

## Oikya Parishad starts road march to Dhaka Demands ensuring rights of minorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A road march called by Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Oikya Parishad started yesterday from Chattogram towards Dhaka, demanding realisation of the rights of religious and indigenous minorities as promised by Awami League in its election manifesto.

Chattogram Hill Tracts Regional Parishad Chairman Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma inaugurated the two-day road march programme at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, Chattogram Centre in the port city.

Santu Larma said the road march programme is the continuation of the movement to establish the rights of minorities in the country which has been



Nur Islam and Jahanara Begum holding photos -- one showing BSF members carrying away the body of their daughter Felani Khatun and the other in which she is hanging from a border fence. The killing of Felani 12 years ago by Indian Border Security Force at the Kurigram border had caused a huge outcry. The photo was taken in Kurigram's Nageshwari upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

## A decade later, justice still eludes Felani's family

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It has been 12 years since Felani, a Bangladeshi teenager, was shot dead by a member of India's Border Security Force and left hanging from the barbed fence of the border along Kurigram, but her family is still waiting for justice.

Felani's murder case is pending with the Supreme Court of India. It has not yet been included in the judicial list.

On the dawn of January 7, 2011, Felani Khatun along with her father was coming back to Bangladesh through Anantapur border in Phulbari upazila of Kurigram when BSF member Amiya Ghosh fired upon them.

Her father, Nurul Islam, had managed to cross the fence but Felani was killed on the spot and her body was left

hanging on the barbed fence for four and a half hours.

Public Prosecutor of Kurigram Judge Court and human rights activist SM Abraham Lincoln said Manabdhikar Surakhkha Manncha, a human rights platform of India, on July 13, 2015, filed a writ petition with the country's Supreme Court seeking justice and compensation for Felani's killing.

After the hearing on October 25, 2017, the date was repeatedly postponed in the Supreme Court of India. The trial of Felani's murder has not started yet. The case has not yet been included in the agenda of the court's judgment.

"We are praying for justice against the BSF member Amiya Ghosh; not against any state. The Indian government

is also sincere in its demand that BSF member Amiya Ghosh, who was involved in Felani's murder at the border, be brought to justice," he said. "If Amiya Ghosh was tried, no one would have dared kill people so brutally at the border."

Family members, relatives and villagers are still mourning Felani at her village at Dakshin Ramkhana Colonetari village of Kurigram.

According to Felani's family, Nur Islam along with his family were then living in India's Assam, where he ran a small tea stall.

Felani and Nur Islam were returning to Bangladesh after the family had decided to arrange her marriage, they said. That is when, 12 years ago, Felani was shot dead.

After hanging from the

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going on for years.

He said the minority communities of Bangladesh are being exploited, deprived and cheated in various ways. Through the road march, the indigenous and minority communities will move forward with the goal to realise their rights, he added.

Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of the Oikya Parishad, called upon the activists and supporters to participate in the programme.

Before the start of the road march, the triennial conference of the Chattogram city unit of the parishad was held at the auditorium of the IEB in the morning.

Supreme Court Justice (ret'd) AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik was present as the chief guest.

The road march is supposed to reach Suhrawardy Udyan in Dhaka today. The demands include formulation of Minority Protection Act and National Commission for minorities and elimination of discriminatory law.



Although this photo was taken at 2:30pm, the thick cloak of fog makes it seem as if it's the early morning. Despite such terrible visible conditions, small boats that ply the Buriganga river seem to have no concern for people's lives, as they get across from one side to another, in close proximity to sand-carrying trawlers. This photo was taken in the Sadarghat area yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Zero Covid death, 10 cases in 24hrs

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh reported 10 more Covid cases in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new numbers, the country's total cases rose to 2,037,240, according to the DGHS.

However, the official death toll from the disease remained unchanged at 29,440 as no new fatalities were reported. The daily case test positivity dropped to 0.39 percent from Thursday's 0.46 percent as 2,596 samples were tested during the period.

The mortality rate and the recovery rate remained unchanged at 1.45 and 97.60 percent. In December last year, the country reported seven Covid-linked deaths and 540 cases.

Bangladesh registered its highest daily caseload of 16,230 on July 28 in 2021 and daily fatalities of 264 on August 10.

## Cattle expo held in the port city



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

With an aim to promoting cattle farming, a daylong "Cattle Expo" was held at the outer stadium of port city yesterday.

Chattogram Cattle Farmers Association organised the expo from 10:00am to 5:00pm for the second time.

More than 100 cattle of various breeds were on display at the show. Meanwhile, the main attraction

of the expo was "Kankrej", an Indian breed of zebuine cattle, brought by NB Agro. Kankrej originates from the state of Gujarat, and in neighbouring Rajasthan, experts said.

Faisal Shahriar, a visitor of the expo, said, "I came to this expo to learn about cattle rearing and farming."

Bourhanul Hasan Chowdhury, chief coordinator of the expo and president of Chattogram Cattle Farmers Association, said this expo is

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## Eight more hospitalised with dengue

UNB, Dhaka

Eight more people were hospitalised with dengue in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

However, no fatalities were reported during this period, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Also, the DGHS did not report any dengue death in the first five days of this year. The country recorded 281 dengue deaths in 2022 -- the highest on record after the 179 deaths recorded in 2019.

A total of 212 dengue patients are now receiving treatment at hospitals. The DGHS has recorded 215 dengue cases and three recoveries so far this year. It recorded 62,423 cases and 61,971 recoveries last year.

## Youth killed in bike accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A 17-year-old boy died after a microbus hit his motorcycle in Rajshahi's Puthia upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Md Bachchu Mia, son of Emran Ali from Puthia.

Officer-in-charge of Poba Highway Police Station Jahangir Alam told The Daily Star that Bachchu died on the spot.

The incident took place around 1:00pm near Shah Karim Ali shrine at Biroldah area, the police official added.

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SM ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
Public Prosecutor of Kurigram Judge Court

## Five cops hurt as criminals launch attack during drive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five police personnel were injured when a police team went on a drive at a house to arrest three accused of a family, wanted in several cases, in Narsingdi Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The incident took place at 1:30am in Gabtali area of Chinisapur union in the upazila, said Abul Kashem Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of Narsingdi Sadar Police Station.

The injured cops were identified as inspectors Ershad Ali, Kamruzzaman and Rabiul Awal and assistant sub-inspectors Alam and Nazmul Hasan.

All of them are stationed at Narsingdi Sadar Police Station, the OC said. They received primary treatment at Narsingdi Sadar Hospital.

Meanwhile, police arrested one Farhad Miah, 22, one of the accused while two other accused -- Majnu Miah, 50, and Suajn Miah, 34, -- fled the

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