



Bangladesh Indigenous Artist Unity held a cultural gathering at TSC on the Dhaka University campus yesterday, demanding constitutional recognition of the indigenous people, punishment for those attacked the community groups and rights activists, and reinstatement of the word "adivasi" along with the graffiti in textbooks.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Don't create

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potential 1/11 like scenario in a Facebook post.

Abbas dismissed allegations that BNP was envious of a new political party emerging from the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, saying, "If a new party is formed, we'll welcome it."

He urged all quarters to prioritise unity and peace over division, saying, "Our leaders and workers are vigilant guards of the country's independence and sovereignty."

Man beaten

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Mirian was a former joint secretary of the Jubo Dal's ward 2 unit in Aliabad union, claimed his brother Iran Khan.

Contacted, Jahangir Hossain, secretary of Faridpur district Jubo Dal unit, said there are no union-level Jubo Dal committees in Faridpur.

"I have no information about Mirian holding any position in the organisation," he added.

Abir Hossain, an on-duty doctor of the hospital, said, "The body bore multiple injury marks, including in the eyes."

Confirming the matter, Shaileen Chakma, additional superintendent of police in Faridpur, said, "Mirian was accused in five cases, including charges of murder, abduction, and extortion."

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This is to inform all that, my Client Ms. Saima Ahmed Orney, daughter of Moni Ahmed and Seemu Ahmed, of Holding no. 6, Village-Chandpur, Shabirpur, Puthia, District: TSO-1209, Hazaribagh, Dhaka South City Corporation, Dhaka, N.I.D. No. 9563001354, has filed a notice of claim and objection to Mr. Shafuddin, son of Naemunn Uddin and Sakhina Begum, of Village-Mohampur, Post Office: No. 5323, Puthia, Dhalak, NID No. 9575976323, to buy 80.00 decimal of land out of total 105.50 decimal of lands. In such situation, if any party has any objection or claim relating to the property mentioned in the schedule below, requested to contact in Mobile No. 01712156016 or 01715943579 within 15 (Fifteen) days of publication of this notice. Otherwise, no claim and objection shall be admissible after the expiry of this period.

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HABIGANJ TOWN Illegal constructions rampant on RHD lands



MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

activities were only temporarily halted, locals said.

Nuruddin later resumed filling up the canal to facilitate the construction.

Similarly, US expatriate Sumil Banik and his associates are accused of filling up approximately a 100-foot stretch of the canal in the Kaligachhtala area to build a market.

Residents alleged that RHD sent letters instructing Sunil Banik to remove the soil from the canal. However, Sunil and his associates reportedly continued filling up the canal at night, ignoring the orders.

Additionally, numerous shops are being constructed illegally on RHD land in Anwarpur and other areas. While the RHD occasionally conducts eviction drives against these structures, the buildings are often rebuilt shortly afterward, said Ajay Das, a resident of Kaligachhtala.

One such case involves Nuruddin, a resident of the Sabujbagh area, who is allegedly constructing a clinic named "Queen Mary" by filling up around a 200-foot stretch of a government-owned canal near the stadium.

The RHD lands in Kaligachhtala, Anwarpur Point, and near the stadium along the town's bypass road are reportedly being filled to construct structures, often ignoring RHD's notices to halt such activities.

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Although the district administration issued a ban on the construction work and the former deputy commissioner ordered the removal of soil from the canal, the

for draining water from the town during the monsoon, said Tofazzal Sohel, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolok's Habiganj unit.

Attempts to contact Sunil Banik, who is currently in the US, were unsuccessful. His relative, Debabrata Chowdhury, claimed they had dumped soil on their own land next to the canal.

Contacted, Nuruddin claimed he had received permission from the RHD and other relevant authorities to fill up the canal for constructing the clinic. However, they failed to provide any evidence to support their claims.

Zakir Hossain, executive engineer of RHD in Habiganj, said all illegal structures on RHD land along the bypass road have been evicted, but some floating structures were later reinstalled.

"Allegations regarding the filling of the canal for illegal constructions will be investigated, and necessary actions will be taken," he added.

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4,813 bodies of migrant

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of which arrived from the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries: Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain.

Of the corpses, 5,666 arrived from Saudi Arabia followed by 1,913 from the UAE and 1,893 from Oman. The six GCC countries together have hired 76.3 percent of Bangladesh's total 1.6 crore outbound workers between 1976 and 2023, according to the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training.

The 2022 report "The Deaths of Migrants in the Gulf" by the Vital Signs Partnership (VSP) highlights several risks faced by low-paid migrant workers in the Gulf. These include poor working conditions, exposure to heat and humidity, air pollution, and abusive treatment. Workers also face health risks such as psychosocial stress,

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

College student dies

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Witnesses said Shimul was sitting and chatting with a girl behind the Third Science Building when a routine patrol vehicle of the university's proctorial team approached. While trying to escape, he lost control of the motorcycle as he tried to navigate a road under construction. Both he and the girl were thrown off the bike.

