

AL wants one-party rule

Alleges GM Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League is trying to introduce one party rule in the country, said Jatiya Party chairman GM Quader yesterday.

If the present situation continues, no political parties will survive and this may lead to extremism, he added.

Quader, also the opposition leader, questioned the credibility of the January 7 national election.

He was speaking at the party's extended meeting at the capital's Institution of Engineers.

"The government is not giving space to any political parties. Only Awami League remains in the field," GM Quader said.

"We cannot consider the government party as a political party. Awami League has now lost its political character."

He said the January election was staged in three ways.

First, on the instructions of the government, free and fair elections were held in a few selected constituencies.

Secondly, many candidates ensured their victory by managing local administration with money. Thirdly, the government interfered to ensure victory of many candidates as per their will, for which many JP candidates could not win.

Will resist anyone

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According to the electoral code of conduct for upazila polls, no MPs and ministers are allowed to join the electioneering on behalf of any candidate.

Meanwhile, Awami League sources said relatives of more than 50 ministers and lawmakers are contesting in the polls.

They are still in the race, defying the party's decision that close relatives will have to withdraw their candidatures, the sources added.

48-hour transport

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Their motorbike collided head-on with a bus of Shah Amanat Paribahan on the Chattogram-Kaptai road in Rangunia's Saptapir shrine area.

Police seized the bus the same day and arrested the driver on Wednesday.

Protesting the deaths, students torched a bus on that day and seized two buses of Shah Amanat Paribahan on Monday.

On Thursday, the aggravated students torched the two other buses when the Cuet authorities issued a circular asking the students to vacate the dormitories.

Jubo Dal

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He said the arrestee Monir Munshi received instructions from his leaders to carry out the sabotage on October 28. He hired several people for arson.

In response to a question from a journalist, Asaduzzaman said, Monir Munshi was trying to get a post in Jubo Dal.

Asked, the CTC chief said they have got names of those who gave the instruction.

"An investigation is going on. We will arrest them too," he said without disclosing the names.

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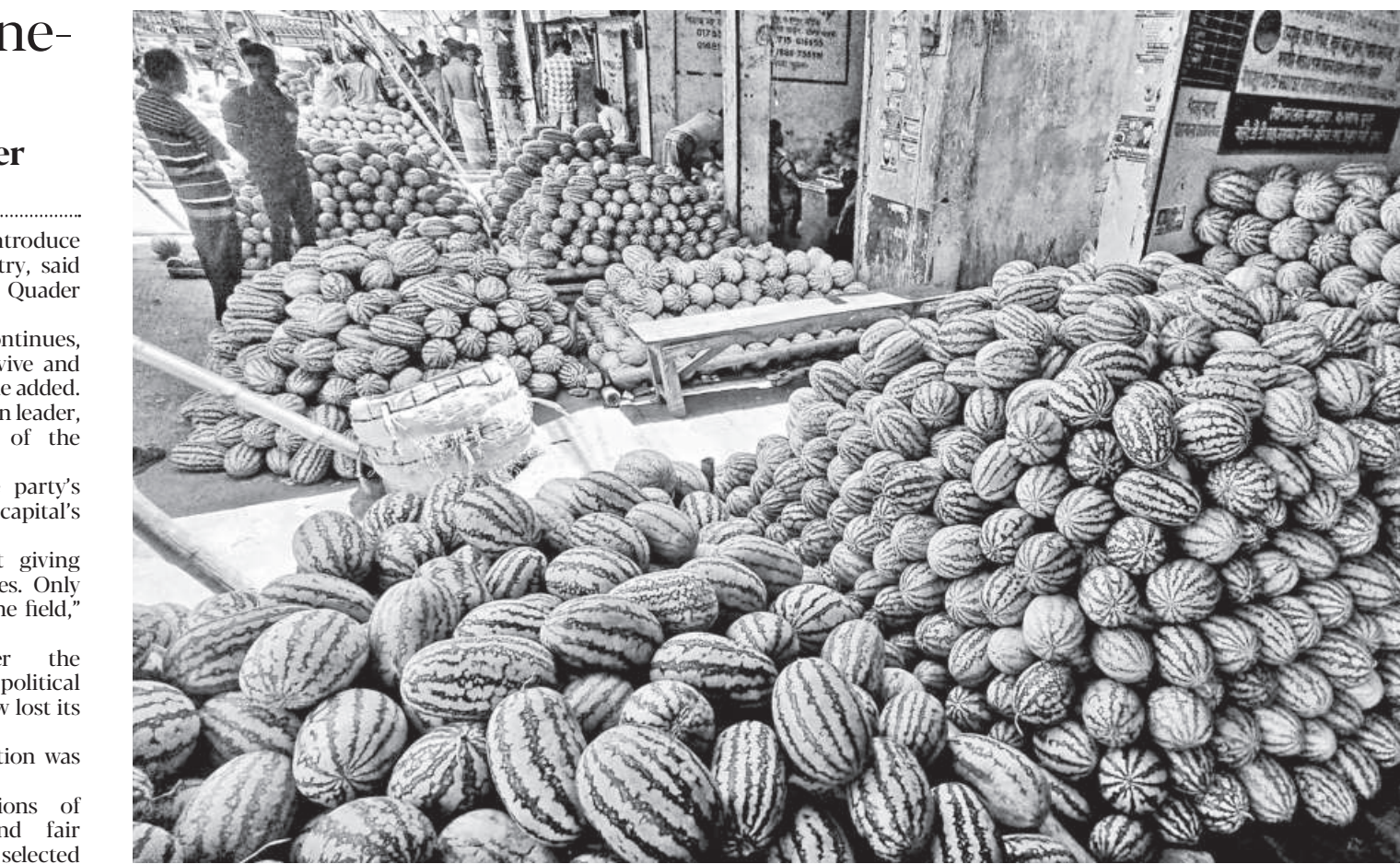


PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Khulna city markets are now flooded with watermelons, the perfect treat to beat the heat. Traders from across the country are arriving at the Kadamtola bazar to buy the fruit, freshly harvested and brought from Dakop, in bulks. The photo was taken recently.

Govt failed to save rivers: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has failed to take strong initiatives to protect the country's rivers, speakers said at an event yesterday.

Despite repeated pledges by political parties in their electoral manifestos, the country's rivers remain under threat with no visible effort to preserve them, they said.

The remarks came at a dialogue titled "Citizen Recommendations: Importance of Political Commitment in River Protection", organised by Waterkeepers Bangladesh in the capital.

"Sadly, 54 years since independence, we have not been able to take any significant steps to protect our environment," said AL lawmaker Qamrul Islam.

"Those who encroached upon rivers did so with the government's assistance," he added.

Qamrul, however, said the current government has plans to protect the rivers as per the prime minister's commitment. "We will see the implementation of this plan as the government has promised to protect the rivers."

Presiding over the event, Sharif Jamil, coordinator of Waterkeepers Bangladesh, said the Buriganga, once a large river, has become narrow due to widespread encroachment and pollution.

"We don't know how long it will take to recover the river, or if we can recover it at all," he added.

Jamil urged the government to ensure public involvement in the 50 projects taken up to protect rivers around Dhaka city to reflect people's aspirations.

Malik Fida A Khan, executive director (in charge) of Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services, highlighted the need for ETPs, central ETPs, and addressing legal limitations of the River Protection Commission.

Three held for stock market manipulation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch of police on Friday arrested three individuals allegedly involved in manipulating stock prices and spreading rumours online to destabilise the share market.

Speaking at a press briefing at DMP Media Centre yesterday, DB chief Harun Or Rashid said the arrestees often shared supposed price-sensitive information (insider information) before its official release, on various social media groups, which was mostly fabricated and false. As a result, investors suffered losses.

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission filed a case under the Cyber Security Act with Ramna Police Station. The arrestees are - Amir Hossain alias Nurmurani, 37, admin and moderator of 8-10 social media groups, Nurul Haque Harun, 52, vice chairman of Bangladesh Capital Market Investors Union Council, and Abdul Qaiyum, 39, involved with a brokerage house.

Amir is accused in 11 cases.

The DB said Amir operated 8 to 10 groups on Facebook, WhatsApp, and Telegram, where he engaged in spreading rumours and manipulating market prices.

UP chairman

FROM PAGE 3 threatening Nadim's family, Monira also alleged.

"My three children and I are passing days amid insecurity. We demand that the administration ensures our security," she said. "I also demand immediate arrest of all the accused in the case and their maximum punishment," Monira added.

Hafiz Raihan, president of Jamalpur Press Club, alleged that the accused have been trying to divert the case using their influence. He demanded judicial investigation into the case.

Contacted, Golam Kibria, a sub-inspector of Criminal Investigation Department and also investigation officer of the case, said, "We are at the end of the investigation. A charge sheet will be submitted soon."

Kibria claimed police are trying to arrest Faisal, but he is on the run.

Monira filed the murder case with Bakshiganj Police Station accusing 22 named and some 20 to 25 unnamed people two days after the killing.

Babu and few other accused are in jail.

MV Abdullah, crew to return mid-May

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The crew of the Bangladeshi ship MV Abdullah, recently freed from Somali pirates, is set to return home in the middle of May.

After completion of cargo unloading, the ship left the UAE port Alhamriyah yesterday to take on new cargo.

Meherul Karim, chief executive officer of the ship's owning firm SR Shipping Ltd, said the vessel left the port at 5:30pm (UAE time) and its next destination is Mina Saqr in the UAE. The vessel may take six hours to reach Mina, he informed.

After loading the cargo, the vessel would leave for Chattogram and is expected to arrive in the second week of May, he added.

