#### Two cops hurt as AL men snatch accused from custody in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least 10 people, including two officersin-charge (OCs), were injured yesterday when a group of ruling party men attacked police personnel and vandalised their vehicles to snatch an accused in a case filed over a factional clash of Awami League in Anwara upazila of Chattogram on Saturday night.

Of the injured, Karnaphuli Police Station OC Jahir Uddin and Anwara Police Station OC Sohel Ahmed received treatment at Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

On Friday, a clash ensued between the followers of former land minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury Javed and current State Minister for Finance Waseqa Ayesha Khan when the two groups brought out separate processions at the same place, welcoming the FY 2024-25 national budget in Anwara Center.

A case was later filed with Karnaphuli Police Station in connection with the

OC Jahir told The Daily Star that the law enforcers from Karnaphuli and Anwara police stations launched a joint drive in the Chaturi-Chowmuhuni area around

#### 6,000 more doctors to be appointed Health minister tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health Minister Dr Samanta Lal Sen told parliament yesterday that 6,000 more doctors will be appointed to fill vacant posts in different health institutions across the country.

Besides, the proposal for appointing 2,000 doctors in the first phase has already been sent to the Directorate General of Health Services, he said.

The health minister gave this information in a written statement in response to the notice given by multiple MPs in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Awami League MP from Barguna-2, Sultana Nadira, reserved seat MP Parveen Zaman and independent MP Sanowar Hossain gave notice to the health minister regarding the recruitment of manpower in the health complex of their respective constituencies.

Meanwhile, in a written statement, Environment Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury said the Department of Environment (DoE) conducted 2,338 drives against brick kilns from January 2019 to April this year.

During the drives, DoE filed a total of 4,436 cases and sentenced 98 people to jail for various terms. It also collected Tk 111.50

#### JOURNOS SHOULDN'T BE TREATED **BADLY AT DMCH**

Meanwhile, while talking to reporters at a programme yesterday, the health minister said there should be no discrimination against journalists at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

On June 4, DMCH authorities asked its officials and employees not to talk with journalists without prior permission from hospital authorities.

Signed by DMCH Director Brig Gen Md Asaduzzaman, the notice said, "All on-duty officials and employees of DMCH are requested not to give interviews or statements to any correspondents of print and electronic media without the permission from the authorities concerned."

Regarding the notice, the minister said, "I called the director this morning and talked to him about it. I told him not to treat journalists badly there."

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**CYCLONE REMAL** 

# 1,873km of roads damaged in Pirojpur

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur** 

Cyclone Remal caused damage to at least 1,873 kilometres of road network and around 1,600 bridges and culverts in seven upazilas under Pirojpur

Of the paved roads, at least 68km were completely damaged while

got damaged at different spots and has become unfit for commute," said Kabir Hossain from Indurkani upazila.

Abdul Khaleq Khan of Balipara village in the same upazila said, "The roads in our area washed away due to tidal water at different places, thereby becoming unusable."



449km sustained partial damage, according to sources at the Local Government Engineering Department

Also, 596km of earthen and brick roads were completely damaged while 760km of similar roads were partially damaged.

Besides, 417 bridges were completely and 302 were partially damaged. Moreover, the cyclone left 234 culverts completely damaged and 647 partially damaged.

The extensive damage has wrought havoc on residents of the area.

"The Indurkani-Bagolerhat road

Contacted, Pirojpur S a d a rpazila Engineer Harashit Sarkar they are working to keep the roads usable by dumping earth on

an emergency basis. "After getting funds, we will work on repairs and renovations properly," he added.

PATUAKHALI, BARGUNA 496 hectares

the district have been damaged by Cyclone Remal.

# of betel leaf plantation destroyed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The cyclone Remal caused extensive damage to 496 hectares of betel leaf plantations in Patuakhali and Barguna

More than 6,700 farmers are now facing massive losses in the two districts, according to the Department of Agricultural Extension.

"I had invested Tk 4 lakh after taking a bank loan. The yield was good and I was expecting a profitable harvest. However, the cyclone damaged two of my three betel leaf plantations. How am I going to pay back the debt now?" said Md Tipu

Sultan of Barguna Sadar upazila. "Betel leaves in my 30 decimals of land got damaged due to cyclone and tidal surge. I am at a loss," said Shusen Sarkar of Patuakhali Sadar upazila.

