Youths must learn from the elderly to move forward Chief justice tells workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan yesterday urged all to utilise k n o w



ledge and wisdom of the elderly to build a society where all can live holding their heads high.

He said this at a workshop organised by Daffodil University International and All Bangladesh Senior Citizens Welfare Society at the university auditorium.

"I request you [the elderly] not to lose confidence. Taking instruction from you, the young generation will take the country forward. Now we need you more for the interest of the country," Hassan said.



This is what's left of Kalabagi village in Khulna's Dakope upazila. Locals of the decaying settlement have set up houses on bamboo structures to protect themselves from the strong currents of the Shibsa river that continues to devour mosques, temples, schools, homesteads and arable lands in the area. The photo was taken yesterday.

2 jailed, 9 fined for selling onion at high price

A Thakurgaon mobile court yesterday sentenced two wholesale traders to seven days in jail and fined four others for selling onion at high prices. The jailed are Nur Jamal, 40, and Md Mamun from

Gabindanagar. Thakurgaon district administration's Executive

Magistrate Anwar Hossain led the drive. At Kalibari Bazar, the team fined

four traders -- Parvez, Mosharul Islam, Bappa and Abdul Hamid Tk 1,000 each for the same

The officials of the Directorate of National Consumers Right Protection also took part in the

On Friday, onion was sold between Tk 100 and Tk 110 per kg but the traders sold it between Tk 200 and Tk 220 yesterday soon after India's export ban extension of the commodity, said DNCRP Assistant Director Seikh Sadi.

In Chattogram, the DNCRP fined five traders Tk 1 lakh in total in the city's Khatunganj and Karnaphuli kitchen markets

Potato farmers stare at loss

Recent rains leave newly sown saplings rotting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Potato farmers in Munshiganj district are likely to suffer heavy losses financially as their newly sown potato saplings are rotting due to the recent rains under the influence of Cyclone Michaung.

Saplings were sown across around 16,000 hectares of land so far out of this year's target of 34,346 hectares for potato cultivation in the district.

Due to the fields being submerged under water after rainfall from Wednesday night till Thursday, these potato saplings will all rot over the next couple of days, said farmers in Sirajdikhan, Tongibari, and Sadar upazilas.

Visiting Hoglakandi area of Munshiganj Sadar upazila yesterday, this correspondent saw potato fields were inundated by rain water, while farmers were trying to drain away the water using different

"This year I planted potato



saplings in around 11.5-katha land. All the saplings are submerged in rain water and will rot. I will incur a significant loss," said Samad, a farmer in the area.

"The price of potatoes was high this year. I bought potato seeds at a higher price and cultivated them. Now all those saplings have been damaged by the rain and will not last," said Abdul Selim, another



them.

Contacted, Md Abdul Aziz, deputy director of the Department Agricultural Extension in Munshiganj, said, "We told the farmers to plant the saplings after the cyclone, but many did not listen to our advice. Now we suggest they drain out as much water as possible, this might save some of the saplings from rotting."

"It is not possible to estimate the Several potato farmers echoed extent of damage yet," he added.

467 killed in road accidents in Nov **Says Road Safety Foundation**

STAR REPORT

At least 467 people were killed and 672 injured in 541 road crashes across the country last month, Road Safety Foundation said yesterday.

Of the deceased, 376 people (80.51 percent) are between 18 and 65 years, the organisation said.

It also said road crashes and deaths have increased last month compared to October this year. At least 421 were killed in 458 road accidents in October, it said.

Meanwhile, 181 people were killed in 207 crashes involving motorcycles in November, which is 38.75 percent of total deaths in last month, it said.

Besides, 106 pedestrians were killed last month, which is 22.69 percent of total deaths in November, it said. Road Safety Foundation compiled the data from media reports.

'POLLS CODE VIOLATION' EC seeks Amu's explanation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

The Election Commission vesterday sought an explanation from Awami League leader Amir Hossain Amu, a candidate from Jhalakathi-2 constituency, for his alleged violation of electoral code of conduct.

The commission asked Amu to present his explanation on December 15 in person.

According to the EC letter, the speakers sought vote for Amu at a programme in Jhalakathi on

The EC on November 16 directed that nobody will be allowed to take part in the election campaign till December 18 as the EC will allocate the electoral symbol on that day.

Two injured as buses collide on Padma Bridge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Two people were injured vesterday evening in a head-on collision between two buses on Padma Bridge in Munshiganj.

