

Polybag ban

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The meeting also discussed the implementation of the 2010 Mandatory Jute Packaging Act and encouraged the public to use jute bags as an alternative to plastic.

Public awareness is crucial, said Rizwana, adding that production will stop if people stop using plastic bags.

Initiatives will be taken to help people understand the harmful impacts of plastic bags so that they voluntarily avoid their use, she said.

Brig Gen (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hossain, adviser to the Ministry of Textiles and Jute, assured of necessary steps to ensure an adequate supply of jute bags.

Exports of raw jute will be halted if necessary, he added.

Md Abdur Rauf, secretary of the Ministry of Textiles and Jute, and Zeenat Ara, director general of jute department, alongside representatives from various business associations, attended the meeting.

HC questions

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the disciplinary rules of the lower court judges keeping the president's authority to control the judges.

Article 116 of the original charter of 1972 had empowered the SC to decide on the posting, promotion and leave of lower court judges.

The top court had also control over the magistrates' exercise of judicial powers and could discipline the judicial service staffs when necessary.

Bangladesh unaware

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relations with different parties, said Debapriya, also a distinguished fellow of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD).

Mentioning that the government-provided data doesn't reflect the real picture of the country, he said the government didn't allocate money to Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics for conducting surveys.

"They need to depend either on foreign funds or a new project," he added.

In the keynote paper, Towfiqul Islam Khan, senior research fellow of CPD, said NGOs can help the interim government to undertake an objective assessment of the country's "state of development" and to highlight the achievements, challenges, and the next course of action.

Priority needs to be given to the collective roles of non-state actors, he said.

Bangladesh committed to submitting its third report incorporating five goals review -- health, gender equality, decent work and economic growth, life below water, and partnership for all the other goals, he said.

Speaking as chief guest, Lamiya Morshed, principal coordinator (SDGs Affairs) of the Chief Adviser's Office, regretted that the country's institutions, data ecosystem, and statistical capacity have been significantly weakened in recent years and do not capture the ground realities.

"The interim government is committed to starting a fresh path to

fixing and strengthening institutions and building statistical capacity and integrity. The focus will be on creating methods to collect data from more real-time innovative sources," she said.

"For reducing poverty and inequality, social protection measures and financial inclusion are important, alongside raising income levels and access to basic services," she added.

Executive Director Prof Mustafizur Rahman said the role of international partners should be evaluated in the upcoming event.

"They were supposed to assist Bangladesh to achieve its goals, but they didn't do it, neither in business, investment, nor in finance," he said.

Gwyn Lewis, UN resident coordinator in Bangladesh, said, "It's true that the globe is not making as much progress as they would like to be."

But it's time for Bangladesh to prioritise different aspects by using data from both the government and NGOs on marginal communities, indigenous communities, gender, environment, youths, and so on, she said.

Executive Director of Campaign for Popular Education Rasheda K Chowdhury, adviser of BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation Shaheen Anam, Global Vice President and Country Director of Hunger Project Badul Alam Majumdar, and Executive Director of Bangladesh National Woman Lawyers' Association Salma Ali also spoke, among others.

Provide info on false

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personal information about the journalists or recommendations from their editor.

Additionally, the release said verification or proof of the journalists' association with the media should be attached.

It also clarified that the term "journalist" refers to media workers as defined under Section 2(g) of the Press Council Act, 1974.

For audio-visual and digital/online media, definitions provided in relevant laws or regulations (if available) will apply;

Kundubari Fair

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On October 16, about a dozen locals submitted a written demand to the Kalkini upazila nirbahi officer, urging the cancellation of the fair.

On October 22, the Kalkini upazila administration decided to stop the fair to prevent any potential violence or

otherwise, the definitions in the Press Council Act, 1974 will be used.

Furthermore, information on cases involving journalists' liabilities outside their professional duties should not be submitted, said the release.

On October 7, the government formed the committee, led by Mohammad Altaf-Ul-Alam, additional secretary (Broadcast) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, to monitor harassment cases against journalists.

undesirable incidents, as confirmed by UNO Utthom Kumar Das. However, the UNO told The Daily Star that he was not aware about political affiliations of the people, who demanded cancellation of the fair.

The announcement of cancelling the fair sparked significant backlash on social media.

114 deaths and rising

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the high prevalence of Dengue virus strain, multiple infections, and diagnostic errors.

Entomologist Manzur A Chowdhury warned that cases may peak in November but will not drop significantly afterward, suggesting dengue infections could continue until February.

GM Saifur Rahman, an entomologist from National University, criticised the lack of effective action by the Dhaka city corporations in identifying and eliminating Aedes mosquito clusters, pointing to insufficient surveillance in district towns as a key factor in the outbreak.

He recommended that the government implement robust surveillance to identify hotspots, enabling coordinated intervention by local authorities, community groups, and schools.

Dr Tahmina Shirin, director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), advised that anyone with a fever should consult a doctor

immediately and stay hydrated with fluids like coconut water, saline, and fruit juices.

She also stressed keeping surroundings clean by removing stagnant water, which prevents mosquito breeding.

Dr HM Nazmul Hsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital highlighted that high-risk groups -- elderly individuals, pregnant women, infants, obese individuals, and those with comorbidities -- are more vulnerable to severe outcomes.

He emphasised immediate hospitalisation for symptoms like severe stomach pain, breathing difficulties, extreme weakness, gum or nose bleeding, and vomiting, warning that failure to hospitalise at this stage could lead to shock syndrome.

