

BNP not

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protest against the new universal pension scheme and the students' agitation against the reinstatement of the quota system in government jobs are justified.

"We will call a spade a spade and we will talk about what is logical," he said.

The BNP leader also admitted that the united movements of public university teachers and students have inspired the party. "When the people of the country unite in their own interests, it inspires us with great hope," he said.

The BNP leader said even after 50 years of the country's existence, keeping a 56 percent quota in government jobs is entirely illogical because it hinders the development of merit.

6,500 hectares

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DAE staff are still assessing the full extent of the damage at the field level, he added.

However, Rakibul Hasan, executive engineer of WDB in Kurigram, said there is no possibility of flood water receding in the next 3-4 days.



Flood situation

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In Lalmonirhat, the Dharla at Shimulbari point is 16cm above the danger level, while the Teesta is 32cm below the danger level at Teesta Barrage's Dalia point.

Rakibul Hasan, executive engineer of the Water Development Board in Kurigram, said the flood situation is expected to persist due to water rushing in from upstream India.

Meanwhile, many flood victims said they were yet to receive any government assistance.

Lutfar Rahman, 60, of Char Madhya Kadmatla in Kurigram Sadar, said they have been living amid floodwater since last Tuesday and have not received any government or private relief assistance till yesterday.

Kurigram Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Saidul Arif assured that they have enough stock of relief aid and that materials are being distributed through upazila and union parishads.

Meanwhile in Kaunia upazila of Rangpur, villages in Shahidbagh, Tepamadhupur, Balapara, and Haragach unions went under water on Sunday, affecting approximately 400 families, said Ahsan Habib Sarkar, the upazila project implementation officer.

Many residents have moved their children, elderly, and livestock to higher ground.

In Char Dushmara, a government primary school halted classes due to flooding. Additionally, a bamboo bridge over the Manas river, a branch of the Teesta, was washed away by strong current.

According to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Center, Teesta was flowing just 0.19cm below the danger level as of 3:00pm yesterday.

Kaunia Upazila Executive Officer Mahidul Haque stated they are closely monitoring the rising water levels and have taken all necessary precautions.

Quota protest

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against quotas in government jobs decided not to hold any blockade programmes today.

However, they would continue to boycott classes and exams, demanding the reinstatement of a 2018 order that abolished quotas.

Nahid Islam, a DU student and one of the organisers of the movement, said, "We will coordinate with students across the country tomorrow (today) to go for a tougher movement on Wednesday."



Deadly Ctg drains get bamboo band-aid

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Bamboo fences, that's all the Chattogram City Corporation could come up with as a temporary solution to the problem of ungarded canals this monsoon, as projects worth crores of taka continue to linger on.

At least 11 people have died and many others were injured after falling into the city's drains and canals since 2017.

The city has a total of 57 canals stretching 161 kilometres, of which 36 are now under a mega project by the Chattogram Development Authority to address the city's waterlogging woes.

Besides, there are a total of 765 km of drains in the city.

According to CCC officials, they have nothing much to do

with the canals under the CDA's project.

However, the CCC has recently identified at least 100 vulnerable spots in the remaining 21 canals that are not under the CDA's project, in other words, the canals which were supposed to be safe.



canals and footpaths, according to a 2021 CCC survey.

"Protecting all the open canals and drains with concrete walls is time consuming, so we will mark the risky spots with bamboo sticks to make people stay cautious," said CCC chief engineer (acting) Shahin-ul-Islam Chowdhury.

Unsurprisingly, residents and experts are less than impressed.

"Marking the vulnerable spots with bamboo sticks is not a proper solution to save lives from unprotected canals and drains during waterlogging," said Subhash Barua, vice-president of Planned Chattogram, a forum of town planners.

"CCC authorities must be accountable for their failure to secure the unprotected drains and canals over the years," he added.



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GIZ is looking for a suitable organisation who intended to work on the promotion and dissemination of the improved biomass cookstoves in among the tribal and indigenous communities of northern flatland regions of Bangladesh, which mainly include Sylhet, Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions. Following tasks need to be performed under this contract-

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- Strengthen the supply chain for manufacturer/distributor/supplier of improved cook stoves (ICS) in tribal region.
- Facilitate in selling of 3500 improved biomass cookstoves in the identified tribal communities.
- Provide training to 50 women and girls from tribal communities on the sales and maintenance of ICS to generate livelihood opportunity.

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Interested parties are requesting to attend Prebid meeting which will be held on 15th July 2024 at 10:00 to 12:00 PM, please check pre-bid instruction file for address.

