

Vested quarter trying to create 1/11 situation

Says Quader

BSS, Dhaka



Urging all to remain alert Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said a vested quarter wants to create an environment like the one-eleven.

He also said AL does politics for the country's people.

"The message of the 75th founding anniversary of Awami League is to implement its election manifesto. Politics is for people and Awami League will always remain beside the people," he said.

Quader said this after visiting the venue of the party's public rally to be held today at Suhrawardy Udyan.

He said all leaders and activists of AL from central to root level are ready to celebrate the party's founding anniversary..



Illegally parked auto-rickshaws, locally known as Leguna, crowd near the busy Farmgate intersection, contributing further to traffic congestion. This haphazard parking creates significant disruptions for commuters, highlighting the need for stricter enforcement of parking regulations.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Mobile network should be disconnected at night

AL MP tells JS citing health issues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should disable mobile networks in rural areas between 10:00pm and 6:00am, said ruling Awami League MP and ENT specialist Pran Gopal Datta yesterday.

The excessive use of mobile phones could lead to disabilities in the younger generation, he told parliament.

He said the government should find ways so that mobile networks are limited to purposes such as freelancing or earning foreign currency during nighttime.

He said most of his patients, including children as young as ten, experience hearing issues due to excessive use of mobile phones.

"People are complaining that they can't listen and can't focus on studying. Something should be done to keep our young generation away from this technology during late hours," he added.

He also criticised the commercialisation of the health sector.

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| Fazr | Zohr | Asr | Maghrib | Esha |
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REMAL AFTERMATH

People suffer as ferry service suspended since May 27

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Ferry service between Rayenda of Bagerhat's Sharankhola upazila and Machhua of Pirojpur's Mathbaria upazila has remained suspended since May 27 due to damages caused to Rayenda ferry terminal by Cyclone Remal.

This ferry route is the only means of communication between Rayenda and Machhua.

The ferry route, which started operations on November 10, 2021, used to serve 20,000-25,000 people and over a thousand vehicles daily.

On-site observations revealed that the cyclone caused significant damages to the pontoon, connecting road, and steel railings of the terminal. The adjacent roads were washed away into the river, while local shops were also damaged.

Although an alternative trawler terminal is operational, the boats are charging a higher fare than usual, alleged locals.

Besides, trawlers cannot



transport vans, pick-ups, and trucks, thereby affecting local businesses adversely.

"Since the ferry service is suspended, we cannot travel even for urgent needs. Using trawlers costs Tk 60-100, and they depart as per their convenience," said Mizan Sheikh, a resident of Rayenda.

Jamal Uddin, a local from Machhua, said, "During Eid, many couldn't visit their relatives. No one from Rayenda could come here."

Fayzul Islam, a regular commuter on the route, echoed him.

Halim, a shopkeeper near

Rayenda terminal, said, "After the ferry service started, I managed to sustain my family with my shop. After the terminal was damaged in the cyclone, the ferry operations remained suspended from May 27. This has adversely affected small businesses like mine, making it hard to make ends meet."

Jalil Sheikh, a cattle trader in Rayenda, said, "We used the ferry to take our cattle to Mathbaria for sale ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. This time, we couldn't transport cattle before Eid."

Md Farid Uddin, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department in Bagerhat, said, "We have sent a proposal for allocation to the higher authorities for necessary repairs to resume the ferry services."

30 hurt in AL factional clash in Rajshahi

UNB, Rajshahi

At least 30 people were injured in a clash between two groups of the Awami League in Bagha upazila of Rajshahi yesterday.

Several hand bombs were detonated during the clash. Police fired 50 rounds of tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

Among the injured are Bagha municipality mayor Akkas Ali, Bagha upazila AL general secretary Ashraful Islam Bablu, Ardan union chairman Rafiqul Islam, and former vice chairman Shafiur Rahman Shafi.

Eyewitnesses said the clash started during a human chain organised by local AL leaders protesting alleged irregularities and nepotism involving Mayor Akkas Ali.

On the other hand, another group of AL brought out a protest procession against extra money collected in the name of Dalil Lekhak Samity of sub-register office.

The two sides clashed when the procession crossed the human chain.