Several other farmers echoed them. Syed Md Abu Jobaidul Alam, deputy director of DAE in Barguna, said betel leaves on 184 hectares of land in the district were damaged, resulting in a total loss of approximately Tk 11.5 crore to about 3,500 farmers.

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# Would have been happier with 60pc turnout

CEC on upazila polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 44 percent votes were cast in yesterday's upazila parishad elections, said Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal.

"We have got statistics from 235 out of 1,180 polling stations. Around 43.91 percent votes have been cast in these 235 polling stations," he said at the Election Commission secretariat yesterday.

Elections to 19 upazilas were held in the fifth phase yesterday. The first phase of this year's upazila election was held on May 8.

A total of 469 upazilas out of 495 have had elections over the five phases, said the CEC

"Tenure for some of the remaining 26 upazilas are yet to mature, while elections in a few have been suspended due to court order. We will hold elections to these upazilas on time," he added.

"Six people have been arrested on charge of their involvement with electoral irregularities. Two of them are polling officers," said the CEC.

Four were injured in polling violence, but overall atmosphere was peaceful, he added.

Asked about the turnout, he said, "It is the responsibility of candidates to bring voters to polling stations. We are here to hold the election peacefully and fairly. We emphasised on that," the CEC added.

"Voting was held peacefully. We are happy for that. But

#### AL made us dependent on foreign nations

Says Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Alamgir yesterday alleged that the Awami League government has made Bangladesh "dependent" on foreign countries by destroying its economy.



"Look at how they [govt] are selling the country for their own interests and staying in power. They have made it dependent on others. Everything is getting exposed from their statements," he said.

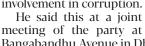
Speaking at a discussion, the BNP leader also said the government has completely destroyed the economy for the sake of foreigners. "They have turned a self-reliant nation into a dependent one."

### AL won't spare anyone involved in corruption

Says Quader

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said AL will not spare anyone regardless of party affiliations for involvement in corruption.



Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka.

"Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has saved the country from the reign of looting that was created during the BNP regime... No one will get away with looting now. BNP does not dare to punish its own people," he said.

"We must hold peace rallies to protect the lives and properties of people against the culture of arson terrorism introduced by BNP. You have to resist it. You have to be ready on the streets," he told party leaders.

#### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

সিনিয়র স্পেশাল জজ এর কার্যালয়, নওগাঁ

নিম্নবর্ণিত তপশিলের ০২নং কলামে বর্ণিত ব্যক্তির মালিকানাধীন ৩নং কলামে উল্লিখিত সম্পত্তি পার্রমিশন পিটিশন নং ০২/২০২৪ মামলায় মানিলভারিং প্রতিরোধ আইন, ২০১২ এর ১৪(৩) বিধি মোতাবেক ক্রোকাবদ্ধ করা হয়েছে যা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য বিজ্ঞন্তি আকারে প্রকাশ করা হলো

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## Man hacked to death in Bogura

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura** 

that he was uncertain.

A man accused in 29 cases, was hacked to death by miscreants in Bogura's Kahaloo upazila on Saturday

The deceased was identified as Md Brazil Islam, 34, from the Palsha area of Bogura. The attack occurred in the Porapara area of Muril Union around 11:00pm. Officer-in-Charge Selim Reza of Kahaloo police station said, "Assailants pursued him on a

motorcycle, attacked him with sharp weapons, and left ensuring he was dead."

"We still don't know why or who killed Brazil," OC Reza stated. 'While no formal complaint has been filed yet, the

police are trying to identify the perpetrators," he said. Brazil had 29 cases in different police stations against him in Bogura, including charges of arms, acid terrorism, and murder. These cases were under trial. When asked about his bail status, OC responded

For the past few years, Brazil lived at his father-inlaw's house in the Porapara area of Kahaloo upazila. Sources said he was involved in Jubo Dal politics in Bogura for a long time. Recently, he was trying to join Awami League and was seen at various

processions and meetings of the party.

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