

Either GM Quader resigns or we form 'Trinamool JP'

Warn party leaders who recently resigned, got expelled

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Just before the 12th parliamentary election, "Trinamool BNP" caused quite a stir, with two former BNP leaders at its helm. However, they failed to win a single seat in the polls, with its top leaders losing by big margins.

Meanwhile, it looks like a section of expelled Jatiyo Party leaders have decided to take inspiration from the "other" BNP, and decided to form a party of its own named "Trinamool Jatiyo Party".

The main opposition party of the last parliament is all set for a fifth split following its election debacle. Leaders who have resigned and been expelled from within the party ranks are now gathering under the banner of JP chief patron Raushan Ershad.

They want to convince the widow of JP founder HM Ershad to stage a coup within the party and oust JP Chairman GM Quader and Secretary General Mujibul Haque Chunnun. If not, they plan to form "Trinamool JP" with Raushan at its helm, say aggrieved leaders.

Earlier, the JP split over conflict among its top leaders in 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2014.

Raushan will hold a views-exchange meeting with the former JP leaders, said Lutful

Kabir, special assistant to the spokesperson of Raushan.

Sources said the resigned leaders are trying to hold a council of JP under the leadership of Raushan

Around 668 leaders of JP's Dhaka North unit resigned on Thursday showing no confidence in GM Quader and Chunnun.

The resigned leaders led by Shafiqul Islam Sentu, a presidium member of JP who was recently expelled from the party also demanded resignation of GM Quader and Chunnun for their alleged irregularities centring giving nomination to the party's aspirants in the lead up to January 7 election.

"We are trying to get united under the leadership of Raushan Ershad to save the party. She will declare our next course of action," Sentu told The Daily Star.

"Many of us have proposed to form a new political party named Trinamool Jatiyo Party. We will discuss this with Raushan Ershad," he said.

Another axed JP leader Shunil Suwho Roy echoed him.

Contacted, Chunnun said, "We have many leaders and activists. Everyone has the right to form new political parties or resign from a political party. We are not worried."

Barishal markets flooded with jatka

Admin not cooperating to conduct drives, complains fisheries dept

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Kitchen markets across Barishal division have recently been flooded with jatka (hilsa fry of length less than 10 inches).

The fisheries department complained that the upazila administrations across the division have not been conducting enough drives against catching and sale of jatka.

It is a punishable offence to catch jatka during its eight-month conservation period from November to June.

Visiting different kitchen markets in Bhola and Barishal yesterday, including Barishal Port Road Market and Bhola Sadar Upazila Fish Market, this correspondent saw jatka is being sold in large amounts for Tk 270-350 per kilo.

According to Divisional Fisheries Office, 700-1000 maunds of hilsa are being sold daily in hundreds of markets across Barishal. However,



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visiting the markets, it was found that the quantity of hilsa being sold daily is between 3,000-4,000 maunds, with least 80 percent being jatka.

"There are very few fish in the river now and most of those are jatkas as the hilsa spawning season ended recently. What can we do if jatkas get entangled in our nets?" said Alauddin, a fisherman in Paranganj Bazar of Bhola Sadar upazila.

Bimal Chandra Das, fisheries officer in Barishal,

said, "Our drives against jatka fishing are continuing. Even yesterday, we seized and burnt nets in Babuganj area."

Nripendra Nath Biswas, divisional deputy director of fisheries department, said, "Each upazila has a committee through which the drives are being conducted. But we are not getting the magistrate and police personnel timely. As the upazila administration is unable to cooperate with us, we cannot conduct drives properly."

"What can we do alone if the upazila administration does not cooperate?" he said.

Back to planning

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A day later, on January 23, the CTTC team arrested Rahmani in the case.

Rahmani earlier came out of Kashimpur High-Security Jail on January 21 after securing bails in five cases.

Towfiq gave a confessional statement in the case before a Dhaka court yesterday, according to court sources.

"We got some information regarding Ansar Al Islam recently. Rahmani is now in jail again. We would interrogate him about his plans and activities after seeking remand from the court," said CTTC unit chief Md Asaduzzaman

According to the case's first information report, the Ansar Al Islam members used to communicate with each other through online platforms.

In the forwarding letter sent to the court on January 24, CTTC said Rahmani in primary interrogation admitted relations with arrested Towfiq.

"We suspect that Ansar Al Islam arranged funding for Rahmani's legal battle to secure his bail in the cases. We are trying to trace the persons behind the outfit's legal battle,"

said a high official of CTTC unit, wishing anonymity.

Advocate Nazrul Islam, who was appointed as lawyer for Rahmani, refused to disclose details or identity of the person who appointed him.

