

## BNP-Jamaat instigating quota protests Says Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday alleged that BNP acting chairperson Tarique Rahman took over the leadership of the ongoing quota reform movement and his party is openly supporting the movement.

They are conspiring to turn a non-political movement into a political one and unleashing an evil force behind it, said Quader during a press briefing at the AL president's Dhanmondi office.

He said BNP-Jamaat is instigating the ongoing quota movement, but they will never be successful as people's support is not with them.

He once again said the quota reform issue is "sub judice," and thus there is no scope to take any decision in this matter through force or any other means outside the court.

Responding to a question, Quader said allowing quota movements does not indicate administrative weakness.

"We are maintaining patience, and patience does not mean weakness. What would you say if we came down harshly on the movement? You will see everything in time. Befitting action will be taken at the proper time," Quader added.

Quader condemned the attack on Chhatra League and general students, saying that now the attackers are spreading propaganda on social platforms using fake pictures of Chhatra League leaders and activists.



## 110 more hospitalised with dengue

UNB, Dhaka

A total of 110 patients were hospitalised with dengue fever in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

Of the patients, 48 were hospitalised in Dhaka city, while the rest were outside the capital, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Some 417 patients are receiving treatment in different hospitals across the country.

A total of 4,788 dengue cases and 48 deaths have been reported since January 1, 2024. Last year, a total of 1,705 people lost their lives due to dengue, making it the deadliest year on record.

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# Keeping onion fresh for over 6 months

Growers in Faridpur happy with model storages

SUZIT DAS, Faridpur

Onion growers in Faridpur are optimistic about the newly constructed model storages for onion and garlic, which promise to reduce spoilage and enhance profitability.

According to the Department of Agricultural Marketing, onions, being perishable, are challenging to preserve without proper storage.

Approximately 30% of the 3.5 million tonnes of onions produced annually in Bangladesh are wasted due to inadequate storage, leading to a shortfall of 600,000 to 700,000 tonnes.

This forces farmers to sell their produce quickly and at low prices, said Shahadat Hossain, a senior agricultural



marketing officer in Faridpur.

To address this, DAM is building 65 model storages across villages in Saltha (30 storages) and Nagarkanda upazilas (35 storages).

Of them, 62 have already been completed. Each storages are shared by groups of five farmers.

Faridpur ranks second in onion production in Bangladesh, with cultivation expanding from 35,305 hectares to 40,433 hectares between 2018-19 and 2022-23.

Output increased from 445,982 tonnes to 552,736 tonnes during this period.

A recent visit to villages in Saltha and Nagarkanda revealed that the storages, costing Tk 4.5 lakh each, are constructed from

tin-bamboo, iron, and concrete. Each storage, occupying one decimal of land, can store 300 maunds of onion for 6-9 months.

The structures are 25 feet long and 15 feet wide, with a concrete base, 15 concrete pillars, and three lofts.

Six fans ensure air circulation, while a tarpaulin protects them from rain.

Md Amjad Matubbar, 52, from Jonakhali village, received his storage in 2022-23.

"Last year I stored 140 maunds of onion, all of which remained good. This year, two of my neighbours stored 110 maunds," he said.

Mustafizur Rahman from Aduakandi village shared similar success.

"I produce 400-600 maunds of onion yearly and used to store them in tin-shed houses, where they would rot within a month due to heat. The new storage keeps the interior cool, preserving the onions for several months," he added.

## MP AZIM MURDER Daughter gets death threat

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Muntarin Ferdous Dorin, daughter of the slain Jhenaidah 4 MP Anwarul Azim Anar, received a death threat yesterday from unknown miscreants.

The threat was issued via the social media platform IMoto her cousin, Md Ashraful, the mayor of Kaliganj Municipality.

Confirming the development, Dorin said she plans to file a general diary at the Kaliganj Police Station regarding the threat.

Recently, Dorin told reporters that her father Anwarul Azim Anar was killed for political reasons.

Two top leaders of the Jhenaidah Awami League, General Secretary Saidul Karim Mintu and Welfare Affairs Secretary Kamal Ahmed Babu, are currently in jail in connection with Anar's murder.

Babu initially gave a confession statement but has recently applied to recant it, alleging coercion.

## 2 electrocuted while installing poles

UNB, Narsingdi

Two workers were electrocuted and five more injured while installing new poles for Palli Bidyut in Raipura upazila of Narsingdi yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Abdus Salam, 29, from Dangapara of Dinajpur; and Jamal Hossain, 50, from Mithapukur of Rangpur.

The injured are Jewel, 26, Ahad Mia, 41, Yusuf Ali, 19, Kaiyum, 18, and Kayes.

It was learned that a group of seven electricians working under Sujan Mia was replacing wooden poles with cement ones in Ashrabpur area yesterday afternoon.

After installing the new poles, the power line was reconnected. However, the workers were electrocuted through an earthing line via water at the base of the poles, resulting in two deaths and five injuries.

The injured were initially treated at the Upazila Health Complex and later transferred to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital.

Rezaul Karim, Deputy General Manager of Raipura Palli Bidyut, said the incident occurred due to negligence of the contractor.

OC Safayet Hossain Palash of Raipura Police Station, said the bodies were sent to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsies.

## Stand by quota protesters Urges Fakhrul, JCD

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday called upon the country's people and all political parties to stand beside general students who are demonstrating across the country against the reinstatement of the quota system in government jobs.

Speaking at a discussion, he also described the Bangladesh Chhatra League's attacks on anti-quota protesters as the most heinous incident in the country's political history.

"Lying on hospital beds, bloodied students are calling upon us to protect them, stand by them and stay with their movement. This is the appeal of Bangladesh... I think the entire nation should respond to this call. All political parties should come forward and stand by them," Fakhrul said.

Bhasani Anusari Parishad arranged the programme at the Jatiya Press Club, marking the birth centenary of Mashhur Rahman (Jadu Miah), one of the founders of BNP.

"What this regime carried out yesterday (Monday), we have never seen before in Bangladesh. We have never seen the ruling party cadres enter the hospital and attack the wounded... We can never think of this, even during the Pakistan period."

The BNP leader also remarked that the ruling party's current atrocities are no less than those of the Pakistani Army and said the government has unleashed its armed cadres to suppress a justified movement of the common students.

Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, a pro-BNP student organisation, also announced to stand by the students yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference at the BNP's Nayapaltan central office, JCD president Rakibul Islam Rakib strongly denounced the reported attacks on anti-quota protesters by the Chhatra League on different university campuses.

He said July 15 will remain as a black day in Bangladesh's history.

## Govt will not do anything bypassing SC: law minister

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Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said the government will not bypass the Supreme Court and make a decision about the quota system in government jobs.

"When a matter reaches the court, the government waits for its decision. So, it will wait for the court judgement on the quota issue before taking necessary steps," he said. He made remarks while addressing a seminar at Jatiya Press Club.

Reiterating his call for the quota protesters to go to court, Anisul said students could present their arguments through their lawyers.

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## Violence erupts

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attacked him. In Cox's Bazar, a few protesters were injured after they got into a clash with BCL activists and police around 11:00am.

They engaged in the clash after BCL activists started beating protesters with sticks. Two motorcycles were vandalised during the clash.

In the evening, students put a blockade on the Cox's Bazar-Chattogram highway.

In Jhenidah town, at least five students were injured after BCL men attacked protesters at Wazir Ali School and College ground around

11:30am.

In Gazipur, protesters blocked Dhaka-Mymensingh and Joydevpur-Tangail highways.

Students of Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology blocked the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway for around three hours from 3:00pm.

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