

'Need environment-friendly master plan to save Cox's Bazar'

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Cox's Bazar is losing its natural diversity and characteristics due to unplanned development. The overall biodiversity of the area is on the verge of destruction, speakers said yesterday.

They made the comments at a seminar, titled "Determining what to do to protect the environment of distressed Cox's Bazar", held in the beach town.

Besides adopting the environment-friendly master plan, political goodwill and commitment are essential to save Cox's Bazar from endangerment, they said.

Influential quarters are involved with these. They have to be identified. We have to change our political culture to save Cox's Bazar.

SULTANA KAMAL
Eminent rights activist

The programme was jointly organised by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), Department of Environment, Daily Samakal and four NGOs - Nijera Kori, ALRD, Manabdhikar Shongkruti Foundation and YES.

Rights activist Sultana Kamal said, "Here [Cox's Bazar] rivers are being encroached, hills are being cut down, swamp forests (parbon) are being cleared. The influential quarters involved with these have to be identified."

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bela, suggested applying strict conditions on the sale and purchase of land in St Martin's Island, formulating a guideline for tourists, starting a hotline to stop hill-cutting and sand extraction, and active initiative of the district administration to protect Cox's Bazar.

The uncle-nephew tussle intensifies as polls near

Serniabat's followers dominate councillor race, team from central AL to assist Khair

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Followers of the incumbent Barishal City Corporation Mayor Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah - who has been denied Awami League's ticket for the upcoming mayoral race - are dominating the race for councillor posts in the BCC polls scheduled to be held on June 12.

The majority of the councillor aspirants are loyal to Serniabat since he used to have uncontested control over the Barishal city AL unit as its general secretary.

His father Abul Hasanat Abdullah had a similar influence over the party's Barishal district unit.

Sadiq's followers are running for the posts of councillors in nearly half of the total 30 wards of the city corporation while Khair's followers are in the race in five to six wards, according to local AL sources.

Meanwhile, AL's mayoral candidate Abul Khair Abdullah is not well known in the city and has no party portfolio. Consequently, his followers are running for comparatively fewer posts.

Leaders and activists of the Barishal city and district AL saw a division after the party picked Khair over Sadiq as AL's mayoral candidate on April 15.

Serniabat, also nephew of his competitor Khair, has shown desperation over retaining his position, while Khair's camp has been gaining strength over time. This has also led to confrontations between the two camps. An attack on Khair's followers on May 14 night and the arrest of Sadiq's men on the next day in this connection further exacerbated the situation.

The arrestees are -- Roiz Ahmed Manna,

convenor of Barishal city unit Chhakra League, his brother and 12 other BCL men.

Sources reveal that Khair Abdullah has had little to no support in his mayoral campaign from AL leaders, most of whom remain loyal to Sadiq and his father.

To resolve this rift between the two factions of the party, a nine-member AL central coordination team -- led by Hasnat Abdullah -- was formed on Wednesday night.

The team is going to visit Barishal soon and work on helping Khair to garner votes.

Besides, a joint meeting between leaders of the district and city AL committees is scheduled to be held at the residence of Abul Hasanat Abdullah on May 23 and 24. Joint Convenor of AL's Barishal city unit Gazi Noimul Hossen Litu confirmed the matter to The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, the nomination papers of four independent mayoral candidates were cancelled yesterday. The nominations of six other candidates, including the AL-nominated candidate, were declared valid after scrutiny.

Returning Officer of Barishal City Corporation Election Md Humayun Kabir announced the names of the valid and invalid candidates.

According to the Barishal regional election office, the independent candidates whose nominations were declared invalid are Lutful Kabir, Syed Esahak Mohammad Abul Khair, Md Asaduzzaman and Nesharuddin.

On the other hand, the nominations of Awami League's Abul Khair Abdullah, Jatiya Party's Iqbal Hossain, Islami Andolan Bangladeshi's

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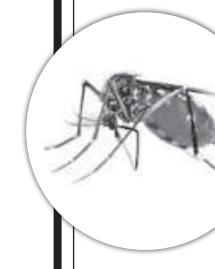
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At least 29 dengue patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new ones, the total number of dengue cases this year rose to 1,359, according to the DGHS.

Some 127 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment while the total number of deaths this year is 12 so far.

A total of 1,220 dengue patients have been released from hospitals so far.



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1	HED/GOB/Noa /22-23/51	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation works of Kushkhali UH&FWC with Quarter at Sadar Upazila in Laxmipur District.	834831	01-June-2023 11:00am	01-June-2023 11:59am	01-June-2023 12:10pm
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4	HED/GOB/Noa /22-23/54	Repair, Maintenance & Renovation works of Vadur UH&FWC with Quarter at Ramganj Upazila in Laxmipur District	826493	01-June-2023 11:00am	01-June-2023 11:59am	01-June-2023 12:10pm
8	HED/GOB/Noa /22-23/58	Repair & Maintenance Work of Civil Sanitary & Electrical work of M.O Clinic Quarter in MCWC, Sadar Upazila under Feri District.	834847	01-June-2023 11:00am	01-June-2023 11:59am	01-June-2023 12:10pm

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01.	Tender ID: 830472 Package No. e-GP/Rev/59/ NRD/2022-23 & APP ID 186306; Scheduled Tender/Proposal Publication Date and Time: 14-May-2023 10:00	Repair of Pavement by Brick Edging and HBB work at Ch. 30+260 km. to Ch. 30+505 km. of Netrakona-Madan- Khalijuri Road (Z-3701) under Netrakona Road Division during the year 2022-2023	Tender/Proposal Document last selling/downloading Date and Time: 28-May-2023 16:00 Last Date and Time for Tender/Proposal Security: 29-May-2023 11:30 Tender/Proposal Closing & Opening Date and Time: 29-May-2023 12:00

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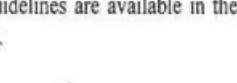
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