Sources in the court shared the contact of a person who communicated for Rahmani's bail.

When contacted, the person identified himself as one Sohail, working as driver of a wood laden truck.

Asked, Sohail said he neither knew Rahmani nor had any idea about appointing a lawyer.

CTTC officials said after his arrest from Barguna on August 12, 2013 along with 30 other ABT members, Rahmani had no significant communication with his family while in jail for the last 10 years.

He had been in jail since then till January 21 this year in six cases filed against him. The police pressed charges against him in all the cases.

On December 31, 2015, a Dhaka court sentenced him to five years in jail in a case filed over the murder of blogger Rajib Haider for which Rahmani had served the time.

The five other cases are under trial.

Man found dead beside road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A man was found dead beside Panchagarh-Banglabandha highway at Goalpara village in Sadar upazila, Panchagarh early yesterday.

Police suspect Lal Mia, 34, from Jagdal Bazar area, was killed in a road accident.

Tentulia Highway Police Station Sub-Inspector Samsul Haque said they recovered the body after being informed by locals.

The SI said Lal Mia might have been run over by a speeding vehicle while crossing the road.

Police handed over the body to the family after legal procedures.

Tea workers

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GM Shiblee, chairperson of Bangladesh Cha Sangsad Sylhet unit, said, "Tea estate workers are superstitious and this leads to a social stigma surrounding leprosy. Awareness must be raised in this regard as most of them take to village quacks instead of consulting doctors."

According to WHO, a country is declared "leprosy-free" if cases fall below one in every 10,000. Bangladesh made it to the list of "leprosy-free" countries in 1998 but many are still affected by the disease every year, he said.

"By the time they come to us, the disease reaches an advanced stage and has already led to disabilities. Awareness-raising is a must to curb the cases," he added.

BNP demands

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"There has been no peace on the borders under the Awami League government," BNP added.

Although the international community and several Indian rights groups have protested the border killings, India has not taken any action, the statement read.

The killing of the BGP member has caused nationwide outrage and protests, the statement said, demanding immediate steps to stop the border killings and punish those responsible.

Bangabazar a shell

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52-year-old Jamal Uddin waits for customers in his shop from 8:00am until the evening.

"Ever since the fire gutted three of my shops, my business plummeted. Even though the winter has arrived, I don't see any prospect of business," said Jamal, who has been a trader in the market since 2010.

"During the last winter season, I sold warm clothes worth about Tk 2 to Tk 3 lakh every day. Now I have products worth Tk 1 lakh in my shop, but in three days, I have only been able to sell products worth about Tk 50,000," he added.

In previous winters, shopkeepers in Bangabazar sold large quantities of warm clothes. But this winter, the scene is different.

Both wholesale and retail sales are low this season. Shopkeepers are not seeing the usual brisk business of selling new winter clothes.

"There is no extra profit in selling winter clothes. Very few traders from different districts are coming this winter season so I have no hope," said Didar Hossain, owner of Sanya Fashion.

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Montu, owner of Best Fashion, said, "Every day, I display Tk 10,000 to 20,000 worth of products in my shop. But over three hours today, I have only sold products worth Tk 2,340."

"But during the winter season, I usually sell over Tk 10,000 worth of clothes per day," he added.

He also said many customers are now looking at different wholesale markets to buy clothes, like Narayanganj, Signboard, Kaliganj, and Sadarghat.

This correspondent spoke to over 20 shop owners who echoed Montu. Jahangir Hossain, a manager of Fatema Garments, said, "Due to the decreased number of customers coming here, traders are not investing more capital."

He said the traders are hoping for a better situation in the coming days, but there are fears that this may just be a pipe dream.

The market owners claimed that other than a one-time Tk 25,000 payment from the district administration, they did not get any financial support after the fire.

Some funds were created, but they have not received any support from them.

Entire country

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delays in publishing gazettes have hindered the implementation of these plans, leading to unplanned development in rural towns due to a shortage of trained manpower, he said.

BIP general secretary Mehdi Hasan said, "The 'Amar Gram, Amar Shohor'

urbanisation project has been taken to provide civic benefits to rural areas. However, while implementing that project, it should be kept in mind that the whole country should not become like Dhaka city."

BIP joint secretary Tamjidul Islam also spoke at the event among others.

Covid-19 infection

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of fatalities stands at 29,481, taking the overall fatality rate to 1.44 percent.

So far, DGHS has reported four Covid-related deaths this month. Twenty-eight new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours and the total number of confirmed cases is now 20,46,963.

Thirty-six more patients recovered during this period while the number of recoveries is now 20,14,339 with the recovery rate of 98.41 percent.

