

TORTURE IN CUSTODY 3 cops sued, closed to police lines

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Three police officers were closed in Barishal yesterday, as a case has been filed against them over torture of three accused in custody.

Sub-Inspector Khalilur Rahman, Assistant Sub-Inspector Nasir Uddin and Constable Neepa Rani Baidya of Babuganj Police Station have been attached to Barishal District Police Lines, confirmed Farhad Sardar, assistant superintendent of police (Babuganj-Ujirpur circle) and investigating officer of the case.

Mahabubur Rahman, the police station's officer-in-charge, said the case was filed on March 18 as per order of the district superintendent of police, on the basis of a court directive.

IO Farhad said the accused will be arrested if they are found guilty.

According to the case, on March 3, during a picnic at a house adjacent to Ishwar Narayan Secondary School in Dakshin Dehergati village of Babuganj upazila, picnickers played songs through a loudspeaker.

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Beneficiaries of the Ashrayan-2 project moving into their new homes with belongings. A total of 142 houses will be handed over to the beneficiaries at Nayapara in Gazipur's Sreepur upazila. The Nayapara project site will also have a primary school, playground, mosque, and community centre.

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'Ensure our rights to practice religion' Ahmadiyya community leaders urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat (AMJ) yesterday placed their four-point demand, including ensuring their rights to practice, observe and protect their religion.

At a press conference at its headquarters in the capital's Bakshibazar, AMJ leaders also demanded that the government provides security so that they can hold their jalsas in all parts of the country, including Panchagarh, and prevent the recurrence of untoward incidents.

"In the name of various sabhas and waj mahfils on social media, disinformation and lies against the Ahmadiyya community should be stopped and all perpetrators, including those threatening to kill us, should be brought to justice," Ahmad Tabshir Choudhury, AMJ's head of external relations, public relations, press and media, said at the press conference.

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Govt officials to blame for dying waterbodies Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The negligence and mismanagement of government officials have put rivers, canals, haors, and reservoirs in a critical state, said discussants at a programme yesterday.

Due to the decreasing water level, crop cultivation has gone down, and this failure to protect the country's water resources is due to the lack of good governance and accountability, they said.

The Water Rights Forum, Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD), and Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) jointly organised the national seminar at the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

"Government officials are turning rivers into dumping grounds, which is a grave threat to the environment," said Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of BELA.

"It's crucial to avoid development projects that damage the environment..." she added.

Addressing the seminar, Muzibur Rahman Howlader, former chairperson of National River Conservation Commission (NRCC), criticised a recent proposed project

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ASHRAYAN-2 PROJECT Neyamot gets permanent address after 70 years

ASHIK ABDULLAH APU, from Gazipur

After living for 70 years under the open sky or at others' residences, Neyamot Ali's fate has finally changed. Thanks to the Ashrayan-2 project, he has been gifted with a semi-pucca house and two decimal land in Gazipur.

The joy in his voice was palpable as he exclaimed, "Now I can sleep in peace in my own house without worrying that someone might drive me out at any time. I thank the prime minister for providing me with a permanent address during the last days of my life."

For Sabina Akter, a mother of two children and house help, owning a house was just a dream until now. Neither her father's family nor her in-laws have their own house. But things changed for the better as she was also given a house under the project.

"It feels different. I cannot thank the premier enough for such a gift. This year's Eid will be different. My children will observe their first Eid in their own house," said Sabina with tears of joy in her eyes.

A total of 142 houses will be handed over to the beneficiaries at Nayapara in Gazipur's Sreepur upazila. Each house will be brick-walled, roofed with colourful tin-shed, have concrete floors, two bedrooms with a tin canopy, a kitchen, toilet,

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DELTA PLAN 2100 Good governance, accountability crucial: speakers

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Speakers at a seminar yesterday underscored the need of ensuring good governance and accountability while implementing the Delta Plan 2100.

The seminar, styled "Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 Implementation: Role of Media", was organised by the National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMC) in its conference room.

Mentioning corruption and lack of good governance as a global problem, Md Monirul Islam, joint secretary (SDG Affairs) of the PMO, said, "If we could ensure good governance and eliminate corruption, the Delta Plan 2100 would be implemented properly and it would be sustainable."

Monirul said good governance is essential for the development of any country.

"The Gross Domestic Product could be raised by 1.5 percent if good governance is ensured," he added.

Expressing concern over the condition of rivers across the country, NIMC Director General Faizul Haque said the number of rivers in Bangladesh has decreased drastically over the years. There used to be 1,100 rivers in the country, now only half of that remains.

He called upon the media to extensively expose corruption and irregularities in development projects, stating that journalists are the people who can unmask such wrongdoings before the people.

Earlier in the conference, Monirul presented a keynote paper titled "Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100, visions, goals, and implementation strategies: Role of Media".

Other speakers at the conference included NIMC Deputy Director Tania Khan, Director Md Maruf Nawaz (training), and Md Taibur Rahman, director of the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division at the Planning Commission.

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