

Nurses demand

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of Nursing and Midwifery (DGNM), and president, and registrar of the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council, calling for the appointment of highly educated and experienced nurses to these positions.

In Gazipur, nurses formed a human chain on the Dhaka-Kishoreganj highway under the banner of "Nursing and Midwifery Reform Council".

Our Gazipur correspondent reported that over a hundred students from Syeda Zohra Tajuddin Nursing College and Kapasia Upazila Health Complex participated in the demonstration held around

11:00am in front of the college and health complex. Shafiqul Islam, principal of Syeda Zohra Tajuddin Nursing College, said the protest was organised in response to "derogatory" comments made by the Director General of DGNM, Maksura Noor, about the nursing profession.

Teachers, and nursing officers also joined the programme protesting the remarks and demanded reform in the sector, reports our correspondent.

Lecturers of Syeda Zohra Tajuddin Nursing College and nurses from Kapasia Upazila Health Complex also joined the demonstration.

Women's role

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Noorjehan Murshid, and Sufia Kamal, saying their spirit lives on in the current generation.

Tapasi also paid tribute to the RMG workers, and mothers and aunts, who supported the protests with food and assistance, urging that their contributions should not be forgotten.

Addressing demands for a "new Bangladesh," Tapasi condemned ongoing violence and abuse, referencing recent incidents including the gang rape in Suhrawardy Uddyan and the mistreatment of female sex workers and garment workers.

"We will not tolerate violence, oppression, rape, or wage deprivation

anymore," she said.

Dr Shahman Moishan, associate professor at Dhaka University's theatre and performance studies department, discussed Noorjehan Murshid's views on women's liberation.

Moishan read from Murshid's writings, highlighting her belief that development, politics, and democracy are intertwined.

Writer Nishat Jahan Rana presented excerpts from Noorjehan writings, reflecting on her leadership and critical perspectives.

The seminar was chaired by linguist and former Dhaka University professor Abul Kashem Fazlul Haque, while distinguished speaker Dr Morshed Shafiul Hasan also spoke.

Act against harassment

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"We hope you share with us the belief that a free press should be the pride of Bangladesh. Eliminating dissent and suppressing press freedom tarnish the image of not only your administration but also of Bangladesh as a country," reads the letter jointly signed by the presidents of these organisations.

"We urge you to be vigilant against all those who are enemies of press freedom

and act against them if they harass journalists,"

They requested Prof Yunus, as a globally respected Nobel Peace laureate, to personally intervene and ensure the safety and security of journalists in carrying out their jobs without fear and favour.

"Kindly order the release forthwith of journalists who have been arrested on frivolous charges," reads the letter.



Consumers form a human chain on the Ashwini Kuman Hall premises in Barishal yesterday, demanding cancellation of "demand charge" from electricity bill.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

ABHAYNAGAR WATERLOGGING

Residents of 25 villages suffer every year

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Residents of 25 villages in Sundali, Chalishia, and Payra unions under Jashore's Abhaynagar upazila are suffering due to waterlogging following recent heavy rains.

The waterlogging has been a persistent issue since the construction of a sluice gate in Bhabadah in 1968, meant to drain water from Phultala and Dumuria upazilas of Khulna, and Abhaynagar, Manirampur, and Keshabpur upazilas of Jashore.

However, waterlogging became permanent from 1985 due to the decline in water levels of the Teka, Pashur, and Srihar rivers.

Despite multiple government initiatives, the waterlogging problem continues throughout the year, worsening during the monsoon season.

The recent rains have further exacerbated the situation, inundating approximately 710

hectares of croplands across the 25 villages, including Chalishia, Bagdah, Sundali, and Betbhita.

Hundreds of fish enclosures have also been washed away, impacting several thousand families.



Many residents have incurred significant losses, with crops destroyed and fish farms devastated.

Some are even being forced to sell cattle at low prices as they struggle to rear animals in the difficult conditions.

"At least 125 hectares of croplands are submerged while

fish from many enclosures have been washed away in my union," said Bikash Roy, chairman of Sundali union parishad, adding that no government aid or damage assessment has yet been made.

Chairmen of Chalishia and Payra unions echoed his concerns.

Aminul Haque, senior fisheries officer in Abhaynagar upazila, said fish from at least 120 enclosures were washed away, causing losses of around Tk 5 crore.

"Vegetables on 120 hectares and 590 hectares of Aman paddy fields are submerged," said Lavli Khatun, upazila agriculture officer.

Joydev Chakraborty, the upazila nirbahi officer, said he would visit the affected areas and take necessary action.

Meanwhile, Palash Kumar Banerjee, executive engineer of Bangladesh Water Development Board in Jashore, said a Tk 47.65 crore project is underway to address the issue once and for all.

Be united against

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Mahmuda Sultana Rimi, Minhazur Rahman, Said Afridi, Sardar Shuvo, and Badrunnesa Jannat, also participated.

