

## Quicksand below development

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consultations from June to October this year.

The platform found "a disjuncture between national development narrative and local realities".

The gap was driven by an uneven distribution of the development gains due to discriminatory design, weak delivery and limited access to resources and public services, Debapriya said.

A dearth of decent employment opportunities, particularly for the youth, has intensified for inadequate economic opportunities and corruption (nepotism and bribery).

"On top of that, the recent price hike of essentials makes the lives of the marginalised people more difficult. Living standards of limited-income and middle-class people are declining."

Debapriya also mentioned that political connections and bribery affect the possibilities of securing government jobs.

Citing the findings of the consultations, he said the rise in salaries of government employees did not lower the frequency and amount of bribes demanded for government jobs.

Despite the increasing participation of women in economic activities, violation of gender rights is becoming more pervasive, he added. "There is a serious lack of rule of law in ensuring the rights of women."

Adverse climate impact is no longer a localised issue; it is now being felt

across the country in different forms, the economist said.

The consultations find the quality of public service delivery does not match the amount of public expenditure, and access to public service is more constrained for disadvantaged people.

They also find the trend of weakening inclusive and pluralistic social and cultural values, while wiping out the cultural heritage of minority groups and deepening social divisions.

"In the consultations, people complained of degrading mutual respect, with ethnic and religious minorities facing various problems ... They are not being able to protect their cultural traditions," Debapriya said.

He said the voices of the people, civil society organisations and NGOs are being suppressed by creating a "culture of fear".

Although there is success in raising student enrolment and literacy rate, the quality of education and access to vocational training for marginalised groups have not been ensured.

Apart from the price hike of essentials and shortages of job opportunities, the matter that upsets everyone is the fall in the quality of education, he added.

Despite getting stipends and free books from the government, many students are dropping out from the secondary level due to poverty, the noted economist said.

"Many have no school bags or ability to bear the cost of the midday

meals at schools. The majority of the schools do not have free midday meal facilities."

Despite visible progress in the transport sector, road safety and traffic management remain an area of concern, Debapriya said.

The impact of ongoing inflationary pressure disproportionately affects the marginalised groups and people with low income. Besides, people are unaware of various government support programmes, he added.

Mustafizur Rahman, a distinguished fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue, was present.

## HUMANITARIAN AID UN launches record \$51.5b emergency funding appeal

AFP, Geneva

The UN appealed for record funds for aid next year, as the Ukraine war and other conflicts, climate emergencies and the still-simmering pandemic push more people into crisis, and some towards famine.

The United Nations' annual Global Humanitarian Overview estimated that 339 million people worldwide will need some form of emergency assistance next year -- a staggering 65 million more people than the estimate a year ago.

## People suffer as strike in force

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city till yesterday noon. Many of them had to walk from Puthia as police turned back their buses and trucks there, he added.

Bogura Municipality BNP Organising Secretary SM Morshedul Mithun said about 350 BNP men from the district were intercepted by police in Kamarpara of Rajshahi's Mohanpur upazila around 2:00am.

As police refused to let their trucks move forward, many BNP men walked some 30 kilometres to reach the city.

A bus carrying BNP men from Sirajganj was stopped at Banerwar around 7:30pm on Wednesday. Many of the 50 BNP men travelling on the bus went to Rajshahi walking about 18 kilometres, said party activist Rafiqul Islam.

"Facing obstacles on highways, many BNP leaders and activists from Chapainawabganj took different roads through Rajshahi's Tanore upazila to travel to the divisional city," said Shaiful Alam Samapta, convener of Rajshahi District Krishak Dal, quoting party activists.

He said some roads in the upazila were also blocked by logs.

Jahangir Alam, a ward-level BNP leader in Raiganj upazila of Sirajganj, said police intercepted him at several points on his way to Rajshahi.

When he reached the city, he found no place to stay. Some local BNP men later showed him the way to Eidgah, he added.

Faridul Islam Khondokar of Sirajganj along with a group of BNP men came to Rajshahi on a truck hiding under a tarpaulin, fearing police would bar them from travelling. But in Puthia, police turned them away.

"We travelled about five kilometres back to an area and took a different road to Rajshahi," he said.

