

On a chilly winter morning, Sattar and his son Labib walk home carrying water in a pitcher. With no nearby source of clean water, they walk 15 minutes daily to fetch water from a tubewell at a distant house. The photo was taken at Pabla in Dumuria Beel, Khulna yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Volunteers clean **Baleshwar and** Bhairab riverbanks



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

In an environmental initiative, volunteers cleared the banks of the Baleshwar and Bhairab rivers in Kachua upazila of Bagerhat yesterday, much to the delight of the local residents.

KM Abu Naushad, upazila nirbahi officer of Kachua, led the cleanliness drive from Kachua Zero Point at 6:00am, with support from the upazila administration, JB Business Group, Team Kachua, BD Clean, and numerous local volunteers.

The volunteers collected heaps of waste in sacks and transported those on vans to designated areas to dispose of

Plans are in place to process the waste for productive use.

Local residents expressed satisfaction, as the cleanup effort marked a significant improvement in the riverbanks'

environment.

efforts will beautify the riverbanks and ensure a healthier environment for residents.

Mehedi Hasan, another volunteer, called for such cleanliness campaigns to

be conducted regularly. 'Also, monitoring is essential to keep

the riverbanks clean in future," he added. Sardar Suman, secretary of the Kachua Market Traders' Association, pledged to raise awareness among traders about proper waste disposal.

'Traders will be encouraged to dispose of wastes responsibly, and those who will fail to comply will face consequences," he

KM Abu Naushad said the upazila administration has dug a 50-foot-long, 50-foot-wide, and 8-foot-deep pit for disposal of the market's wastes.

Biodegradable wastes will be utilised effectively, while non-biodegradable materials like polythene will be Sheikh Sujan, a volunteer, said such destroyed," he added.

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Extended Community Climate Change Project-Drought (ECCCP-Drought)

Memo No: Ghashful/ ECCCP-Drought/Proc/Pond/ Nao/Niamatpur/2024-25/WD-301/001 Date: 21/11/2024

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

This is an offline tender and only hard copies will be accepted. To collect the tender documents, potential bidders are requested to buy tender documents from the above address, details will be found on the website: www.ghashful-bd.org.

SI.	Package No.	Package Description	Tender Method	Publishing date	Last Selling date & time	Closing date & time	Opening date & time
01	WD-301	Re-excavation of 4 nos. Pond including brick stairs In Hajinagar, Chandannagar, Bhabicha and Niamatpur Sadar union in Naogaon at Niamatpur Upazila.	Open Tendering Method OTM (N)	24.11.2024	10.12.2024 14:00	12.12.2024 14:30	12.12.2024 15:00

Further information and guidelines are available in address (ghashfulheadoffice@gmail.com). The procuring entity reserve the right to accept or reject all Tenders

Sadia Rahman,

Deputy Director, Admin, HR & Programs **GHASHFUL**



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Sylhet City Corporation

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2.	Agency:	Agency: Sylhet City Corporation.		Electrical Department	
	Tender ID No.	Type of method	Publishing & opening date of tender submission	Brief description of work	
3.	1040405	NCT, OTM	24-Nov-2024 10:00:00, 09-Dec-2024 15:00:00	Works: Electrical Pole Transformer, Electrical Line 33/11/0.4 kv line Shifting works for road Widening Constructing Drain Retaining wall etc at Coverage Area03.04.07.08.12.13.14.21.22.24.25.26, 28.29.35.39.9 No. ward different road at Sylhet City Corporation.	
05	Name, Designation & Address of PE	Md. Ruhul Alam Executive Engineer (Electrical) Sylhet City Corporation. 02-996635045 01911-249699			
06	This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and offline/hard copies will not be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd				
09		loading the e-Tender documents from leposited online through any registered			
10		on and guidelines are available in the GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov			

Md. Ruhul Alam Executive Engineer (Electrical) Sylhet City Corporation Form resistance

not seen any signs of it yet. At this rally, we want to convey the message that Bangladesh is a country of many races, religions, and languages," he added.

At the programme, Mikel Changma of United People's Democratic Front said, "The government that came to power has been oppressing the people of our Chittagong Hill Tracts."

"Even after a 'second independence,' we have witnessed with great pain

that the CHT remains in the same condition," he added.