Due to a sudden rise in the infection rate from the beginning of this

month, the government has decided to administer Covid-19 vaccines again.

Advising people to use masks as a precaution at high-risk places such as hospitals or medical centres, DGHS in a press release said the new type of Covid-19 J.N.1 infection has increased in several countries.

Amid this situation, the DGHS advised those who are at high risk to receive the fourth dose of the vaccine. It also asked people to take Covid-19 test before any surgery or treatment if there any signs or symptoms.

513 students died

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failing exams, and 1.8 percent due to dissatisfaction with public examination results.

Additionally, 2.5 percent of suicides were linked to sexual harassment, and 0.8 percent to experiences of humiliation.

The data also revealed that among the 98 university students who died by suicide last year, 26 studied in National Universities, while 19 studied in public universities.

Dhaka and Chittagong universities emerged as the institutions with the highest number of student suicides, each recording five cases.

Aachol Foundation suggested monthly mental health screenings and mentorship programs for students, along with mental health corners in schools.

They also proposed integrating mental health education into teachers training, destigmatising mental health, and offering support hotlines for quick access to assistance.

Speakers at the press briefing stressed the significance of instilling emotional regulation skills in students to prevent suicide, urging the students to develop social skills to avoid feeling isolated.

A lack of emotional expression and societal biases against women contribute to the higher incidence of suicide among female students, especially those of younger ages, the

report also said.

Saidur Rahman, additional secretary, Health Services Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, said students often face emotional, academic, and family pressures, leading some to develop suicidal thoughts.

There is a lack of support for students within educational institutions to address these issues, he said, stressing the need for government agencies to coordinate with organisations dedicated to suicide prevention efforts.

Dr Helal Uddin Ahmed, associate professor, Dept of Child Adolescent & Family Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health, highlighted the need to assess teaching methods and curricula to enhance students' emotional regulation skills, along with shifting societal attitudes towards women.

DU criminology assistant professor ABM Nazmus Sakib stressed the need to strengthen social ties among students to reduce suicide rates and urged the establishment of supportive environments where students feel free to express their emotions.

Tansen Rose, founding president of Aachol Foundation, chaired the conference, while Farzana Akhter, team leader of the organisation's research and analysis division, presented the keynote.

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Invitation for Tender (Works)
Tender Notice Number: 04/2023-2024(ADP-2022-2023)

শেখ হাসিনার মুদ্রিত
শাসন পত্রের উদ্ভূতি

Memo No: 46.55.9400.00.09.014.2023-242

Date: 30.12.2023.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the enlisted Contractors of Zilla Parishad, Thakurgaon up to renewed under Limited Tender Method(LTM) the under mentioned works as per terms & conditions stated below:

