

Khaleda to lead our ‘simultaneous’ movement  
Says Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday said its “simultaneous movement” to oust the government from the office will be launched under the leadership of its chairperson Khaleda Zia.

“Everyone, get united under your individual leaders. We have announced earlier that our leader is Khaleda Zia, and, in her absence, acting chairman of the party Tarique Rahman will lead the party,” said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.

After holding the second round of talks with Jatiya Party (Kazi Zafar) at the party chairperson’s Gulshan office, the BNP leader said the party will wage a “simultaneous movement” soon on completion of the second round of talks with the political parties.

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On April 20, a speedboat capsized in the Bay on the Kumira Guptachara route, unable to fight the strong gush of wind. After much protest from locals, the service was finally stopped. But just a few days later, speedboats started plying the route again with no life jackets on passengers, as if nothing ever happened. This photo was taken in Sitakunda yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

‘Mros, Tripuras should not be harassed’  
NHRC directs CHT affairs secretary, Bandarban DC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) recently directed the Chittagong Hill Tract Affairs secretary and Bandarban deputy commissioner to ensure that the fire victims of three unions of Bandarban’s Lama upazila are not harassed in any way.

NHRC also directed the Chittagong Hill Tract affairs ministry to take necessary legal actions against those involved in the fire incident that took place on April 26.

Based on the complaint of Kapaeeng Foundation, a rights organisation for indigenous people, full-time member and president of bench-2 of NHRC Dr Kamal Uddin Ahmed issued the order on September 20.

According to the order, a group of perpetrators associated with Lama Rubber Industries Limited cut and set fire to 350 acres of cultivable land of Tripura and Mro communities at Langkom Karbari Para, Joychandra Tripura Karbari Para, and Rangen Karbari Para of Lama’s Sarai union.

They also destroyed the communities’ source of drinking water with the fire, compelling people of the three unions to survive on forest herbs.

NHRC termed it a

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DURGABARI TEMPLE IN MOULVIBAZAR  
Here, women run the show

MINTU DESHWARA

Since the Duga Puja celebrations started on October 1, hundreds of people, from all walks of life, have been flocking to a particular temple in Moulvibazar town.

So what’s so special about the “Durgabari temple” on Moulvibazar’s Saifur Rahman Road?

The answer is simple. The six-decade-old temple has a reputation for organising one of the best pujas in the district.

However, there is another catch. The temple garnered greater attractions this year by sticking with the real spirit of Durga Puja – women empowerment.

Durga Puja is not only a religious festival but also an occasion that celebrates the manifold faces of womanhood. Although it’s the men who mostly call the shots in terms of organisation and performing the rituals, celebrations in the Moulvibazar temple will be run mostly by women.

The temple authorities have announced a 127-member



committee for running the puja this year, of which, 124 are women. The three men in the committee are holding the posts of assistants, while all the important positions have been filled up by women.

Initially, there were some reservations among a section of locals on how the women would handle the pressure. However, all doubts were cleared as the committee won them over by successfully organising Mahalaya on September 25.

A colourful procession was taken out on Mahalaya, while clothes were distributed among

the underprivileged. It was the women who lit up the forums in the discussion meetings.

The temple has been seeing a mad rush of devotees since October 1, riding on the massive success of the Mahalaya celebrations.

This correspondent talked to Ranjit Datta Johnny, a local, while visiting the temple on October 2.

“Hundreds are visiting this place every day. Some visitors were seen being a bit judgemental, trying to nitpick anything they find. But even they were seen leaving the place with a wide smile on their face, happy with how everything went,” he said.

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Stop illegal sand, stone extraction  
Speakers urge govt at Sylhet dialogue

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Authorities must protect Sylhet’s environment by completely stopping illegal sand and stone lifting as well as monitoring all rivers in the region via satellite, said speakers yesterday.

They said this at a dialogue titled “Is nature returning after the halt of illegal sand and stone lifting?”, organised by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) at a hotel in Sylhet city.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, executive director of Bela, presided over the dialogue.

Speaking as chief guest, Sylhet Deputy Commissioner Md Mozibor Rahman said, “After officially stopping stone extraction in 2020, nature is slowly returning to its original state.”

“To regulate stone extraction, we have decided to establish two separate stone crushing zones in Gowainghat and Companiganj upazilas. All illegal activities will be stopped by strictly enforcing the law,” he said.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, “No way can we destroy our rivers by illegally lifting stone and

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FIFA World Cup themed mandap turns heads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The name of “Tiger Shanga” has become quite synonymous with eye-catching puja mandaps in Rajshahi city.

This year, they drew attention by decorating their Durga Puja mandap with the theme of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. Last year, their design featured the pandemic.

The group became the talk of the town in 2016, after they decorated their mandap with the theme of the national cricket team.

In the following years, their mandap decorations reflected different themes, including the country’s first ever communications satellite Bangabandhu-1 and celebrated singer Ayub Bachchu.

This year, a 26-foot replica of the World Cup trophy was placed atop the main gate of the mandap in the city’s Ranibazar area.

Besides, there are flags of 32 participating countries with Bangladesh’s flag in the middle.


