



Children in the port city had a fun day yesterday. They took part in an art competition at Foy's Lake where they were able to express themselves through colours. Around 700 children aged between five and 12 from 25 schools participated in the event.

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Political activities return to Laldighi Maidan

AL to organise rally today

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The historic Laldighi Maidan is poised to reclaim its legacy as a venue for political rallies after a hiatus of approximately four and a half years. The Chattogram city unit of the ruling Awami League has announced that it will organise a rally today on this ground.

The last rally held at Laldighi Maidan took place on December 19, 2018 with the AL-nominated candidates for the 11th parliamentary polls in 16 constituencies of Chattogram. In February 2020, the Education Engineering Department commenced a renovation project on the premises, which was completed last year at a cost of Tk 4.17 crore.

The newly renovated Laldighi Maidan was

inaugurated by the prime minister on December 4, 2022, and officially opened on January 2.

Although the ground has been open for approximately five months, no political rally has been held there thus far.

Laldighi Maidan was known as the epicentre of political activities since the 1960s, as noted by veteran politician Badiul Alam, joint general secretary of Chattogram city unit AL. "The ground became the symbol of political rallies. Whenever any political rally was announced, we did not need to know the venue because we all knew it would be Laldighi Maidan," he added.

Khorshed Alam Sujan, vice president of Chattogram city unit AL, said other political parties should also have the

opportunity to organise rallies at this venue.

AJM Nasir Uddin, general secretary of AL Chattogram city unit, said the rally is part of the party's ongoing organisational programme.

Shah Alam, central president of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), emphasised the need to revive the tradition of Laldighi Maidan by allowing all political parties to organise rallies there.


Abu Hanif, president of Workers' Party Chattogram unit, echoed him.

BNP central organising secretary (Chattogram) Mahbubur Rahman Shamim criticised the closure of Laldighi Maidan for nearly five years, attributing it to an attempt by the AL to deprive BNP and opposition parties of holding rallies.

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In Loving Memory of ENGR. MOHAMMAD NURUL AMIN (1941-2023)

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Engr. Mohammad Nurul Amin on May 26, 2023, at the age of 82. With heavy hearts, we mourn the loss of a remarkable individual who dedicated his life to the field of civil engineering and made significant contributions to Bangladesh's infrastructure development.

Engr. Mohammad Nurul Amin was widely regarded as an esteemed expert within the civil engineering and construction communities in Bangladesh. His expertise in foundation engineering earned him a place of utmost respect among his peers and colleagues. Throughout his illustrious career spanning nearly six decades, he founded a reputable company that undertook numerous noteworthy infrastructure projects both in Bangladesh and abroad.

Among the notable projects to which he contributed were the Khilgaon Flyover, the first locally designed and built flyover in Bangladesh. His expertise was also instrumental in the successful completion of significant ventures such as the Jamuna Bridge, Padma Bridge, and Asuganj Power Plant, to name just a few. Engr. Mohammad Nurul Amin played a pivotal role in bringing modern engineering technology to Bangladesh after its independence, and his consultancy services were sought after for various national and international projects.

His dedication to the field extended beyond his practical contributions. Engr. Mohammad Nurul Amin shared his knowledge and insights through the publication of engineering journal articles, both locally and internationally. His efforts were recognized and honored with several prestigious awards, a testament to his exceptional skills and contributions to the engineering community.

Engr. Mohammad Nurul Amin's passion for sports was evident even during his time as a student at EPUET (currently BUET). He excelled as an accomplished sportsman and proudly represented his institution and country on numerous occasions. His commitment to excellence extended to his involvement on the boards of several private and nonprofit organizations, including BIRDEM, where his guidance and leadership were highly valued.

Engr. Mohammad Nurul Amin is survived by his four beloved children, who will forever cherish his memory. His loss leaves a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and the engineering community as a whole.

The Namaz-e-Janaza prayer will be held at Gulshan Central (Azad) Mosque after Zohr prayers on Sunday, May 28, 2023. We kindly request all who knew and respected Engr. Mohammad Nurul Amin to join us in bidding farewell to this exceptional individual, whose legacy will continue to inspire future generations in the field of civil engineering.