While the girl was unharmed, Shimul had lost consciousness.

The university proctorial team first took him to the campus medical centre before transferring him to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital due to the severity of his condition, said Professor Mahbubur Rahman, the university proctor.

"I was informed of the incident around 10:00pm. Our assistant proctor was patrolling when he noticed the boy and the girl behind the Third Science Building. They attempted to flee on a motorcycle upon seeing the proctor's vehicle and got into an accident on the under-construction road," he said.

Meanwhile, Mahmudul Hasan, a doctor at RMCH's emergency department,

33m schoolchildren

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"The increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events is having a knock-on effect on children's education," said Rana Flowers, Unicef representative to Bangladesh.

"Extreme temperatures and other climate hazards don't only damage schools, they affect students' concentration, memory, and mental and physical health. Prolonged school closures increase the chance of children dropping out and being married off by families to cope with economic stress," he added.

Girl children are mostly impacted, with many of them married off instead of being supported to continue education. Bangladesh ranks among the top 10 countries in the world with the highest percentage of child marriage.

Children in Bangladesh are among the most exposed and vulnerable to climate and environmental hazards, according to the Unicef Children's Climate Risk Index. These disasters often exacerbate the country's "learning poverty", where one in two children cannot read at their grade level and two-thirds are unable to do basic counting after completing primary education.

Moreover, some of the brightest children have to give up on their education due to the numerous climate induced disasters.

The report noted that

"Children in Bangladesh are at the forefront of two interconnected crises – climate change and deepening learning poverty that threatens their survival and future. As children continue to speak up and call for urgent action on the devastating impacts of the climate crisis, decision-makers must heed their calls and place their needs at the centre of climate policies and financing plans," said Flowers.

A step forward for elephant

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All they get is a uniform, pair of shoes and whistle.

"We are working to save elephants from poachers. We also protect residents and their properties from elephant attacks," Hashem said.

"We face risks, from potential elephant attacks to the dangers of navigating the dense jungle," Hashem adds, "yet we received no financial support from the government."

Without a formal framework or any form of supervision, the teams operated with limited accountability, sometimes leading to unforeseen incidents.

However, this may change soon. The government has recently allocated Tk 45 lakh for 50 ERTs at Anwara and Karnaphuli upazila of Chattogram.

"It will allow us to pay the ERT members, ensuring their commitment and enabling us to hold them accountable for their duties," said Abu Naser Md Yasin Newaz, divisional forest officer.

Wildlife experts urged

Honouring

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by government forces to suppress the uprising, such as bullet casings, pellet cartridges, grenade pins, and tear gas canisters.

Speaking at the inauguration, Rizwana said such an exhibition was crucial in preserving the evidence of the uprising in a country where history is often distorted. This exhibition ensures the events of the movement are accurately remembered.

Sharmeen S Mursid suggested that similar initiatives should be replicated and called for the creation of a permanent space for the exhibition. "We must consider transforming this temporary exhibition into a permanent institution, such as a museum or archive," she said.

She emphasised the importance of recognising the women who participated in the uprising, urging that they not be forgotten, as female fighters in 1971 often were.

Sarah Cooke described the exhibition as a powerful, emotional, and moving record of last year's events.

The exhibition, curated by artist Anisuzzaman Shohel, will remain open until January 31.

On January 26, a book launch and discussion featuring four books on the mass uprising will be held.

Another discussion with the families of the martyrs will take place the following day. A special video on the August 5 massacre in Savar will premiere on January 29.

Teachers stage

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Farhad Hossain, a teacher from Baruihati Government Primary School in Sunamganj, echoed these sentiments, saying, "We are part of the teaching community; why should we be in the third class?"

Several recommendations were made including accelerating financing to improve climate resilience in the education sector, ensuring children are engaged in climate decision-making, ensuring proper national climate plans -- including Nationally Determined Contribution 3.0 and the National Adaptation Plan -- strengthening child-critical social services like education to be more climate smart and disaster-resilient.

The situation at Shahbagh remained tense, with teachers vowing to continue their agitation until their demands are met.

'72 constitution

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reform process or the trial of those responsible for the July massacre would face a fate similar to that of Sheikh Hasina.

"Our co-fighters from private universities, the hills, and the plains -- let us unite. Let us move away from the one-party constitution of Mujibism and march towards a constitution that accommodates multiple parties," Nasir said.

The government to develop a sustainable solution to reduce the conflict.

Mohammad Abdul Aziz, professor of Zoology at Jahangirnagar University and a member of the Elephant Specialist Group of South Asia, described the recent government allowance as a temporary solution. He said elephants enter human settlements when they feel disturbed or experience a loss of food sources.

People then attempt to chase them away, which exacerbates the conflict.

"Therefore, we need to conserve elephant habitats, corridors, and their food sources for a sustainable solution," he added.

Khaleda may

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as some additional tests are being conducted," he said.

Even after discharge, Zahid said, "She [Khaleda] will be provided treatment following the UK's medical protocols."