The collision between Golden Line and Meghla Paribahan took place on the Shariatpur-bound lane between Pillars 14 and 15 of the bridge around 4:00pm, said Padma Bridge Police Station (North) Officer-in-Charge Alamgir Hossain.

He said, "Due to maintenance work on Padma Bridge, one lane was closed. The other lane allowed traffic from both directions. The wrecker removed the buses.'

The traffic on the bridge went back to normal after the buses were recovered.

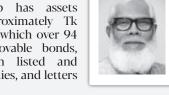
FROM CANDIDATES' AFFIDAV

Salman F Rahman has no house in his name

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 96.6 percent of Salman F Rahman's annual income of Tk 25.31 crore comes from shares, savings certificates, bank deposits and debentures, according to an affidavit he submitted to the Election Commission.

The vice-chairman of the Beximco Group has assets valued at approximately Tk 312.09 crore, of which over 94 percent are movable bonds, shares of both listed and unlisted companies, and letters of credit.



Of his annual income, Tk 24.45 crore comes from debentures, bank deposits, savings certificates, and shares.

In 2018, Salman reported having an annual income of Tk 9.31 crore. In comparison, his yearly income increased by Tk 16 crore.

Salman has movable assets valued at Tk 312.09 SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Tuku's wealth doubles

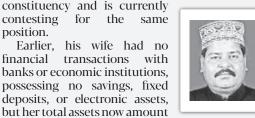
Elias' wife's cash soars from zero to Tk 1.40cr in 5yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Elias Uddin Mollah's wife went from holding zero cash in 2018 to now holding Tk 1.40 crore, as per his affidavit submitted to the Election Commissioner ahead of the upcoming national election.

Elias is the incumbent MP of Dhaka-16 constituency and is currently

position. Earlier, his wife had no financial transactions with banks or economic institutions, possessing no savings, fixed deposits, or electronic assets,



to slightly over Tk 1 crore. She currently holds Tk 46.48 lakh in deposits from banks and financial institutions. Additionally, she possesses savings certificates and fixed deposits amounting to around Tk 21 lakh. None of these financial assets were disclosed



Bahauddin Nasim's wealth surges in 9 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League joint general secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim witnessed substantial growth in his wealth since 2014, as per his affidavit submitted to the EC. Nasim was elected AL lawmaker from

he is contesting from Dhaka-8 constituency with AL ticket. According to the affidavit, his annual income rose from

Madaripur-3 in 2014. This time

Tk 1.89 crore in 2014 to Tk 2.53 crore in 2023. His wife and dependents also saw their income rise from Tk 11.93 lakh to Tk 30.07 lakh during this time.

Nasim now possesses Tk 7.69 crore, up from Tk 44.45 lakh in 2014. His bank deposits also rose from Tk 1.52 crore to Tk 9.56 crore during this

Value of Nasim's movable properties rose from Tk 9.46 crore in 2014 to Tk 29.77 crore this year,

since 2018

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Deputy speaker of the parliament Shamsul Hoque Tuku's wealth more than doubled since 2018, according to his affidavit submitted to the EC. Tuku is a three-time elected lawmaker from

Awami League for Pabna-1 constituency.

Tuku mentioned in the affidavit an annual income of over Tk 26 lakh this year from different sources including





His annual income was Tk 11 lakh in 2018. He now possesses Tk 5.3 lakh in cash, Tk 47.06 lakh as deposits in banks and financial institutions, and Tk 3.71 crore as investment in postal service, savings certificates and other sectors.

In 2018, Tuku and his wife jointly had Tk 1.05

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Two more die of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least two more people died from dengue in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday as the country grappled with a record outbreak of the mosquito-borne disease.

At least 362 dengue patients were hospitalised in that period, according to DGHS.

Dengue has so far claimed at least 1,652 lives this year and nearly 3,16,773 were infected, making this the deadliest year since the first recorded epidemic in 2000.

According to DGHS data, 2,412 dengue patients were undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country. A total of 3,12,773 patients have so far been released from hospitals.

Press freedom FROM PAGE 3

They were: Shariful Islam. chief reporter of Ekushev Patrika (local newspaper/ online category); Shakil, Hasan correspondent of Daily Kaler Kantho (national newspaper category); Hasan Misbah, senior reporter of Independent Television (electronic media- report category); and Independent TV's programme "Talaash" (electronic

documentary category). Iftekharuzzaman handed over crests and certificates among the winners.

TIB introduced the awards in 1999.



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