"Inna Lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un" (Verily, we belong to Allah, and to Him, we shall return)

Honouring

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architectural firm in the country to receive membership of the prestigious US Green Building Council.

After receiving the award, Nazli said, "It was a tough journey for me, but I followed my passion with the belief that sustainable architecture would become something big and necessary in the future..."

Sadia Jafrin was awarded for her contributions in reforming the education sector with her Grow

Your Reader Foundation. The former Teach for Bangladesh fellow said, bti Managing Director FR Khan, CEO Nalaka Hettiarachchi, and other senior officials were present on the occasion. Chief Business Officer of The Daily Star Md Tajdin Hassan, senior officials from the national daily, and several journalists from various media organisations were also present. Prominent singer Elita Karim handed over the awards on behalf of The Daily Star.

Committee formed

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convenor while AL MPs – Enamul Haque and Md Salim Uddin Tarafdar – were made members of the probe committee.

The committee was asked to submit its probe report before the JS committee at its next meeting. Usually, a parliamentary watchdog is supposed to hold at least one meeting within a month.

ABM Amin Ullah Nuri, secretary of Road Transport and Highways Division, informed the parliamentary standing committee that earlier two investigation committee of the ministry didn't find any irregularities or corruption against Tushar Kanti.

"But through Special Branch, the ministry recently revealed serious corruption and irregularities against him," a lawmaker quoted the secretary as saying.

The secretary also informed the parliamentary committee that Tushar during his job illegally visited India 21 times.

He also had two passports, the secretary said. "When the ministry wanted to know about this from him, Tushar Kanti sought apology," he added.

The parliamentary standing committee later formed the probe body to investigate the whole incident.

Lives upended

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to protect residents from river erosion. However, the villagers have criticised the poor quality and insufficient quantity of sandbags, claiming that they are not enough to safeguard the vast riverbanks.

Md Milton Hossain, a sub-divisional engineer of the Sirajganj WDB, said a permanent protection project is underway in a six-kilometre stretch from Enayetpur to Pachil.

Tk 40CR POWER STATION IN DANGER

The power substation established at Kollanpur char in Pabna's Bera upazila is facing a threat from river erosion. The government had set it up at a cost of Tk 40 crore to supply electricity through a

submarine cable to around 12,000 people residing in shoal areas of Pabna and Manikganj districts since 2001.

The entire project, including the submarine cables, cost Tk 70 crore.

The soil erosion in the area has already affected the submarine cables, said Md Mujibul Haque, general manager of Pabna Palli Biddut Shammittee 2.

"We have repeatedly urged the WDB to take action to prevent river erosion and safeguard the power substation, but they have not taken any steps," he added.

Shudhangsh Kumar Sarkar, the executive engineer of the WDB in Pabna, refuted the allegations.

Last of the

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his two sons work in a salon, but Sushil finds joy and fulfilment in his nomadic profession.

In neighbouring Karnapur village, Narayan Chandra Shil, a 70-year-old roving barber, shares a similar tale. Twice a week, he embarks on his rounds, driven by a desire to preserve his ancestral work.

Contrasting the dedication of these roving barbers, Pritish Chandra Shill, a 34-year-old barber who works at a salon in Phulbari upazila, said, "It's (being a roving barber) not feasible anymore, after the rise of salons with their modern amenities and fixed locations."

Meanwhile, Mozammel Haque, a low-income resident of Sarishabari village, attests to the affordability and convenience of the roving barbers.

"With their modest charges, ranging from Tk 15-20 for a haircut and Tk 10-15 for a shave, they cater to the financial constraints of the community," he said.

Pranab Chandra Barman, another resident of the same village, expressed nostalgia for the days when roving barbers were the norm.

The seventy-year-old remains a loyal customer of Dhiren, aware that those of his generation are the last customers of these travelling barbers.

Nipun Roy

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to a court seeking remand for interrogation," said Inspector Ashiqur.