Mujibul Haque, a retired schoolteacher, said he had to change vehicles seven times from Naogaon's Porsha upazila on his way to Rajshahi.

BNP chairperson's adviser Mizanur Rahman Minu, also a former mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation, said those who were staying at different open fields in Rajshahi city would be taken to the madrasa ground from today.

He hoped that about 15 lakh people would gather at the rally.

Ruhul Kuddus Talukhder Dulu, BNP organising secretary for Rajshahi division, said his party was not afraid of the transport strike.

"We're worried that the police have taken a stance against the people."

He said police arrested at least 1,500 BNP men in the division's eight districts in the last couple of weeks in different cases filed under the Explosives Act and the Special Powers Act. Some 1,000 of them secured bail from the High Court, he told journalists at the Madrasa Maidan.

In Pabna, police arrested Anisul Haque Babu, a joint convener of district BNP, from his home on Wednesday night in a case filed over exploding crude bombs in front of the party office in the district.

Rafiqul Alam, additional deputy commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, said police were trying to ensure security of the people as well as of the rally goers.

### PEOPLE SUFFER

As buses and most other public transport were taken off roads during the strike, people were seen taking patients to hospitals and clinics on illegal three wheelers due to a lack of

vehicles.

Md Solaiman, a policeman, was in Rajshahi on an official visit. He said he could not return to work in Satkhira because of the bus strike.

Passengers in Natore, Bogura, Pabna, Sirajganj, Naogaon, Joypurhat and Chapainawabganj also endured similar sufferings.

Anisur Rahman said he wanted to go to Bogura's Shibganj upazila from Chapainawabganj's Sona Masjid area. But due to the bus strike, human hauliers, locally called Nasim, is the only transport to get there.

"My wife is ill. I am worried about her health now as she will have to ride a Nasim," Anisur said.

Jobseekers at Bangladesh Bank were the worst sufferers in Bogura as many of them could not travel to Dhaka to sit the written test, scheduled to be held today.

Ankhnur Islam, one of the jobseekers, said she heard that buses would not operate on Bogura-Rajshahi route. "But I am surprised to see that buses on Bogura-Dhaka route are not running either."

Hasibul Islam, manager of Dosh Travels in Natore, said they were returning to passengers the fares of all tickets sold for trips to Dhaka from December 1-3.

Natore Deputy Commissioner Shamim Ahmed said they were working to ease the people's sufferings through holding meetings with transport leaders.

"But the problem is yet to be solved," he said.

Amwar Ali from Rajshahi, Mostafa Sabuj from Bogura, Ahmed Humayun Kabir Topu from Pabna, and Bulbul Ahamed from Natore contributed to this report.

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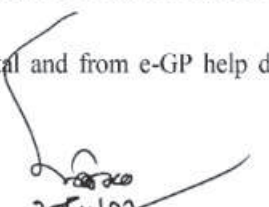
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01.	IMP/RM/SEM/38/2022-2023 dated 01/12/2022	<b>Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: ( Specification as per tender schedule ):</b> 01. Cefradine Sterile Micronised (cefradine with L-Arginie) USP 02. White Bee's Wax BP 03. Ixfenofadine Hydrochloride USP 04. Esomeprazole Enteric Coated Pellets (Assay 22.5%) Ph.Gr. 05. Chlorpheniramine maleate BP 06. Lignocaine Hel BP 07. Losartan Potassium BP 08. Sodium Carbonate Anhydrous BP	Tk. 2550.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 25.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 22/12/2022 At 11.00AM Opening : 22/12/2022 at 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/RM/SEM/39/2022-2023 dated 01/12/2022	<b>Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: ( Specification as per tender schedule ):</b> 01. Color FD&C Red # 3 Ph. Gr. 02. Doxycycline Hyclate BP 03. Disodium Hydrogen Phosphate BP ( Dodecahydrate) 04. Banana Flavour Powder Ph. Gr. 05. Sorbitol Solution (70%) BP (Non- Crystallising) 06. Diclofenac Sodium ( Injectable Grade ) BP 07. Omeprazole Enteric Coated Pellets (Assay 22.5%) USP	Tk. 2,000.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 19.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 26/12/2022 At 11.00AM Opening : 26/12/2022 at 11.15 AM
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