He called for an end to military rule in the CHT, the establishment of democratic governance, and the resolution of land disputes.

The rally featured songs by ethnic communities, performances of Hijra community artists, and many others. There were dramas, dances, and various other

New Age editor

have been harassing me at the Dhaka airport every time I go abroad for more than two decades," Nurul Kabir wrote in a post on his verified Facebook account.

Describing his troubles with immigration in the past, Nurul Kabir said despite having proper documents, he had to face interrogation about his visits, had his passport confiscated by intelligence officials, and sometimes had to wait for hours as they photographed its pages -- violating his privacy --

and only to return them minutes before his flight. He added that these occurred mostly when leaving the country, not

upon returning. "This time, on November 18, as I was going abroad for a media conference, I expected that my days of harassment at the Dhaka airport were over, at least for some time. I was wrong,"

"It has been rather doubled this time. One hour while departing and

he wrote.

one hour while returning home on November 22," he added.

"Being patriotic is a matter of being a suspect by the intelligence agencies of the country. I am forced to question the patriotism of the country's intelligence agencies concerned and those in the government/s who supervise them, if at all," Nurul Kabir wrote.

After his post gained significant traction among his followers, the press wing of the Chief Adviser's Office released a statement regretting the incident and said an investigation has been ordered.

"We sincerely regret the incident. The Interim Government will not tolerate harassment of any journalists in the country," it reads.

"Nurul Kabir has been one of our most respected editors, a leading voice of reason and a top champion of journalistic integrity during his long career. Chief Adviser Professor Yunus has ordered an investigation into the incident," it added.

61pc want polls

FROM PAGE 3 **SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE REFORMS**

A vast majority (65.9 percent) of respondents believe all necessary reforms identified by the interim government should be completed before the election.

Among these reforms, key areas of focus include election commission (for 96.5 percent), police (for 92.3 percent), judicial (for 95.3 percent), economic LAW ENFORCEMENT sector (for 96.4 percent), and constitutional reforms (for 92.5 percent).

Only 31.9 percent respondents supported elections after addressing urgent election-related reforms.

PERCEPTION OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT'S **PERFORMANCE**

The survey assessed public perception of the Yunusled interim government. It found that 58.4 percent believe the interim government was performing better than its predecessor, while 40.5 percent think it is performing similar or worse.

Among those critical the incumbent government, 20.4 percent consider its governance worse and 20.1 percent think it is similar to Awami League administration.

Urban residents (61.9 percent) and men (62 percent) were more likely to rate the interim government's performance favourably than their rural counterparts (57.3 percent) and women (54.8 percent). PUBLIC SAFETY AND

Regarding law and order, 63.2 percent said the

interim government is managing security better than AL. However, opinions on personal safety were evenly divided with 49.8 percent

saying they felt safer under the interim government. But 49.9 percent believed their safety had either declined or remained the same.

It is worth noting that the survey has a margin of error of 3.1 percent. Additionally, as respondents provided their opinions nearly a month ago, the results may differ if the survey were conducted

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উপপরিচালক (আরকাইভস) ও সদস্য সচিব

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More reserved seats for women

After the views exchange programme, Rekha Chowdhury, vice-president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, told reporters that they have proposed increasing the number of reserved seats for women to 150.

Currently, there are 50 reserved seats for women in the parliament. Those reserved seats are allocated to political parties in proportion to their number of seats in the parliament.

Journalist Ayesha Kabir said women should be given rights, roles, and opportunities in the election.

She also said women should be provided training as candidates and voters.

Women rights activists also proposed making it compulsory to have 33 percent of women members in all committees of political parties. commission

Reform

FROM PAGE 3

Residents and animal rights activists alerted local police and a sub-inspector from Adabor Police Station arrived to recover four carcasses.

The foundation claimed that stray animals in the area have faced repeated torture, despite efforts by local volunteers to vaccinate and neuter the animals. Animal rights activist

Aiman Taher alleged that the animals were poisoned using rice and biscuits. He added there are

approximately 50 stray dogs and 90 cats in the neighbourhood confirmed plans to send the recovered carcasses for autopsy at a veterinary hospital. Mahfuz Imtiaz, officer-

in-charge of Adabor Police Station, confirmed the recovery of the carcasses and said the incident is under investigation. "We are examining the

complaint. Animal lovers

are also advised to seek legal recourse in court," he added. The PAW Foundation authorities urged thoroughly investigate the incident and take legal

action to prevent such

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cruelty in future.

