

Fakrul Islam Chowdhury passes away

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Dr Fakrul Islam Chowdhury passed away at a private hospital in Dhaka on December 19. He was 82, said a press release.

He is survived by a son and a daughter.

During his student life, he was elected general secretary of Dhaka Medical College Student Council.

He was elected as the treasurer of the Bangladesh Medical Association.

He was the chief organiser of a youth organisation called Kishore Majlish.

He started his career as a demonstrator in the anatomy department at Dhaka Medical College.

Later, he worked as a physician in Iran and Saudi Arabia. He was one of the initiators of Rajdhani Clinic. Later, he joined the BIRDEM.

Fakrul, younger brother of Emeritus Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury, was a resident of Baraikhali village in Sreenagar upazila, Dhaka.

He was buried next to his parents' graves in Azimpur graveyard following a namaz-e-janaza.

Mohammed Ghulam Hafiz passes away

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Mohammed Ghulam Hafiz, a barrister-at-law, passed away on December 16 in London, UK, said a press release.

He left behind his wife, three children, and a grandson.

He was born to Ezzatullah Farazi and Subaran Nessa at Pirwali in Kalia, Narail in 1941.

His family requested all to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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A canal in Godown Bridge area in Tangail town.

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In Tangail, no one seems to care about canals

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Once a trading hub along the banks of the Louhajang river, Tangail was adorned with 27 canals, crisscrossing through the town.

While these waterbodies ensured fresh drinking water for locals, it also served as the most preferred inter-town connectivity channel, especially for traders who could transport goods on boats to different spots across the region.

However, continued negligence from authorities has led to the extinction of five waterbodies, while 22 others remain on their deathbeds, alleged locals.

The District Administration and Water Development Board were unable to provide the accurate number of canals in the area. However, as per Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, Tangail town is home to 27 canals as per CS records, several of which have already disappeared, while many are counting their last breaths.

According to locals, the municipality constructed roads, drains, shops and markets along the canals while local influential people have encroached upon them further by building structures.

As a result, waterlogging has become a regular issue in many areas of the town. The lack of a proper drainage system further exacerbated the issue.

Gautam Chandra Chanda, divisional coordinator of Bela, said the district administration has been informed about the sorry state of the canals in Tangail town.



Biswas Bekta canal remains clogged by garbage.

"The ministry concerned has strict instructions for protection and conservation of rivers, canals and other reservoirs, while the High Court has also issued guidelines in this regard," he said.

Ratan Ahmed Siddique, general secretary of Tangail River, Canal, Waterbodies and Environment Protection Movement Committee, alleged miscreants, with the help of public representatives, are encroaching

and filling the canals for a long time. Many canals which exist on paper would actually be non-existent in reality, he added.

"Drainage pipes from markets and households are connected to the canals, making the water unusable and the stench unbearable," he added.

Denying the knowledge of any roads built on the canals, municipality mayor SM Sirajul Haque Alamgir said, "Canals serve the people, but roads are also built for their interest. And the drains have been constructed following their demands. Measures will be taken after discussion with all concerned."

Meanwhile, environmentalists said the municipality authorities constructed several markets on the Shyam Babur Khal, the largest flowing canal in the district town, before turning it into a drain. They also constructed roads and drains, while illegal occupants have built residential houses and commercial spaces on the canal, the activists alleged.

They urged the district administration to take quick steps in this regard.

Sazzad Hossain, executive engineer of WDB in Tangail, said discussions have been held with the district administration to restore the canals.

Md Kaiserul Islam, deputy commissioner in Tangail, said the occupied canals will be recovered through proper legal process.

Security beefed up

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took place between the influential independent candidates and ruling party ones," said a high official of Barishal range police.

DIG Anwar Hossain said police will take action against every wrongdoer, irrespective of their identities.

Meanwhile, Rab-3 yesterday deployed a dog squad at the Kamalapur

Railway Station as a part of stepping up security measures.

Lt Col Arif Mohiuddin Ahmed, commanding officer of Rab-3, said, "Besides, before leaving the station, every train will be scanned with a metal detector. Rab will ensure round-the-clock intelligence surveillance to prevent any sabotage activities."

Bagmara a headache

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Enamul's men had burnt one of their offices in Maria union on Wednesday night.

"We are campaigning all day and he (Enamul) is raising allegations against us sitting at home. We're not raising our complaints to save the government from criticism," he said.

Meanwhile, Azad was seen in a video clip asking Enamul to leave the upazila.

"Leave Bagmara. You extorted the people of Bagmara. Return their money. Otherwise, all of us will confine you to your cold storage," Azad told a gathering.

Azad alleged Enamul unleashed the surrendered members of Sorbohara Party and JMB upon them.

Enamul claimed he brought peace to Bagmara by providing them

opportunity to return to normal lives. "None of them are engaged in crimes now."

SP Saifur Rahman said no such allegation was raised against those who surrendered.

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China hopeful

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dredging the river for navigability, building strong embankments, townships, industries on the two sides of the river, water reservoir and irrigation.

In March this year, the Chinese embassy sent a letter to the Economic Relations Division suggesting that the project can be implemented in phases.

At the seminar, Yao Wen

said the relations between China and Bangladesh will improve further after the January 7 elections.

He said China wants the people of Bangladesh to know more about Chinese role in the development of Bangladesh as well as in South Asia. Chinese investment in Bangladesh is going up and the quality projects under the Belt and Road Initiative will take the relations to higher levels.

Some candidates

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An environment characterised by sabotage incidents, panic, and fear is prevailing in the country centring the January 7 election, said DMP commissioner Habibur Rahman after the meeting.

"Usually, law enforcers, as well as other stakeholders, face problems in compelling all candidates to follow the

electoral code of conduct and hold the election in a free and fair manner. But this time, another additional problem is the atmosphere of violence and sabotage that has been created," he told reporters.

The meeting discussed the measures to be taken if any third party creates trouble so that the upcoming election can be held peacefully, he added.

Rift opens up in AL

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Local AL leaders were present at the rally.

RO Saleheen Tanvir said he received a verbal complaint over the incident, and action will be taken following investigation.

In Birganj under Dinajpur-1, around 2,000 supporters of AL-backed candidate Manoranjan Shill Gopal attempted to take control of Birganj upazila AL office on Monday night, but failed as the supporters of Md Zakaria Zaka, independent candidate and also president of Birganj upazila unit AL, foiled the bid.

Tariqul Islam, a member of Dinajpur district AL and an independent contender of Dinajpur-4 (Chirirbandar and Khansama) alleged that his supporters have been facing obstacles from AL candidate AH Mahmood Ali's supporters during electioneering.

However, he has yet to file any written complaint.

On the other hand, Manik Bosak, head of election campaigns of Biswajit Ghosh Kanchan, an independent from

Dinajpur-3 and also former general secretary of Dinajpur Sadar upazila unit AL, made similar allegations against supporters of AL's candidate and former whip M Iqbalur Rahim.

Shakil Ahmed, Dinajpur RO and DC, said he would look into the matter after receiving written or verbal complaints from the candidates.

Contacted, Altafuzzaman Mita, general secretary of Dinajpur district unit AL, said he was unaware of any of these incidents.

15 hurt

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Deepak Chandra Saha of Rugganj Police Station.

The clash took place between the followers of Kanchan unit AL general secretary Golam Rasul Kali and Swecchasebak League president Kanchan Abdur Rahman Litu over establishing supremacy, said locals.

Both are followers of the incumbent lawmaker Golam Dastagir Gazi. Their rivalry escalated ahead of the national elections, said sources.

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