



A student managing traffic in Jatrabari area yesterday. For the fourth consecutive day, students have been managing traffic all across the country in absence of law enforcers.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

### Stay vigilant against AL's blueprint for revenge

Says Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

B N P Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir

yesterday called upon everyone to remain vigilant as the autocratic Awami League, which was ousted in the face of a student-led movement, is now active with a blueprint of revenge.

In a statement, he said, "We have learned from various reliable sources that the deposed regime and its allies are active in the field with a blueprint to exact revenge on the interim government and the victorious students."

At the same time, Fakhrul said social media is being widely used to tactfully unfairly blame all the democratic

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### DHAKA-MAWA EXPRESSWAY Madrasa students replace nameplate



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A group of local madrasa students removed the nameplate of the "Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Expressway", commonly known as the Dhaka-Mawa Expressway, at the Dhaleshwari toll plaza in Munshiganj.

They replaced it with a banner reading "Father of the Nation Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) Expressway."

Eyewitnesses reported that the group broke the plaque on Thursday noon.

Maulana Obaidullah Kashemi, vice principal of Jamia Islamia Halimia Madhupur Madrasa and a Helajat Islam leader, confirmed the act, saying they plan to rename another toll plaza in Bhanga.

Munshiganj Road and Highway Executive Engineer Dewan Abul Kashem Mohammad Nahin Reza said names of state infrastructures cannot be changed without a government gazette.

Toll collection has been halted since August 5, and the damaged toll plaza is expected to be repaired within four to five days if the law and order situation improves, he added.

## Waste piles up across Khulna city

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Heaps of waste are piling up in various corners of Khulna city as the city corporation's conservation workers have stopped working following the power vacuum after Sheikh Hasina's fall.

Authorities said KCC trucks and vans have ceased operations due to vehicles being vandalised by agitators. Several vehicles have already been damaged while collecting garbage.

Meanwhile, a massive pile of garbage has made the KDA Avenue, stretching from Shibbari intersection to MM City College Junction, unbearable. At least four garbage spots were noted along the two-kilometer stretch. It is one of the busiest roads in



PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Waste piles up on a road in Khulna city.

Khulna and hosts over a dozen bank branches, commercial establishments, and Rasheda Memorial Hospital.

Locals and business owners, including

Akbar Hossain, a mobile shop salesman, and Abul Fazal, a resident of ward-6, said they are suffering due to the stench.

Fazal said people are using alternative routes and keeping their windows closed due to the nuisance created from unattended wastes.

Rafiqul Islam, a KCC worker, said garbage from wards 19 and 20 is typically dumped at a designated point on KDA Avenue. However, due to political unrest, they have been unable to clear the waste.

Sheikh Shafiq Ahmed, a garbage van driver, said agitators have attacked and thrown bricks at garbage collectors, preventing them from performing their duties.

The situation is similar at 26 Secondary Transfer Station (STS) plants.

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A group of students making sure that daily essentials are not being sold at high prices yesterday. The photo was taken at Mechhua Bazar in Mymensingh.

PHOTO: STAR

### Three Jubo Dal leaders expelled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Three Jubo Dal leaders from Lalmonirhat have been expelled from the party for violating party discipline.

The Lalmonirhat District Jubo Dal confirmed their expulsion in a notice yesterday.

They are Maidul Islam Abbas, joint convener of Aditmari Upazila Jubo Dal; Shah Alam Mandol, president of Panchagram Union Jubo Dal; and Saidul Islam, senior vice president of Panchagram Jubo Dal.

Lalmonirhat District Jubo Dal President Anisur Rahman Anis said swift action was taken due to their actions against party rules during the ongoing situation of the country.

BNP's Rangpur Organising Secretary and Lalmonirhat District BNP President, Asadul Habib Dulu, said the party is working to maintain peace in the region.

## Protect human rights in Bangladesh: HRW

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's interim government, led by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus, should urgently act to protect human rights, said Human Rights Watch on Thursday.

Soon after Hasina resigned and left, tens of thousands of Bangladeshis celebrated the end of her repressive rule. However, celebrations turned violent in some places, with hundreds killed or injured as demonstrators sought reprisals against those perceived to have supported Hasina's government, said Meenakshi Ganguly, deputy director of the New York-based global rights watchdog's Asia division.

"Rioters burned down historical structures and targeted members of Hasina's Awami League party. In several districts, members of the Hindu community, which is generally considered to have largely backed the Awami League, were violently attacked, their homes torched, temples vandalised, and shops looted. There were also reports of attacks against the Ahmadiyya Muslim community and

ethnic minorities," she added.

In many places, Muslim clerics, students, and community leaders came out to protect Hindu temples and Christian churches, while political leaders, as well as protest organisers, called for calm.

Rioters have frequently targeted and attacked police members, who are widely disliked for repeated abuse of human rights over the years.

However, the new Inspector General of Police Mohammad Mainul Islam publicly apologised for "unprofessional officers" who "did not follow the accepted principles of applying force and violated human rights".

Authorities should ensure minorities are protected and the rule of law is respected. They also need to ensure that the police and other law enforcement agencies do not escalate or contribute to the violence, stressed Meenakshi.

"The interim government should take up the UN offer to establish an independent investigation to identify and prosecute those responsible for past human rights violations as well as violations during the recent violence."



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Secretary, UGC

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