Drive is underway to arrest the absconding FIR-listed accused, he added.

Around 10:45am on Friday, Jubo Dal, the youth wing of BNP, brought out a procession from Jinjira Chatgaon area and it was heading towards their Keraniganj party office to press home its 10-point demand, including the resignation of the government, and holding the national polls under a non-partisan government.

As the procession was passing by the local AL office, both the AL and BNP activists started shouting slogans. At one stage, a clash broke out between the two groups.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, BNP standing committee member, said, "We are the victims and the case was also filed against us."

Nipun Roy is now undergoing treatment in a Dhaka hospital with head injury, he said. "If police want, they can arrest her after going to the hospital," he added.

Blood screening

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He said bone marrow transplantation (BMT) is the sole treatment option for the disease.

"There are multiple risk factors that can affect the outcome of the BMT. Besides, there are significant mortality and rejection risks associated with the procedure, which is so expensive that most families cannot afford it," he added.

In Bangladesh, BMT surgery is available at only three hospitals – Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Combined Military

Hospital and Evercare Hospital.

Prof Dr Md Selimuzzaman, secretary general of BSHI Thalassemia Centre, said, "Thalassemia can only be prevented if two carriers don't start a family together. And detecting the carriers would be easier if screening can be done among all school children."

Dr Mohammad Shahidullah, chairman of the board of directors at BSHI, suggested arranging for more services for thalassemia patients at BSHI.

2 former BCL leaders

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statement, on May 25, the accused held another employee of the company hostage and asked Mehedi to come and get him. When he went to the hostel room where his colleague was held captive, the accused demanded Tk 3 lakh from Mehedi.

When he refused to give them any money, they beat him.

Contacted, Shafiqul Gani Shabu, officer-in-charge of New Market Police Station, said, "We arrested two men

over extortion charges and sent them to court. We are currently on the lookout to arrest the other accused in the case.

"We will take stern action against them after investigating the allegations. We urged the law enforcing agencies to take legal action against them immediately," said Sheikh Wali Asif Enan, BCL general secretary.

Prof Mohammed Yousuf, principal of Dhaka College, said they will cooperate with law enforcers in this regard.

Build expressway for seamless

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ICCB President Mahbubur Rahman said with the opening of the Padma Bridge and the completion of an expressway in Gazipur (from Gazipur's Bhogra to Narayanganj's Madanpur) – connecting the northwestern region of the country to Chattogram – traffic is expected to increase manifold.

"However, according to experts, the existing four-lane highway will not be able to facilitate smooth movement of vehicles as our plans of large-scale investment and greater exports unfold," he said.

"The economic importance of this route is immense considering the Chattogram Port as an access point to the international market. A Dhaka-Chattogram expressway can create effective and smooth connectivity across the country as well with Nepal, Bhutan, the northeastern region of India and the

Asian Highway," he added.

Transport expert Prof Shamsul Hoque, who presented the keynote, said merely widening the existing roads without proper planning and design will not accomplish anything.

"The construction of an expressway would cater to long-distance mobility along the corridor, while the existing highway could serve as an alternative route and provide accessibility for local traffic," he added.

Syed Ersahd Ahmed, president of American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh, and Mir Nasir Hossain, former president of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, also recommended the construction of an expressway.

ABM Sertajur Rahman, a superintendent engineer of RHD, said this is the right time to discuss the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway as RHD is currently

carrying out a study for its improvement.

He, however, expressed that a cost-benefit analysis should be done before deciding on the construction of an elevated expressway.

Planning Minister MA Mannan said he noted down the demand of the businesses regarding the Dhaka-Chattogram elevated expressway and assured that he will try to forward the suggestion to the relevant decision-making bodies.

Emphasising railways, he said the Dhaka-Chattogram railway is currently under construction to have a double track and this issue should also be taken into consideration.

Abul Kalam Azad, former principal secretary to the prime minister; AK Azad, vice president of ICCB, Mustafa K Mujeri, former chief economist of Bangladesh Bank, also spoke at the programme.

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