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When a hill’s razed, arrest the owner, not workers
Rizwana urges govt agencies to be vigilant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hassan yesterday called upon the government agencies to be proactive and vigilant to stop hill razing activities in Chattogram.
She also said the agencies did not provide a list of the names of hill owners despite repeated requests.
“The Divisional Commissioner’s Office of Chattogram provided a list without mentioning the names of hill owners,” she said at a discussion in Chattogram city’s Theater Institute.
She also said she has



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Hurt in gas blast, Nazrul’s grandson dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Babul Kazi, grandson of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, who was burnt severely at his Banani residence on Saturday, died at Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery yesterday.
Babul, 59, who suffered 74 percent burns, breathed his last around 5:30pm at the intensive care unit, said Shaon Bin Rahman, a resident surgeon of the hospital.
He suffered burns in a fire followed by an explosion at his Banani residence around 5:00am.
The victim’s sister Khilkhil Kazi earlier said Babul was burnt in an



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Speakers, including rights activists, political leaders, and journalists, at a demonstration in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh yesterday, demanding arrest of those involved in attacks on indigenous communities, and the reinstatement of removed graffiti in textbooks.

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ATTACK ON ADIVASIS

Conduct impartial probe, arrest culprits

Demand civil society members at Shahbagh rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
There should be an impartial investigation into recent attacks on indigenous communities and the perpetrators must be arrested immediately, said rights activists, political leaders, and journalists yesterday.
At a demonstration organised by the Aggrieved Civil Society in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh, speakers also called for the reinstatement of removed graffiti in textbooks and the inclusion of content highlighting the history, heritage, and cultures of indigenous communities.
Their other demands included ensuring treatment for injured indigenous students and citizens, investigating groups supporting the attackers, and holding them accountable.
The demonstrators further urged the National Curriculum and Textbook Board to apologise for removing the term “indigenous” from textbooks and demanded an explanation from the government

regarding law enforcement’s inaction during the premeditated attacks.
Dhaka University Professor Robayet Ferdous, who chaired the event, emphasised the importance of pluralism, saying, “Bangladesh is not just for Bangalees or Muslims. It belongs to many ethnicities, religions, and languages. Granting constitutional recognition and ensuring the rights of these communities is the essence of pluralism.”
He added, “Minorities have been attacked in many ways. Among them, many were

politically motivated, but the fear experienced by the remaining thousands of minorities in the country is unbearable. We cannot progress with this fear.”
Gajendranath Mahato, joint general secretary of Bangladesh Indigenous Forum, questioned the government’s role, saying, “The government, which was formed following a movement against discrimination, now seems to be creating even greater discrimination.”
He criticised the lack of accountability, pointing out that

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PROFESSOR ROBAYET FERDOUS

While the head of government presents the graffiti to the world, the NCTB removes it. What message is the government trying to send?

KARIM SIKDAR
Joint General Secretary of JASAD

ROOPPUR PLANT
Russian envoy hopeful of settling loan repayment

UNB, Dhaka
Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Alexander Khozin yesterday expressed optimism over settling the debt repayment issues for the Russia-funded Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant.
“We are ready to discuss [the matter] with the appropriate authorities – the Ministry of Finance of Bangladesh. I am absolutely sure that this will be resolved,” he told reporters at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, adding that they are moving in a positive direction.
Khozin, who had separate meetings with Foreign Secretary Md Jashim Uddin and Foreign Adviser Md Touhid Hossain, said this sensitive issue is going to be discussed with specialists and professionals.
“However, I would not speculate at this moment,”

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Ex-BB deputy governor’s home raided

ACC seizes Tk 4.5cr savings certificates, Tk 16.25 lakh in cash
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday in a raid seized Tk 16.25 lakh and savings documents worth Tk 4.5 crore from the residence of former Bangladesh Bank deputy governor Sitangshu Kumar Chowdhury, also known as SK Sur.
ACC Director Kazi Md Saemuzzaman, who led the raid, said SK Sur was arrested from the capital’s Segunbagicha and sent to jail on January 14 in a case filed for failing to submit his wealth statement within the stipulated timeframe.
On October 23 last year, the ACC filed a case against Sur, his wife and their daughter for failing to submit their wealth statements in time.

Reforms without consensus unacceptable

Says Fakhrul; BNP pays tribute to Ziaur Rahman on his 89th birth anniv

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said none of the reform proposals will be acceptable without the consensus of the political parties.
When asked about the submitted reports of the four reform commissions, he said, “We are yet to make any initial remarks as we have not received the full report. The government has said it will hold discussions with political parties after receiving the reports and make a decision on the reform proposals afterwards. Without consensus, none of it will be acceptable.”
The BNP leader made the remarks while speaking to reporters after paying tribute to Ziaur Rahman on the occasion of his 89th birth anniversary at his grave in the capital’s Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area.
“We hope, within a short time, we can return to democracy through elections and that such a system can be established,” Fakhrul said.



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Asked about BNP’s demand for elections by July-August, which some have called unrealistic due to the challenges of reforms and justice, Fakhrul said, “We have always said there is no conflict between reforms and elections.”
He said the party that wins the election and forms the government will carry forward the reforms.
“We can say it clearly, on behalf of our party, that we will take forward every reform if we form the government,” he said.
To mark the birth anniversary of BNP founder, Fakhrul, alongside other party activists and leaders, paid homage by placing floral wreaths at the mausoleum of Ziaur Rahman.
After paying tributes, Fakhrul said, “When Ziaur Rahman assumed state leadership in 1975, he undertook numerous reforms in a short time to build a modern and prosperous Bangladesh.”
“He [Ziaur Rahman] was also the first to liberate the economy from the restrictive socialist framework and introduce a free-market economic plan. It was during his tenure that a revolution occurred in agriculture,” added Fakhrul.
Zia became a statesman after a lot of political changes post-Liberation War. He established the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) on September 1 in 1978.

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