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha AZAN 5-05 12-45 3-45 5-21 7-00 JAMAAT 5-40 1-15 4-00 5-24 7-30 SOURCE: **ISLAMIC FOUNDATION**

Badiul Majumder said the issue efficiency. of women's safety in the election was discussed.

Meanwhile, senior journalists at the discussion proposed several electoral presidential election, prohibiting uncontested elections, restoring the "novote" option, and ensuring transparency in the source of campaign funds.

Badiul Alam Majumder said, "We have heard various suggestions during the programme, including direct elections for the presidency. We will review all these proposals making while our recommendations."

Meanwhile, Ahmed, a member of the reform commission, vesterday called for a a comprehensive comprehensive law to for holding all streamline would save significant he added.

Alam public funds and improve

Talking to reporters after the meeting journalists, TVTofail suggested that simultaneous elections for reforms, including a direct all local government bodies could enhance the Election

Commission's capacity. "There are five types of local government elections, each governed by separate laws. One of our key tasks will be to reform these laws and develop a unified

system," he said. Tofail emphasised that a consolidated legal framework would simplify the process and potentially align local government elections with national polls, ensuring better resource management and planning.

"A new system with elections government across all tiers of local simultaneously will be a government, saying it significant step forward,"

Complaint filed Hearing on three

citizens including Badiul Alam Majumdar, secretary of rights organisation Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik, on August 27 saying the caretaker government system had been introduced through political consensus of the people and therefore, it has become a basic structure of the constitution, which cannot be scrapped.

other four petitioners are Tofail Ahmed, M Hafizuddin government system.

Khan, Md Jobirul Hoque Bhuivan and Zahrah Rahman.

On October 16 and 23 this year, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Jamaat e-Islami's Secretary General Miah Golam Parwar respectively submitted two separate review petitions to the Appellate Division seeking restoration of the 13th amendment of the constitution that had introduced the caretaker

Need urgent action

through billboards and media campaigns in haor areas, and recommended a temporary halt to tourism in these regions during the breeding season. Participants at the

including workshop, representatives from the fisheries sector across seven districts in Sylhet division, echoed concerns about declining populations. Many cited the excessive

use of pesticides, haor lease Kamal. systems, and unregulated fishing practices significant contributors to Commissioner the crisis. Fishermen reported that

many fish species are now endangered, with some on commissioners, university the verge of extinction.

such as dredging water various districts.

bodies, banning harmful about breeding bans nets, and reducing pesticide use on cropland to improve breeding conditions.

Fishermen also sought

government during the restricted fishing period, particularly from Ashar to Jaistha months.

organised by the Sylhet Division Fisheries Office under the Fisheries and Livestock Ministry, was chaired by Additional Secretary ATM Mustafa

Among the speakers were Sylhet Divisional Ahmed Siddique NDC, Additional Secretary Syeda Nowara Jahan, district faculty members, and They called for initiatives fisheries officials from

Section-7, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh. Website: www.renata-ltd.com

This is to inform our valued Shareholders that, the Board of Directors of the Company in its 231st Board Meeting has decided to issue Non-Cumulative, Non-Participative, Redeemable or Fully Convertible Preference Shares-At the Issuer's Discretion amounting up to BDT 3,250 million to refinance the existing loans subject to approval from the shareholders of the Company in Extra-Ordinary General Meeting and Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.

Information Regarding Extra-Ordinary General Meeting:

Date & Time of EGM: Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 12.00 noon

Venue of EGM : Using Digital Platform Record Date : Thursday, December 12, 2024

Notes:

- The Members' whose names would appear on the 'Record Date' in the Share Register/Depository Register of the Company are eligible to participate in the meeting and casting vote.
- Notice of the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Company will be served/delivered in due course and also available in the website (www.renata-ltd.com).
- All members are requested to update (if required) their respective BO Accounts (Mailing address, email address Contact number etc.) before Record Date.

Md. Jubayer Alam Company Secretary

By order of the Board

Dated: Dhaka November 23, 2024