Partho Paul Chowdhury, general secretary of the Shanga, said, “We took a futuristic theme this time considering the world cup frenzy and recent victory of the women’s football team.”

Shyamal Kumar, general secretary of Rajshahi Metropolitan Hindu Buddhist Christian Oikya Parishad, said, “This year, the festival is being celebrated at 450 mandaps in Rajshahi, 374 in nine upazilas of the district and 76 in the city.”



**Durga is the embodiment of our Dharitri Mata (Mother Earth). Durga destroys Asur with her many hands and does everything for the welfare of the devotees. Similarly, our mothers work non-stop for the welfare of their children. The formation of our committee symbolises this realisation.**

NANDITA DEB  
President of Durgabari temple’s puja committee



**Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)**  
TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

**IMPORT SECTION**  
**Corrigendum**

Invitation Ref. No. (i) 26.05.0000.016.10.007.22.694;  
(ii) 26.05.0000.016.10.007.22.695;  
(iii) 26.05.0000.016.10.007.22.696;

Date: 06-09-2022  
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**Invitation For Re-Tender (International) of**  
a) 11,000,000 (±5%) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil,  
b) 12,500 (±5%) M. Ton White Refined Sugar,  
c) 8,000 (±5%) M. Ton Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil

It is notified for all concerned that the above mentioned tender for (International) of (a) 11,000,000 (±5%) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil, (b) 12,500 (±5%) M. Ton White Refined Sugar & (c) 8,000 (±5%) M. Ton Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil now is to be read as:

Sl. No.	Sl. of tender notice	Subject	Existing Date	Read as Date
1	14	Tender Documents Last Selling Date and Time	04-10-2022	06-10-2022
2	15	Tender Closing Date and Time	05-10-2022	10-10-2022
3	16	Tender Opening Date and Time	05-10-2022	10-10-2022
4	19	Brief Description of goods	8,000 (±5%) (Eight Thousand) M.Tons Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil packed in 25/50 (Two) kg packet.	8,000 (±5%) (Eight Thousand) M.Tons Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil packed in 25/50 (Twenty Five/Fifty) kg bag.

All other terms and conditions of tender will remain unchanged.

(Md. Shekhabur Rahaman)  
Chief Officer (Commercial)

GD- 1845



**জাতীয় পরিকল্পনা ও উন্নয়ন একাডেমি (এনএপিডি)**  
জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়  
৩/এ, নীলক্ষেত্র, ঢাকা-১২০৫  
[www.napd.gov.bd](http://www.napd.gov.bd)

**গবেষণা প্রস্তাব আহ্বান (সংশোধিত)**  
২০২২-২০২৩ অর্থ বছরে একাডেমির রাজস্ব খাতের আওতায় নিম্নোক্ত বিষয়সমূহে গবেষণা প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ  
1. Challenges of Universal Health Insurance.  
2. Technology-based Education and Employment.  
3. Training and Skill Development.  
4. Digital Transformation and It's Economic Impact  
প্রতিটি গবেষণা প্রস্তাবের বাজেট হবে ভাট ও আয়করসহ অন্তর্ধ ৫,০০,০০০.০০ (পাঁচ লক্ষ) টাকা। তন্মধ্যে ৫০,০০০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকা গবেষণা সফল হলে সেমিনার ও মূল্যায়ন বাদ বরাদ্দ থাকবে। প্রতিটি গবেষণায় একাডেমির ন্যূনতম ০১ (এক) জন অনুদান সদস্যকে অন্তর্ভুক্ত করতে হবে। একাডেমি কর্তৃপক্ষ অনুদান সদস্য নির্ধারণ করবেন। এনএপিডি'র অনুদান সদস্যবৃন্দও গবেষণা প্রস্তাবনা দাখিল করতে পারবেন। গবেষণা প্রস্তাব আগামী ১৭ অক্টোবর ২০২২ তারিখের মধ্যে 'মহাপরিচালক, জাতীয় পরিকল্পনা ও উন্নয়ন একাডেমি (এনএপিডি)' বরাবর প্রেরণ করতে হবে। বিস্তারিত তথ্যের জন্য একাডেমির ওয়েবসাইট ([www.napd.gov.bd](http://www.napd.gov.bd)) অথবা জনাব তৌহিদুর রহমান, উপ-পরিচালক (গবেষণা ও প্রকাশনা) (ই-মেইলঃ [thouhidchowdhury65@gmail.com](mailto:thouhidchowdhury65@gmail.com), মোবাইলঃ ০১৭১৬৫৫০৮৫৫) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।  
ড. মোঃ নুরুজ্জামান  
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Office of the Plant Manager (Superintending Engineer)  
Sirajganj 225 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant (Unit-1)  
Soydabad, Sirajganj.

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**e-Tender Notice**  
The following e-Tender has been invited in the National e-GP System Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)):

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Brief description of tender	Publication date	Last selling date & time	Opening date
1	735332	Supply of Different Spare Parts for Fire Fighting System Pipeline (Deluge valve, clamp, sprinkler etc.)	02/10/2022	19/10/2022, 15:45pm	19/10/2022

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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