

## Monitor septic tank Global leaders express

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explosion if a flame or a spark causes the ignition," said the official.

He suggested opening the windows and turning on electric fans can help avoid such explosions.

Iqbal Habib, joint secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, said a vent is a must for a safety tank from where the gas goes out.

"When we construct buildings haphazardly, many building owners shut the vent to get rid of the bad odour. In the process, they activate a ticking time bomb," he said.

Habib also suggested keeping gas cylinders in a place where air can pass properly and ensuring their monthly monitoring.

"A practice of providing occupancy certificates after yearly inspection of all the buildings of Dhaka will have to be introduced under the councillors or mayors, involving Wasa, Desa, Rajuk, and the fire service. This team will check whether kitchens are

being constructed properly, the gas connection of the kitchen and the condition of the septic tank is alright, elevators are functioning and electric lines are in a good state," he said.

Adil Mohammad Khan, former general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said the lack of maintenance works in buildings, especially high-rises, is one of the main causes of such accidents.

"In Dhaka, organisations like Wasa, Desa, Rajuk and city corporations are only doing their paper works, without ensuring proper monitoring. For example, Rajuk approves the construction of a building but doesn't provide occupancy certificates after checking whether the buildings were constructed complying with the approved plans," said Adil.

However, contacted, Dhaka Wasa Director (technical) AKM Shahid Uddin said they carry out their maintenance work in sewerage lines every year.

## BRTA numbers way

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that motorcycles were involved in the highest number of crashes and deaths on roads last month.

BRTA started publishing accident reports from last month, just a month after the road secretary and transport leaders came down heavily on road safety platforms for publishing what they claimed to be "fabricated" reports on road crashes.

Over the last five years, the country has witnessed three movements, including a mass one in July-August 2018, demanding safe roads. Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul

Quader on many occasions admitted his failure to bring discipline on roads.

At least three road-safety platforms in early January published their reports, saying that the numbers of road crashes and deaths went up last year compared to 2021.

But Road Transport and Highways Division Secretary ABM Amin Ullah Nuri on January 15 blasted the road safety campaigners for publishing "fabricated" reports.

BRTA and Jatri Kalyan Samity published reports on Tuesday, while Road Safety Foundation did so yesterday.

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Congressional Gold Medal, a group that includes Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr, Mother Theresa, and Elie Wiesel.

He founded Grameen Bank in 1976 grew it to a world-renowned poverty-fighting institution of 9 million borrowers, 97 percent of them women, that has lifted millions out of poverty and been a model for other microcredit programs around the world.

The letter also said Yunus has not benefited financially from his involvement in Grameen Telecom or GrameenPhone. Rather, he has devoted himself to the poverty-fighting missions of the many organisations he has established and lives modestly in Dhaka.

"We believe one of the most important roles of government is to create an environment where traditional and social entrepreneurs can flourish. We hope that Bangladesh will return to its role as a model for other developing nations of how a vibrant civil society can be nurtured to ensure sustainable progress. A good first step would be to recognize Professor Yunus' achievements and allow him to focus his energy on doing more good for your country and for the world, rather than on defending himself," said the global leaders.

Signatories to the letter are:

Bono, musician and activist; Sir Richard Branson, founder, Virgin Group; Lord Mark Malloch Brown, president, Open Society Foundations; Hillary Rodham Clinton, former US Secretary of State; Sam Daley-Harris, founder, RESULTS and Civic Courage; Lt Gen (ret'd) Romeo Dallaire, founder, Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security; Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president emerita, Children's Defense Fund; Vicente Fox, former president of Mexico; Peter Gabriel, musician; Ron Garan, former Nasa astronaut, and Kul Gautam, former deputy executive director of Unicef and assistant secretary general of the UN.

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been damaged due to the activities of the university authorities.

Contacted, late Zil Hossain's son Noor Mohammad Kiron, who just completed his masters in political science from Sirajganj Government College, expressed satisfaction at the HC verdict. He, however, said his father has died with pain of not getting justice. "We are now waiting for implementation of the High Court verdict."

## Joy Bangla

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latter being a much-awaited addition to the line-up.

Besides, Meghdol provided a much-appreciated calm before the storm that was brewed by hard-hitting bands that came after it. Avoid Rafa, Lalon, Chirkutt, Cryptic Fate and Artcell serenaded the crowd with their signature tunes, as well as their own renditions of patriotic songs.

The stand-out rendition was Cryptic Fate's interpretation of "Teer Hara Ei Dheuer Shagor". The night reached a crescendo with fans chanting for Artcell throughout the concert.

Marking International Women's Day, special registration was made available for women.

Every year, Centre for Research & Information (CRI) and its youth secretariat Young Bangla organise this event to commemorate the country's independence, and Bangabandhu's March 7 speech.

## Chhatra

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university dorms before 8:00pm? If these rules exist only for women, where is the freedom we deem so precious?" said Nusrat Haque of Student Federation of Bangladesh's Dhaka Mohanagar unit.

Shemoli Shil, president of Nari Shonghoti; Aparajita Chando, general secretary of the organisation; Prof Gitara Nasreen of DU, also expressed their solidarity with the procession.

## Coastal men break traditional

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current practices, and obtains promises of cooperation from men. The promises are then checked the following year to ensure they had been kept.

Now, the attitudes of those who had previously ridiculed Mokbul started to shift and a good number of men in the five coastal upazilas started sharing household responsibilities.

"I believe that if there is a division of labour between husband and wife, the family can easily prosper," Mokbul said.

Rahim Sana, a day labourer of Khulna's

Dacope upazila, also set a similar example in his village, despite working outside most of the time. Rahim still finds time to fetch water from the tube well, gives food to the ducks and chickens, collects firewood for cooking and helps his wife Chhobi with other household chores.

Mohammad Iftekhar Hossain, project coordination specialist at GCA, said to achieve SDG-5, men need to participate more in household work and create a cooperative atmosphere between genders. "Initially, we have been trying to bring about

a change in mindset and attitude among the families and people of the areas, so that anyone in the family can fetch water, regardless of gender," he said.

"We have been facing many challenges in breaking social stigmas, but we are working with religious leaders, local administrators, teachers and community members to bring about sustainable change in sharing unpaid care work," he said.

"But we still have a long way to go, and a cooperative effort is necessary to bring about this change," he added.

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International Labour Organization (ILO) invites proposals from interested firm/organization for Consultancy Services for Value Chain Analysis for Productive Employment Opportunities of Women and Vulnerable Groups in Bangladesh. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the ILO website at:

[https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/Aboutus/WCMS\\_870873/lang-en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/Aboutus/WCMS_870873/lang-en/index.htm)

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