Dr Hsan recommended consulting a doctor at the onset of fever and getting a Complete Blood Count (CBC) test on the third or fourth day, even if the initial NSI dengue test is negative.

Cops asked to submit

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commissioner Habibur Rahman and former DMP joint commissioner Biplob Kumar Sarkar are among the accused of the case.

On August 15, Rajon's brother Md Rajib filed the case against Hasina and others with the Court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Ahmed Humayun Kabir.

According to the case details, Rajon, a 12th grade student of Dhaka Degree College, was shot in the chest near Mirpur-10 intersection during a crackdown on

the protests. He died at Dr Azmal Hospital later.

The complaint asserted that the accused were directly involved in or facilitated the violence that led to Rajon's death and injuries to other students.

Hasina is now facing 225 cases, including 194 for murders, 16 for crimes against humanity and genocide, three for abduction, 11 for attempted murder and one for attack on a BNP procession.

Hasina resigned and fled the country in the face of a mass uprising on August 5.

Let court, people

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Jamaat Ameer Shafiqur Rahman, speaking as the chief guest, said, "The Awami League government did not dare to deliver justice. Instead, they sought to maintain power by killing people. We want justice through the legal system, not retribution. The oppression inflicted upon us should not be repeated against them, and they should receive justice fairly and impartially."

He also said Jamaat will provide legal support to the families of those killed in the anti-fascist movement.

He said the "martyrs of the July revolution" are national heroes, whose sacrifices should be formally recognised by the state. He demanded the state to include their contributions in the national curriculum, from October 28, 2006, to the August 5 revolution.

The organisation's Nayeb-e-Ameer, Syed Abdullah Mohammad

Taher demanded that those responsible for the "genocide" be brought back to the country to ensure justice.

He said it is not enough to hold only the individuals accountable; rather, the AL as a party and its affiliated organisations must be banned immediately.

Members of families of martyrs also spoke at the beginning of the programme.

Kalurghat

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bridge every working day.

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 the Kalurghat Bridge.

Ecnc recently approved a project for constructing a new Kalurghat Bridge.

Muggers rule Mohammadpur

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In September, 17 murder and one snatching cases were filed.

According to sources, muggings and robberies are taking place in Mohammadpur almost every day, while the majority of them go unnoticed. Also, many victims do not want to go to the police, as they do not get any remedy even after complaining.

During a visit to Mohammadpur yesterday, this correspondent spoke to around two dozens of residents in different areas, including Geneva Camp, Nurjahan Road, Babar Road, and Beribadh.

Many said the situation remains unchanged due to limited law enforcement patrols after 10:00pm.

Ittefkar Hasan, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, said, "Since August 5, we have faced manpower and vehicle shortages, affecting our patrol duty. However, the situation is

gradually improving, and we are hopeful for further progress as we are getting manpower and vehicles soon."

Alongside mugging, the number of theft incidents also increased, said Md Firoz, a stationery shopkeeper on Tajmahal Road.

"Drug addicts and local youths are behind them. They are taking away manhole covers, shop signboards, cell phones, and even clothes from balconies," he said.

On Saturday, residents, including students, held a demonstration in front of Mohammadpur Police Station, demanding enhanced security.

Following the protest, a joint operation was carried out in Mohammadpur, resulting in 45 arrests.

According to an Inter-Service Public Relations (ISPR) press release, a coordinated operation involving the 46 Independent Brigade of the Army, Rab, and local police

was launched around 10:00pm on Saturday.

This led to the arrest of 45 suspects and the seizure of nine sharp weapons. "The joint operation was planned to restore security for Mohammadpur residents," the release stated.

The ISPR release said, "Since the acquisition of magistracy power, 152 criminals, 18 firearms, 271 rounds of ammunition, 172 types of local and foreign weapons, one grenade, and a lot of drugs were recovered from Mohammadpur, Adabar, and Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police stations."

The ISPR statement emphasised that the army will maintain a firm stance to improve local safety.

Regarding the arrests, OC Ittefkar said all the arrestees were shown arrested in previously filed cases. "These arrestees, in groups of four to five, used to roam different areas of Mohamandpur and mug people," he added.

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1	ER/LT/e-GP-26/2024	1027276	Supply Installation Testing & Commissioning of Expansion of CCTV surveillance system for entire ERL area.	10-11-2024 16:00 hrs	11-11-2024 12:30 hrs
2	ER/LT/e-GP-27/2024	1027305	Supply, Installation, & Commissioning of Digital Photo Copier With Printer, Toner, Scanner & Other Accessories.	10-11-2024 16:00 hrs	11-11-2024 12:30 hrs
3	ER/LT/e-GP-28/2024	1027307	Supply of Automatic Penetrometer with all Ancillaries	11-11-2024 16:00 hrs	12-11-2024 12:30 hrs
4	ER/LT/e-GP-29/2024	1027321	Supply of Armored Telephone Cable	11-11-2024 16:00 hrs	12-11-2024 12:30 hrs

Procuring entity details: **Md. Tariq Hossain**, Manager (Purchase), Phone: 880-02 3333 01261-70 (382) Email: managerip@erl.com.bd

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Head Office, 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka

Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Bank and Financial Institutions Division																				
2	Agency	Agrani Bank PLC., 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka																				
3	Procuring entity name	Agrani Bank PLC., Establishment & Engineering Division, Head Office (7th Floor), 9/D, Dilkusha, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000																				
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka																				
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7	Date	Date: 21/10/2024																				
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8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).																				
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16	Completion time	04 weeks from the date of Contract Signing.																				
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