

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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Website: www.ghashful-bd.org

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

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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.

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01	WD-301	Re-excavation of 4 nos. Pond including brick stairs In Hajinagar, Chandannagar, Bhabicha and Niamatpur Sadar union in Naogaon at Niamatpur I Ipazila	Open Tendering Method OTM (N)	24.11.2024	10.12.2024 14:00	12.12.2024 14:30	12.12.2024 15:00

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Sadia Rahman,

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



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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 dances, dramas, and various other

New Age editor

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," he wrote.

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

Ensure no innocent

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must engage with the community, listen to their concerns, and take legal action where necessary.

The IGP acknowledged

case of any unwarranted situations, patience will be crucial, and the police must handle such situations with composure.

meeting also The that in the current climate, directed field-level police public expectations are officers to intensify efforts high. He stressed that in to recover looted weapons.

61pc want polls

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 sector (for 96.4 percent), and constitutional reforms (for 92.5 percent). Only 31.9 percent respondents supported elections after addressing urgent electionrelated reforms.

Perception of the interim government's performance The survey assessed

perception of Yunus-led 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 incumbent the 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 more percent) were

likely to rate the interim government's performance favourably than their rural counterparts (57.3 percent) and women (54.8 percent).

Public safety and law

enforcement 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

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

or remained the same.







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উপপরিচালক (আরকাইভস) ও সদস্য সচিব

Attempts

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the Constitution, labelling his stance as contrary to democracy, the ideals of the Liberation War, and anti-discrimination student movement.

They also condemned the assault on Hindu community members in Rangpur on Friday to thwart their participation in a rally organised by the Bangladesh Sanatani Jagaran Mancha.

Manindra Kumar Nath, acting general secretary of the Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, said, "Since August 5, there have been widespread incidents of persecution against communities. minority The interim government is denying these events."

Prof Neem Chandra Bhowmik, one of the presidents of the council, said, "The core principle of democracy is inclusivity. Without secularism, democracy cannot institutionalised. Therefore, we demand the reinstatement of the

Constitution of 1972." "The Attorney General advocated for the removal of secularism from the Constitution, saying that 90 percent of the country's population are Muslims. His remarks are deeply distressing to us," he added.

Complaint filed FROM PAGE 3

local police and a subinspector 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, officerin-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

urged authorities thoroughly investigate the incident and take legal action to prevent such cruelty in future.

More reserved seats

After the views exchange programme, Rekha Chowdhury, vice-president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, told reporters that they have proposed increasing the 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 Avesha 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 Badiul chief Alam Majumder said the issue of women's safety in the election was discussed.

Meanwhile. senior journalists at the discussion proposed several electoral reforms, including a direct presidential election, prohibiting uncontested elections, restoring the "notransparency in the source

of campaign funds.

said, "We have heard various suggestions during the

programme, including direct elections for the presidency. We will review all these proposals while making our recommendations." Meanwhile,

Ahmed, a member of the reform commission, yesterday called for a comprehensive law to streamline elections across all tiers of local government, saying it would save significant public funds and improve efficiency.

Talking to reporters after the meeting TV journalists, with Tofail suggested that simultaneous elections for 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 a comprehensive law for vote" option, and ensuring holding all local government elections simultaneously will be a significant step Badiul Alam Majumder forward," he added.

Hearing on three

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citizens including Badiul Alam Majumdar, secretary of rights organisation Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik, on August 27 saving 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.

four other

Khan, Md Jobirul Hoque Bhuiyan 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 petitioners are Tofail introduced the caretaker Ahmed, M Hafizuddin government system.

Need urgent action FROM PAGE 5

through billboards and media campaigns in haor fishing temporary halt to tourism the crisis. in these regions during the breeding season.

Participants at the workshop, including representatives from the fisheries sector across seven districts in Sylhet division, echoed concerns about declining fish populations.

Many cited the excessive about breeding bans use of pesticides, haor lease systems, and unregulated practices as areas, and recommended a significant contributors to

> Fishermen reported that many fish species are now endangered, with some on the verge of extinction.

They called for initiatives such as dredging water bodies, banning harmful nets, and reducing pesticide use on cropland to improve breeding conditions.



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

Notes:

Record Date

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.

: Thursday, December 12, 2024

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