Student leaders voiced concerns over corruption in healthcare, particularly at Narail District Hospital.

They alleged the facility charges exorbitant fees for surgeries and also misuses government-supplied medicines.

They also highlighted inefficiencies at passport, land, and transport offices,

and talked about illegal river occupation.

The students called on officials to address these problems and urged collective efforts from political leaders and the public to eradicate discrimination and corruption.

The meeting concluded with prayers for the deceased and injured participants of the movement.

Later, student leaders held a separate meeting at Narail Government Victoria College.

EC should be formed

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three-tier search committee for appointing commissioners.

He said polls should always be held under an interim government no matter how good the election commission is.

In his keynote speech, Md Abdul Alim, principal director of Democracy International, highlighted how the 2022 Act was passed in just 10 days, with only two minor amendments accepted from 72 proposed by the opposition.

Other political leaders, including BNP's Selima Rahman and Jatiyo Party's Shamim Haider Patwari, called for an independent and transparent Election Commission.

They proposed a blend of youth and experience in its formation, with all political parties, big or small, having a voice in the process.

Patwari said the process of forming the EC should be designed in a way that prevents any government from exerting control over it.

BNP's Rumin Farhana said the names identified by the search committee should be sent back to the political parties for final approval, as they are the primary stakeholders in the process.

Ariful Islam Adib, a member of the National Citizens Committee, Nurul Haque Nur, president of

Gono Odhikar Parishad, Bobby Hajjaj, chairman of the Nationalist Democratic Movement, Matiur Rahman Akand of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganosamhati Andolan, and Ashraf Ali Akand, presidium member of Islami Andolan Bangladesh, echoed calls for a broader and more inclusive approach to forming the EC, free from government control.

The programme was conducted by CPD Distinguished Fellow Prof Rounaq Jahan, while Dana L. Olds, chief of party at Democracy International, also spoke among others.

Stop lifting


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Contacted, Dewan Raju claimed he is not illegally lifting sand from the river.

"I made an agreement with dredger owner Masud Parvez to unload sand from a bulkhead on the riverbank to fill up a pond acquired by my cousin. The sand is not lifted directly from the river," he said.

Masud Parvez said he is not involved in sand lifting and had only rented the dredger to Dewan Raju.

Contacted, Liton Dhali, upazila nirbahi officer of Manikganj Sadar, said necessary steps will be taken upon inquiry.



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Human chain

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Echoing him, Tania said, "We did not get justice as Bashundhara group had strong allies in the Awami League. We hope the current law advisor will ensure justice for Munia."

Police recovered the body of 21-year-old Munia from a Gulshan flat on April 26, 2021. Following the incident, Tania filed a case with Gulshan Police Station, accusing Bashundhara

Group Managing Director Sayem Sobhan Anvir of abetting her suicide.

Anvir was acquitted of the charges after police, in their final report, said they did not find Anvir's involvement in the incident.

On September 6, 2022, Tania filed another case with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal 8 of Dhaka, charging Anvir of Munia's rape and murder.

No shortage

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The adviser emphasised that fertiliser imports are proceeding as usual and urged farmers not to buy or store extra fertiliser due to concerns over future supply.

He instructed the authorities concerned to expedite the rehabilitation process for flood-affected farmers, ensuring transparency.

The recent floods have severely impacted 23 districts, submerging 3,72,733 hectares of land, including 2,08,573 hectares of agricultural land.

The estimated loss in crop production stands at 7,14,514 metric tonnes,

valued at approximately Tk 3,346 crore, he said.

Over 1.4 million farmers have been affected, with 14.58 percent of the total cultivated crops destroyed in the flood-hit areas.

The worst flood-hit districts include Feni (35,673 hectares, 80 percent of farmland submerged), Noakhali (38,456 hectares, 37 percent), Cumilla (49,608 hectares, 36 percent), Lakshmipur (15,626 hectares, 33 percent), Chattogram (23,992 hectares, 16 percent), Moulvibazar (15,222 hectares, 12 percent), and Brahmanbaria (8,326 hectares, 35 percent).

Gonotantik Chhatra

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a 55-member Jatiya Nagorik Committee was unveiled to work towards fulfilling the goals of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, which had toppled the Awami League-led government.

Nahid Islam, the member secretary of Gonotantik Chhatra Shakti, assumed the role of an adviser to the interim government, and Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyan was also appointed as an adviser to the government.

"Internally, we decided to dissolve all activities

of Gonotantik Chhatra Shakti as most of the leaders of the organisation, which led the anti-discrimination students' movement platform, have become inactive," said Akhter Hossen.

On October 4, 2023, Akhter Hossen, the former social services secretary of Ducus, announced the name of the new organisation during a press conference. Most of the leaders and activists of this new student organisation, including Akhter, were previously associated with Chhatra Odhikar Parishad.



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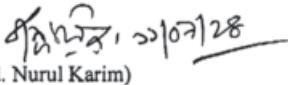
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