

## ‘They too were his guardian’

**Fardin’s father slams Buet authorities at human chain**

DU CORRESPONDENT

Nuruddin Rana, father of Buet student Fardin Noor, yesterday expressed discontent over the Buet authorities’ silent role regarding his son’s murder.

“Fardin’s friends are standing here to protest his killing, but Buet administration remains silent. Had they enquired the law enforcers about their investigation, the wheels of justice would have moved faster,” he said at a human chain held by Buet students at the Shaheed Minar on campus.

“They (Buet administration) too were his guardian,” he added.

He also expressed frustration as the law enforcers are yet to arrest anyone in connection with the case.

At the human chain, the Buet students demanded immediate arrest of the perpetrators and a fair probe.



Students of Buet hold a rally in front of the Shaheed Minar on the campus yesterday, demanding fair probe and immediate arrest of the perpetrators behind Fardin murder.

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## Restaurant of AL leader on govt land yet to be removed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The district administration is yet to evict an illegal structure built by a local Awami League leader on a government land in the Teesta Barrage’s KPI area next to the flood bypass road in Hatibandha upazila.

Gaddimari Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Abu Bakkar Siddique Shyamol, also organising secretary of Hatibandha upazila unit AL, started building the structure there in July 2021.

The illegal establishment has been named “Bairali Fast Food Chinese Restaurant and Community Centre”.

According to the Water Development Board (WDB), 30 decimals of its land have been illegally occupied by the AL leader, who has been reluctant to move the structure despite receiving multiple notices from the WDB.

Meanwhile, locals said the process is taking too long, making them wonder if the illegal structure would ever be evicted.

Contacted, Shyamol claimed he owned the land. He, however, could not show any document to support his claim.

Abdur Rob, WDB assistant revenue officer at Dalia, said although Shyamol was served notices on August 11 and August 25 last year to stop the construction work, he didn’t pay any heed.

On September of 1 the same year, WDB authorities lodged a written complaint with Hatibandha Police Station in this regard.

Shyamol recently filed a petition in the High Court claiming validity of the illegal structure but it was dismissed on August 14 this year, he added. Asfa Uddoula, WDB executive engineer at Dalia, said, “We

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## Rice mill pollutes air, damages crops



MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

An automated rice mill named Daily Rice Industry Limited has been set up in Tangail’s Icharchala village at Ghatail upazila recently.

Although the possibilities offered by a mechanised rice processing industry excited the locals initially, it soon turned into a nightmare for some 100 families living in the area due to its adverse health and environmental impacts.

The mill emits huge quantities of carbon dioxide and ash into the air, making locals vulnerable to respiratory diseases like asthma, they alleged.

Besides, the rice mill generates toxic water that has saturated the land in the area and polluted the underground water.

It has emerged as a curse for local farmers, as the crops they planted got rotten because of the toxic particles emitted by the rice mill, they alleged.

“Our paddy and wheat fields have

been damaged by the airborne ash and polluted water released from the rice mill. Now what will we eat, how can we survive?” asked farmer Yunus Ali.

With tears in his eyes, he said all the crops he planted in two bighas of land have been damaged.

His allegations didn’t end here. Yunus said when he complained to the mill manager, he simply asked Yunus to leave the village if he had any issue with the rice mill.

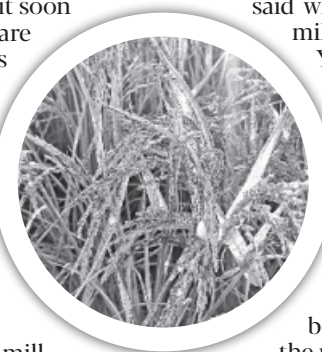
“What else can I do? I’m helpless,” he said. Other farmers of this village echoed similar sentiments.

Local resident Shafiqul Islam said the village has become inhabitable due to the rice mill.

“We’re suffering from various diseases including eye infections and asthma due to flying ash from the mill,” he added.

Loud sound made by the mill cause hindrance to the education of students in nearby schools, he added.

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Shafiqul Islam  
Resident of Icharchala

## Look into the murder of Bakul Begum: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights activists, cultural activists and legal experts in a discussion yesterday demanded a departmental enquiry into the role of two police officers in the murder of a landless woman named Bakul Begum.

They were speaking at a press conference organised by eight organisations – Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD), Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP), Nijera Kori, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Manabadhikar Shongskriti Foundation (MSF), Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council and Bangladesh Krishok Federation.

Speakers said the Bhola district administration has given land to 900 landless families some eight months ago. Despite this, a local influential group is attempting to forcibly evict them from there.

Bakul Begum (35), a landless woman was stabbed to death in the Char Fasson upazila on November 30.

When the family of the deceased wanted to file a case against five suspects, the ASP and the OC of Dularhat Police Station refused to take the case.

“My wife told the names of her murderers before her death. But police were more interested in filing charges without naming them,” said Bakul’s husband Alam Bacchu.

“We want justice, not compensation. We are preparing to file a court case in court,” said Bakul’s brother Solayman Talukder.

Addressing the conference, ALRD Director Shamsul Huda said, “A departmental enquiry and legal action must be taken against the accused police officers.”

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## Convert organic waste into renewable energy

Discussants tell DFS dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka city authorities should take necessary measures to produce biogas from organic and food wastes, said discussants at a programme yesterday.

The city’s kitchen markets produce around 5,000 tonnes of organic wastes daily. These huge amount of wastes can be a major source of renewable energy, they said.

They came up with the opinion while addressing a national dialogue organised by Dhaka Food System (DFS) project of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) in Dhaka.

Dhaka North City Corporation chief executive officer Md Selim Reza was present as the chief guest at the programme, while around 100 participants from government departments, city corporations, development organizations and kitchen committees joined.

The usages of “biodigester” can be an effective system to produce biogas from organic and food waste, they viewed.

Biogas is a mixture of gases from raw materials such

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