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Two women drying boiled paddy at a rice mill in Barishal's Banaripara upazila yesterday. Like them, many work at the mills from midnight to evening to process the paddy. Afterwards, the rice will be sold at Tk 1,800-2,500 per maund at markets.

Woman killed in clash over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A woman was killed during a clash over a land dispute in Munshiganj's Gazaria upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased is Rokeya Begum, 62, wife of late Ebaidullah Sarker.

Locals said there had been a longstanding dispute between sons of Ebaidullah and late Shahidullah of Paikhharpur village over land-related issues.

To resolve the matter, an arbitration was held in the village and sons of Ebaidullah got the ownership of the disputed land.

However, both groups locked into a clash while measuring the disputed land. Rokeya died in the attack, said police.

Khairul Hasan, additional superintendent (Sadar circle) of police in Munshiganj, said they are looking into the incident.

BNP leaders facing rights violation in jails: Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka

BNP leaders and activists are being repressed and deprived of all facilities as prisoners, alleged BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday.

"The current IG prisons has verbally directed the jail authorities to deprive all the prisoners belonging to BNP of all general facilities to appease Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," he said.

Rizvi claimed jailed BNP leaders and activists are not being allowed to go out of cells inside the prisons. "Even the relatives have been barred from visiting the inmates and talking to them over the phone,"

He said the prisons are no longer places of real criminals as those are now filled with BNP activists.

He condemned and protested against the torture on prisoners and urged the authorities concerned to ensure their justified rights.

The BNP leader also slammed the government for driving away the family members of the victims of enforced disappearance from Shahbagh and obstructing them from holding a rally in front of the National Museum on the eve of International Human Rights Day.

Rizvi claimed police have arrested over 175 BNP men in the last 24 hours till 5pm yesterday.



Salman F Rahman

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crore -- Tk 295.52 crore in investments, Tk 53.35 lakh in cash, Tk 5.84 crore in vehicles, Tk 60.53 lakh in electric goods, and Tk 39.62 lakh in furniture.

Salman's movable assets were valued at Tk 276.48 crore in 2018.

According to this year's affidavit, Salman does not own a house or an apartment. However, his wife owns residential and commercial properties valued at Tk 32.47 crore. Salman has Tk 1.99 crore worth of non-agricultural land while his wife owns land worth Tk 3.73 crore.

In 2018, Salman showed he had a building valued at Tk 8.53 lakh, while his wife had nothing.

In the 2023 affidavit, Salman has Tk 80.66 crore loan under his name -- Tk 56.60 crore in unsecured loan and another loan of Tk 24.06 crore. In 2018, he had loans of Tk 83.79 crore, which means his loan decreased by Tk 3 crore.

Bahauddin Nasim

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while his wife or dependents' movable properties rose in value from Tk 1.49 crore to Tk 5.89 crore in last nine years.

Also, Nasim's immovable properties rose in value from Tk 1.23 crore in 2014 to Tk 9.73 crore this year, while those of his wife or dependents are now worth Tk 27.43 lakh, same as mentioned in 2014.

Nasim's liability increased from Tk 1.20 crore to Tk 4 crore in loans since 2014.

Elias' wife

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in the affidavit submitted for the 2018 national election.

In the 2018 eleventh parliamentary elections, Elias Mollah declared an annual income of Tk 2.76 crore, now, his annual income increased to Tk 3.11 crore.

Tuku

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lakh in cash; Tk 28 lakh as deposits to bank and financial institutions, and Tk 1.99 lakh as investment in postal service, savings certificates and other sectors.

Five years ago, Tuku had loans from different banks and financial institutions worth around Tk 57 lakh. Now he has loans of Tk 2.20 lakh, according to the affidavit.

Sanctions

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should be imposed on those who have chosen the path of terrorism to foil the election and carry out covert attacks," he added, while speaking at a press briefing at AL president's Dhanmondi office.

He also said the BNP has resorted to arson after failing to garner support for its anti-election movement.

Alleging that conspiracies are being hatched at home and abroad centring the election, he said, "The premier had said that pressures may come even after the election. They are even plotting to create a famine in the country," he said.

Asked what preparations are being taken to tackle the conspiracy to create famine, Quader said the PM is discussing with eminent economists, and officials of Bangladesh Bank on a regular basis in this regard.

Regarding the foreign ministry's letter to the UN, Quader said, "Many incidents took place in the last few months in Bangladesh. There were talks that sanctions would be imposed, and a visa policy would be introduced. Hence, the foreign minister informed the UN that we are going to conduct good elections," he added.

Uphold morality

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Against Corruption on October 31, 2003.

The president urged anti-graft officials to exercise caution to avoid implicating innocent individuals and emphasised the importance of acquiring technological knowledge through training. He also stressed the need for the ACC to be accountable as an independent institution, adapting to changing strategies of corrupt individuals in the era of globalisation.

"Corruption is not only limited to Bangladesh... it's a global problem, creating disparities in society, hampering economic growth and development," Shahabuddin shared.

Shahabuddin reminisced about his time as the ACC commissioner from 2011 to 2016.

64pc women face violence

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enacted criminal penalties for cyber harassment, signalling the need for greater efforts globally and at the country level," she said.

Stressing the importance of enhanced collaboration, she called for coordination among diverse UN agencies and organisations dealing with the issue.

Abu Sayed Md Kamruzzaman NDC, director general of the Digital Security Agency of the ICT Division, said if someone dials Bangladesh's National Service Access Helpline number 333 for any support related to online violence, the call will redirect to 3338 where necessary assistance will be ensured.

Additionally, adolescents have the option to reach the toll-free number 13219, operated by the Cyber Teens Foundation, to report incidents of sexual violence involving teenagers.

Individuals can also call on behalf of teenagers to seek assistance," he also said.

Efforts are underway to launch other helplines and an app aimed at monitoring the activities in district, upazila, and union levels to prevent cyberbullying, he added.

Farida Yasmin, additional DIG of Highway Police, urged everyone to contact the Facebook page of Police Cyber Support for Women to report incidents of online violence.

She also stressed for enhancing knowledge among justice sector actors and survivors, due to the sensitive nature of these issues, as many individuals dealing with such cases often find themselves confused.

Dr Helaluddin Ahmed, associate professor of Child, Adolescent, and Family Psychiatry at the National Institute of Mental Health, advocated for an integrated helpline interconnected with various departments.

He also stressed the

importance of having mental health counsellors with the helplines and ensuring their sustainability, and urged families to cultivate mutual respect and bonding as a preventive measure for the ongoing situation.

Nardia Simpson, deputy high commissioner of Australia in Dhaka, highlighted the importance of cultural change and initiating conversations about safe cyberspace within families.

Advocate Shahreen Tilottoma, UNDP programme officer, moderated the dialogue.

The event also featured an impactful clothing exhibition, titled "Dress is not consent. #No Excuse," showcasing the attire worn by survivors of sexual violence during their ordeals.

The display showcased typical clothing worn by women in Bangladesh, like kameez, saree, and burka, debunking the myth that women's dresses provoke sexual violence.

Release all arrested

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democratic demand for a higher minimum wage of Tk 25,000, the government and factory owners cracked down on the workers, arresting, harassing and firing at them.

The statement urged the government to respect the

workers' right to organise and protest, release all the workers and their leaders arrested in 53 cases, and compensate the families of deceased workers.

The signatories include: economist Prof Anu Muhammad; rights activist Hameeda

Hossain; Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Nijera Kori; anthropologist Rahnuma Ahmed; Supreme Court lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua; photographer Shahidul Alam; and Taslima Akhter, president of Bangladesh Garment Sramik Samhati; among others.



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