

Polls can't be fair under AL govt

Fakhrul tells Nayapaltan rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that elections can never be free, fair and credible under the current Awami League government.

Fakhrul said this while addressing a rally in front of BNP's Nayapaltan central office.

The event, held by Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal, women's wing of BNP, was part of the party's 15-day programme to realise its one-point demand for the resignation of the ruling AL.

Pointing to the price hike of commodities, he also said syndicates associated with the AL are prevalent everywhere.

"Prices of all essentials are skyrocketing. No one complies with the prices fixed by the government. Syndicates of Awami League are everywhere. Women are struggling to run their families. No one is safe under this government," he said.

Speaking as the chief guest, Fakhrul said, "The person [Khaleda Zia] who fought for democracy all her life is now under house arrest. She is not being treated well.

We hope that the government will accept her family's request to send her abroad for better treatment."

He went on to say, "Khaleda Zia has been detained because it will be difficult for Awami League to stay in power if she is free. If she is free, the country's democracy will be free. If she is free, people's right to vote cannot be taken away.

"Now the people of the country have risen against this fascist government... Our mothers and sisters are not even safe from the oppression of the ruling government. They are being detained in the name of the Cyber Security Act, and they are being beaten to death for writing the truth."

Reiterating their demand for the caretaker government, the BNP leader said, "This government has destroyed everything. It has destroyed democracy and the country. It does not care about the people."

"Let's oust this government through a united movement and establish a people's state."

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Boatmen row their vessels, overtaking one another in hopes of crossing the finish line first. The Bhairab river yesterday played host to the long-running tradition of boat racing, better known as Nouka Baich. People flocked to the riverbanks to cheer for their favourite teams. The photo was taken in Khulna's Dighalia area.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

300 INDIGENOUS FAMILIES IN BANDARBAN

Healthcare, education still elude them

MONG SING HAI MARMA

Many residents of Remakri union in Bandarban's Thanchi upazila still lack access to healthcare and education, this correspondent observed after visiting 18 villages in ward 6 and 9 of the union recently.

More than 2,000 people from at least 300 families of Mro, Tripura and Marma communities have been living in these villages near the Bangladesh-Myanmar border for the last 30 to 35 years. Among them, 250 are children and adolescents.

The villages include Menhat Mro Para, Bulu Para, Tangkhwai Mro Para, Kowaing Khyong Para, Yong Dong Para, Yang bong Para, Mra khyang Para, Chandra Mohan Tripura Para, Loikkri Para, Ruiwai mro Para, Kongkong Tripura Para, Yong Klang Mro Para, Mangbase Marma (Malumgya) Para, Suryamani Tripura Para and Lai Pung Para Yangbong Para.

Health workers never visit the villages even when the government runs any national immunisation campaign, the villagers claimed. Besides, they remain illiterate as no government educational institutions have been opened there so far.

Mui Tong Mro, 75, head of



Laikei Para, told The Daily Star that about 30 years ago, over 100 members of 20-22 families settled in Laikei Para. At present, about 250 people of 37 families of the Mro community live in this village.

"No health worker has visited us in 30 years," he claimed.

A woman in Kowaing Khyong Para gave birth to a baby only five days back without any supervision or help by any doctor and nurse. She did not have access to any prenatal care either, he said.

Also, no public school has

been established at the village in the last three decades. A non-government organisation, opened a school for the students up to class-4 in Laikei Para in January this year.

This is the only school in the 18 villages.

Two other locals -- Chandra Mohan Tripura and Kaing Yai Mro -- said no residents of the villages have ever been brought under the coverage of any national vaccinations programme and no pregnant woman ever received any healthcare or medical advice.

Manchong Mro, member of ward-6 in Remakri UP, told The Daily Star that as the area is very remote, transport cost is high. The only way to reach the villages is using the waterway via the Sangu river.

That's why health workers are not interested in visiting the villages, he said.

However, Bandarban district Health and Family Planning Department has won the national award for three consecutive years from 2020 for providing comprehensive health services

to seven upazilas of the district, including Thanchi, sources at the department said.

According to the 2022 census, the population of Remakri union is 8,600, but according to the information of the union parishad, the figure is around 13,000.

Bandarban Civil Surgeon Mahabubur Rahman said all people have the right to have access to healthcare.

"I have come here recently. I don't know much about those areas. As far as I know, those areas are quite remote," he said.

To ensure health services for all, arrangements will be made to provide services under a special programme so that health workers visit the villages at least once in three months, the civil surgeon said.

District Primary Education Officer Md Abdul Mannan said according to the government policy, children in those villages will be brought under primary education if anyone donates a property for setting up a school and files an application as per the rules.

CHUADANGA

Bangladeshi shot dead 'by BSF'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

A Bangladeshi national was shot dead allegedly by members of India's Border Security Force (BSF) at Thakurpur border point in Chuadanga's Damurhuda upazila on Thursday night.

The deceased was identified as Rabiul Haque, 40, a cattle trader and son of Rahmat Ullah of Pirpurkullah village in the upazila, said Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) officials.

They said BSF troops from Rangiarpota camp opened fire on Rabiul when he entered the Indian territory illegally, leaving him dead on the spot.

Later, the BSF members recovered the body and sent it to a hospital in Krishnanagar, West Bengal, for autopsy, they said.

Contacted, Lt Col Syed Mohammad Zahidur Rahman, commanding officer of BGB Battalion 6, said Rabiul was shot dead by BSF men. The process of handing over the body to Bangladesh through a BGB-BSF flag meeting is going on.

BGB has also sent a letter to BSF Battalion-81 Rangiarpota camp protesting the killing, Zahidur Rahman added.

On September 15, another Bangladeshi named Mizanur Rahman, 50, was killed by BSF at the Benipur border of Jibannagar upazila in Chuadanga.

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SEPTEMBER 30



Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:35	12:45	4:15	6:00	7:30
JAMAAT 5:10	1:15	4:30	6:05	8:00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

KULAURA HEALTH COMPLEX

3 X-ray machines gathering dust for 28 years

MENTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

An upazila health complex, responsible for providing medical care to at least five lakh people in and around the upazila, has been unable to perform X-rays for the past 28 years due to the lack of a technician.

Kulaura Upazila Health Complex, established in 1972, currently has three X-ray machines, worth around Tk 70 lakh in total, allocated by the government at different times. However, none of them are in operation, said Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Ferdous Akhter.

According to health complex sources, former finance minister M Saifur Rahman inaugurated the first X-ray machine worth Tk 14 lakh in 1995. Later, in 2006, another X-ray machine worth Tk 35 lakh was allocated. A digital X-ray machine worth Tk 23,19,000 was allocated just three months ago.

However, the government failed to appoint a technician for the hospital in all these years.

The X-ray room has been turned into a storeroom. The first two machines have become non-functional due to lack of use, the newest one

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50 hurt in AL factional clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

At least 50 people were injured during a clash between two factions of the Awami League in Rangpur's Mithapukur upazila yesterday afternoon.

The injured were admitted to a local hospital for treatment, said Mithapukur Police Station Sub-inspector Monibur Rahman.

"Eight to ten police personnel, including Officer-in-Charge Mustafizur Rahman, were among the injured," he added.

The situation is currently under control, and additional police have been deployed at the spot, the SI said.

Contacted, Jakir Hossain Sarkar, general secretary of Mithapukur upazila AL unit, said, "Nearly 50 to 60 of my supporters were injured during the attack [carried out by supporters of an Awami League faction]."

According to the police and locals, the clash happened around 4:00pm when a discussion was organised at the upazila parishad's auditorium over celebration of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's birthday.

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