed. "We will inform the Education Engineering Department as soon as possible."

Perfectly well to lead

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Raushan, in a statement yesterday, rejected such allegations.

"It is baseless. I have recovered and I am physically and mentally prepared to participate in parliamentary proceedings," Raushan said.

Raushan also said she had convened the party's 10th national council to exercise her power as the chief patron bestowed upon her in the party's charter.

"The poor condition of Jatiya Party in the last three years and the cries of many competent leaders and activists have pained me. I have convened the party's council to protect it," she


said.

The feud between Raushan and GM Quader started for the party's top post when JP founder HM Ershad became sick in early 2019. The conflict reached its peak following Ershad's demise in July 2019.

Raushan is considered in the party as the one who has close relations and blessings of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Raushan has been receiving medical treatment at a hospital in Bangkok for several months.

Raushan's political secretary Golam Moshi yesterday said she is likely to return to the country by the end of this month.



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The following amendment is made to the above-mentioned bid notice. All other terms and conditions shall remain valid and unchanged.

Serial No.	Reference Clause	Page Reference	Amended
01	Section II Bid Data Sheet ITB 22.1	PART 1-BIDDING PROCEDURES Section II Page: BDS-5	Delete the item descriptions in the last para. and replace with the following new description: The deadline for Bid Submission is: Date: 15 November 2022 Time: 11:00 Hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time)
02	Section II Bid Data Sheet ITB 25.1	PART 1-BIDDING PROCEDURES Section II Page: BDS-5,6	Delete the item descriptions and replace with the following new description: The Technical Bid Opening shall take place at: Place: Office of Project Director , Address: 1st Floor, RHD Foreign Aided Projects Office Building , Road No. 27, Block-A, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh. Date: 15 November 2022 Time: 12:00 Hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time)



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