Sl.No	Package No.	Name of Works	Estimated cost(Tk)	Tender security (Tk.)	Time for completion (days)	Price of tender documents (Tk.)
01.	ZPT-01	01. Development for Panchim Rampur Sayed Bangsiyo Graveyard At Jamalpur Up. 02. Development for Jatio Sanghadik Sangha at Thakurgaon Poursava Upazila: Thakurgaon Sadar, Dist: Thakurgaon.	1000000.00	25000.00	180days	750.00
02.	ZPT-02	01. Development For Pirgonj Thana At Pirgonj Poursava (Kocmi Stand), 02. Development For Mitobati Darul Ulum Hafezia Koomi Madrasa At Pirgonj Poursava. 03. Development For Kachon Dumuria Nurani Atimakhana Hafezia Madrasa At Noyraddaha Up. 04. Development For Vobanipur Forkania Hafezia And Atimakhana Madrasa At Kostarangonj Up. 05. Development For Sayad Atiar Rahman Junior High School at Pirgonj Up Under Upazila: Pirgonj Dist: Thakurgaon.	600000.00	15000.00	180days	500.00
03.	ZPT-03	01. Development For Vetra Nazimpara Jame Mosque At Hazipur Up. 02. Development For Akannapur Gainpara Jame Mosque At Hazipur Up. 03. Development For Gosairpur Dilip Para durga mondir At Sengoon Up. 04. Development For Agragorina Bari Chairman para Jame Mosque At Sengoon Up. 05. Development For Panchim Naadanga Punton Jame Mosque At Borchuna Up Under Upazila: Pirgonj, Dist: Thakurgaon.	500000.00	12500.00	180days	500.00
04.	ZPT-04	01. Development For Nekmordur Dighar Graveyard At Nekmordur Up. 02. Development For Komait Basahar Eidga At Nekmordur Up. 03. Development For Jarpokur Atimkhana Jame Mosque At Darmargoe. 04. Development For Modha Vandara Chairman Para Baitul Nur Jame Mosque At Ransankail Poursava. 05. Development For Purba Niyapara Sekandar Para Jame Mosque At Hosenaganj Up Under Upazila: Ransankail, Dist: Thakurgaon.	500000.00	12500.00	180days	500.00
05.	ZPT-05	01. Development For Raghobpur Graveyard At Rator Up. 02. Development For Velai Dakhin Para Jame Mosque At Rator Up. 03. Development For Drain Side Of Bolochha Anil Member House at Kasipur Up. 04. Development For Mirdanga Meheshpur Darul Ulum Hafezia Madrasa At Bachor Up. 05. Development For Bolidhara Uttar Para Kali Mondir At Nandaur Up Under Upazila: Ransankail, Dist: Thakurgaon.	500000.00	12500.00	180days	500.00
06.	ZPT-06	01. Development For Dhontola Champokur Graveyard At Dhontola Up. 02. Development For Mohishmani Esarpara Jame Mosque At Dausua Up. 03. Construction For Drain Chanul Prodan Para Jalul House- Meherun House At Charol Up. 04. Development For Boro Polash Bari Islamic Fazi Madrasa At Boro Polashbar Under Upazila: Baladanga, Dist: Thakurgaon.	500000.00	12500.00	180days	500.00
07.	ZPT-07	01. Development For Hweta Jame Mosque At Borbari Up. 02. Development For Gandigari Modinalul Olum Nurani Madrasa At Vazor Up. 03. Development For Kolonda Taldighi Sarbojanin Durga Mondir At Vazor Up. 04. Development For Durgapur Uttar Para Jame Mosque At Vazor Up. 05. Development For Morham Dhibor Aii Hifjul Koon Mohila Madrasa At Borbari Up Under Upazila: Baladanga, Dist: Thakurgaon.	550000.00	14000.00	180days	500.00
08.	ZPT-08	01. Development For Dhuala Medni Sagar Junior Girls High School At Godura Up. 02. Development For Potonduba Horibosor At Bokua Up. 03. Development For Manik Khan Jame Mosque Front Side House Of Tajmul At Bokua Up. 04. Development For Bujnik Modha Para Jame Mosque Front Side House Of Kaurul At Bokua Up. 05. Development For Uttar Dangianpara Sajahan Mosque At Dangianpara Up. 06. Development For Jadurani Mohabidiloy At Bokua Up Under Upazila: Horipur, Dist: Thakurgaon.	600000.00	15000.00	180days	500.00
09.	ZPT-09	01. Development For Beldanga Jame Mosque At Vatunya Up. 02. Development For Kaligonj Hafezia Madrasa At Horipur Up. 03. Development For Timua Jame Mosque At Horipur Up. 04. Development For Damul Idal College At Dangrapara Up. 05. Development For Jharshi Taldighiyan Islami Koomi Madrasa At Vatunia Up Under Upazila: Horipur, Dist: Thakurgaon.	550000.00	14000.00	180days	500.00

2.	Source of Funds	G.O.B.(A.D.P General)
3.	Date, Time & places of pre-tender meeting	Date 13 February 2024, Time: 11.00am. Place: Conference Room of ZillaParishad, Thakurgaon.
4.	Last date, time and places of selling tender documents	Date: 19 February 2024, Time: 5:00pm. Places: a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Thakurgaon. b) ZillaParishad, Thakurgaon. c) Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Thakurgaon d) Office of the Upazila/Nirbahi Officer, Thakurgaon Sadar/ Pirgonj/Baladanga/Ransankail/Horipur, Dist:Thakurgaon.
5.	Last date, time and places of receiving tender	Date: 20 February 2024, Time: 1:00pm. Places: a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Thakurgaon. b) ZillaParishad, Thakurgaon. c) Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Thakurgaon d) Office of the Upazila/Nirbahi Officer, Thakurgaon Sadar/ Pirgonj/Baladanga/Ransankail/Horipur, Dist: Thakurgaon.
6.	Date, time and place of opening of tender	Date: 20 February 2024, Time: 3:30pm. Place: Office of the undersigned(in presence of interested Contractor)
7.	Any or all the tenders will be directly rejected if the offered price of the bidders is Less/Above more (if may) than 5% of the estimated cost.	
8.	Contractor will be selected on the basis of lottery on dated 28 February 2024, at 12:00pm.	
9.	All the rules and Regulations of PPR-2006 & PPR-2008 will be Applicable for this Tender.	
10.	Tender shall be valid for a period of 60days after tender opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above in the from bank draft from any Schedule bank of Bangladesh in favor of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Thakurgaon. Interested Tendents may Obtain further information from the office of the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in cash/bank draft from the places mentioned above. The tenders of their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.	

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