Invest in Bangladesh Foreign minister urges Thai private sector

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud has urged the Thai private sector to invest in Bangladesh by taking full advantage of Dhaka's various incentives for foreign business and partnership.

He also emphasised the importance of early commencement of the Free Trade Agreement between Bangladesh and Thailand for enhancing bilateral trade and balancing trade deficit.

The foreign minister was speaking at a business meeting, organised by the Bangladesh embassy in Bangkok on Friday on the sidelines of the official visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Thailand, a foreign ministry's press release said yesterday.



5 get 'Amra Notun Changemakers Award'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To celebrate the enterprising spirit of the young people, five projects, initiated and run by young changemakers, were awarded the Amra Notun Young Changemakers Award yesterday.

The awards were handed over at an event titled "Carnival of Change 2024," organised by BRAC Youth Platform at the BRAC CDM in Savar.

The projects that were awarded are Waste to Resource (Barishal), Uddomita (Mymensingh), Ujibon (Khulna), Mukto (Chattogram) and Khadiza (Rajshahi).

The initiatives look to ensure sustainable waste management, awareness of climate change, and women's empowerment.

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury attended the event as chief guest.

3 of a family die

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Bakerganj upazila, said, "The live power line was passing over the garden of the victim's house. A live cable was torn and lying in the water beside a lemon tree. The baby boy went to collect a lemon that fell in the water and got electrocuted. His mother and sister also got electrocuted while trying to save him."

"The deputy general manager of REB visited the spot. They are investigating the incident. Strict action must be taken if this happens due to negligence," the UNO added.

Locals alleged that REB officials fled from the area instead of coming to the spot after being informed about the incident.

Subas Chandra Das, assistant general manager of Palli Vidyut Samiti-1 of Bakerganj zonal office,

said two teams have been formed to investigate the incident and submit the probe report by Sunday. Action will be taken after receiving the report, he added.

He, however, declined to comment regarding the locals' allegation.

The upazila administration has given financial assistance to the family of the deceased.

Man held

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Rebel provided the address of Liton in the Badda area where police conducted a raid and seized some of the products.

But Liton and his accomplice Majharul Islam Amit fled the spot.

Soon after Rebel's arrest, a case was filed accusing three people under the Narcotics Control Act 2018.

Accused Chinese

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Police arrested Ji Chen and Hira soon after the case was filed. The next day, a Dhaka court sent them to jail after police produced them before it.

Ji Chen went into hiding after securing bail on September 18 that year. Hira is now behind bars.

Meanwhile, the court issued an arrest warrant against Ji Chen.

Investigator Nurul Haque told The Daily Star,

"We found rape evidence against Ji Chen... Hira Chakma was also named in the charge sheet for helping him."

Abul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Uttara Paschim Police Station, said yesterday, "We are trying to arrest him [Ji Chen]."

However, wishing anonymity, a police inspector told The Daily Star, "Ji Chen went back to his country after receiving bail..."

Water crisis grips

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In 2016, Khulna Wasa initiated a Tk 2,558 crore project to address the water crisis. The project involved the collection, purification, and distribution of water from the Madhumati river through a 650km pipeline network.

Kamal Uddin Ahmed, deputy managing director of Khulna Wasa, said they currently supply five crore litres of water per day against a demand of 24 crore litres. He said out of 70,450 households, Wasa fails to provide supply in approximately 28,650.

Md Abdullah, managing director of Khulna Wasa, said, "The Madhumati river water becomes 100 percent pure and potable after treatment... However, immediate detection of leaks in the pipeline is challenging."

Dilip Kumar Datta, a former professor of environmental science at Khulna University, said people are taking out groundwater at an alarmingly fast rate,

meaning it's not filling up again anytime soon.

He said hand-held tube-wells cease functioning when the water level drops to 30-32 feet.

The experts and Wasa representatives urged residents to reserve groundwater solely for drinking purposes and utilise surface water for other needs.

They also urged the city residents to boil water before consumption and cooking.

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No one has yet been arrested in the case, the OC added.

"The workers were demonstrating peacefully when police started to charge batons and fire at them. Now, they have sued workers as well as labour leaders to serve the factory owners' purpose," claimed Jakir Hossain, general secretary of BSCIC unit of United Federation of Garment Workers.

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ক্র.সং	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	বিবরণ	তারিখ ও সময়
০১	০১/ইজারা/সৌহারসি/২০২৩-২০২৪ (৭ম আহবান)		
০২	ইজারার বিবরণ	২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থবছর হতে ২০২৬-২০২৭ অর্থবছর পর্যন্ত (১ জুলাই ২০২৪ হতে ৩০ জুন ২০২৭) মেয়াদে গোপালগঞ্জ সড়ক বিভাগীয় গোপালগঞ্জ জেলার সদর উপজেলার চরতলা-জয়নগর ঘাটে বিভিন্ন প্রকার যানবাহন পারাপারের নিমিত্তে যানবাহনের টোল আদায়ের ইজারা প্রদান।	
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