Man, child die as bus hits bike

5 more killed in 4 districts

STAR REPORT

A man and his son were killed and his wife was injured as an oncoming bus hit their motorbike on Bagerhat-Khulna highway at Piljanga in Fakirhat of Bagerhat yesterday morning.

Khalilur Rahman Rari, 35, from Garia in Patuakhali; and his one-year-old son died on the spot. The injured, Minu Begum, 30, was taken to Fakirhat Upazila Health Complex for treatment.

Fakirhat Fire Service Station Leader Monirul Islam said the accident happened while Khalilur along with his wife and son was travelling to his in-laws' house in Jashore.

In Munshiganj, two people were killed and three injured when a Nababganj-bound passenger bus and a Dhaka-bound CNG-run auto-rickshaw collided head-on in Sirajdikhan upazila yesterday.

The accident took place on Dhaka-Nababganj road in Kharsur Taltola area, said police.

Sheikh Abdur Rahman, 58, and Shahin Hossain, 26, died on the spot, said Shekhnagar police investigation centre in-charge Jashim Uddin.

He said the CNG-run auto-rickshaw was carrying six people including the two.

Besides, Md Rasul, 40, died as he lost control over his bike on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Rajbari and got hit by an unidentified vehicle yesterday.

In Mymensingh, Raju Ahmed, a construction worker, was killed when a bus hit him on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway yesterday morning.

In Faridpur, a teenager was killed as his motorcycle, a rickshaw-van and another vehicle collided on Dhaka-Bhanga expressway on Friday night. The deceased is Rana Matubbar, 18.



The mangled motorbike after a bus hit it on Bagerhat-Khulna highway yesterday morning, killing a father and son.

PHOTO: STAR

Trial run to begin

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the entire region," said the Indian foreign secretary.

Replying to a question about railway-related MoU, he said there are six cross-border railway links between India and Bangladesh.

"Another crucial aspect of this railway connectivity is the transit... between different parts of India through the territory of Bangladesh," Vinay said.

And the trial run of the goods train is a part of the issue, he said.

The related point is that Bangladesh would get sub-regional transit to Bhutan and Nepal, part of which already exists but would be further expanded and strengthened, he said.

India has been pursuing

rail transit for the last few years and Indian Railways in 2022 submitted a proposal to the BR for carrying out trial runs of a freight train from West Bengal's Gede to Haldibari via Bangladesh.

BR's Director General Sardar Shahadat Ali told The Daily Star yesterday that a committee will be formed to finalise the modalities, routes, charges and other issues related to the railway transit.

Asked about the Rajshahi-Kolkata train service, he said as BR has shortage of carriages, they have to seek rakes from the Indian Railway to start the service. Besides, some preparatory work is needed before launching the services, he added.

Teesta water recedes but still

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10 villages in the low-lying areas of the upazila went underwater, leaving about 20,000 people stranded for the last two days.

Residents of the flood hit Balapara and Dhepamadhupur unions were compelled to leave

their homes and shift to higher lands with their cattle. However, they are now struggling to access freshwater for drinking.

Meanwhile, rescue and aid remain a far cry for these flood victims, said Aminul Islam, the chairman of the aforementioned unions.

Additionally, 11 shoals on the river have been gravely affected by the flood as houses and arable land remain submerged.

As per Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mahidul Haque, the district commissioner's office allocated about 200 packets of dry food. "We are ready to combat this crisis," he said.

However, the WDB officials said the Teesta, Dudhkumar, and Dharla rivers may swell in the next 24-72 hours as heavy rain is likely in the northern areas of Bangladesh and West Bengal.

A warning was issued in this regard on Friday as the flood situation is expected to worsen in Rangpur, they said.

Climate budget

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operating budget of the environment ministry was 8.61 percent of the total budget. This has decreased to 6.78 percent in the upcoming proposed budget. Similarly, the allocation for climate issues has dropped from 8.61 percent to 6.78 percent during the same period.

Zakir suggested imposing a 5 percent pollution tax on plastic, brick kilns, buildings, polluting industries, and deforestation. This could generate additional revenue of Tk 2,900 crore, he estimated.

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