Interested parties with relevant and proven experience shall Submit Technical and Financial Proposal by 23rd July 2024 in separate sealed envelopes. The envelopes shall be addressed to "Contracts, Procurement & IT Unit" denoted with remark "83468610- Service Contract for Promotion and dissemination of improved cook stoves in tribal communities and training of women and girls on improved cook stoves for livelihood opportunities."

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The bidders must mention the **"name of the item"** at the top of envelope. Otherwise, the bid document will be treated as cancelled.

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Chief of HR & Logistics

Renovation delay

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Mehedi Hasan, an official of Max Infrastructure Limited, claimed that they could not complete the work within the deadline despite having adequate logistical capacity as BR could not pay them money in due time.

Contacted, Zishan Dutta, bridge engineer of the BR (eastern zone), admitted that BR failed to pay the contractor due to a fund crisis.

"However, the renovation work is now progressing fast. About 80 percent of the work has been completed and the bridge is expected to open to the public by July this year," he added.

FERRY SERVICE: FROM CONVENIENCE TO DEATH TRAP

Although the ferry service was launched to mitigate the suffering of people due to the bridge's closure, it has instead turned into a death trap for commuters.

Accidents on the ferry so far have claimed two lives. Besides, lax monitoring, insufficient ferries, and illegal boat movement on the river using the ghat have

heightened the risk.

Ashraf Uddin, a director of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, was killed when a boat hit a ferry while crossing the river last week, while Fatema Tuz Johora, a college student, died while getting into an auto-rickshaw at the ferry ghat on April 29.

"The boats recklessly ply the river using the ferry ghat," said Kanak Das, a resident of Boalkhali upazila.

Asked how boats are illegally using RHD's ghat, Moslem Uddin, executive engineer of RHD in Chattogram, said they have already taken measures to stop the illegal boat movement.

Constructed as a metre-gauge single-line rail bridge in 1931, the Kalurghat Bridge was later reconfigured in 1962 to allow vehicular movement too.

However, BR has long been working to replace Kalurghat Bridge.

A proposal to construct a new rail and road bridge has already been approved. The Korean Exim Bank will fund its construction.

45 die in communal

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grounds, 94 incidents of attacks, vandalism, looting, and arson, and 40 cases of vandalism and attempted destruction of idols.

There were also 12 cases of kidnapping, disappearance, and forced conversion, while eight people were arrested on fictitious charges of defamation of religion, he added.

In the last year, 32 incidents of communal violence took place during the national elections and five during local government elections, he said, citing the report.

"This statistic is only a mere part of the communal violence," he said, adding that a comparative review of communal violence over the past years shows that the incidents of violence have not changed much even today.

"In such a prevailing communal situation, it is

noticeable that during the election period of 1970, the minority population decreased from 19 percent to 8.6 percent now," Dasgupta said.

The environment for the free practice of religion has been completely curtailed, he added.

"The communal evil forces, which are hiding in the administrative and political fields, did not allow the religious and ethnic minorities and indigenous people of this country to ensure their land rights," he observed.

"The religious minority groups are still in fear. Their fate has not changed. They have no security for their lives," he said.

He alleged that the Awami League government has not implemented its commitments towards minorities pledged in their previous election manifesto, including the formation of a National Minority Commission.

Court issues

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of Enamul, former commissioner of the Commissionerate of Customs Valuation and Internal Audit, in connection with the case.

The properties are: 11 flats in Kakrail, Mohammadpur, and Gulshan areas of the capital, five kathas of land in Gazipur, and eight kathas in Dhaka's Badda.

On July 31 last year, ACC Assistant Director Mahbubul Alam in Dhaka filed the case, accusing Enamul of amassing Tk 9.76 crore, which is inconsistent with his income and beyond his known sources of income.

According to the case statement, the accused bought land, flats, and commercial spaces at 64 places for Tk 21.52 crore between 1993 and 2022. He had gold ornaments, savings, and investment in share market, and fish farm worth Tk 58.32 lakh.

Univ teachers

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Prof Habibur Rahman, president of RU Teachers Association, said, "We are being mentally tortured. We seek relief from this ordeal. This movement is not just for the current teachers but for future generations who aspire to join the teaching profession."

Teachers from 35 public universities have been refraining from work since Monday, demanding the reinstatement of the previous pension benefits instead of the newly introduced "Protoy" scheme under the Universal Pension System.



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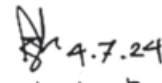
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