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Don't allow the return of autocracy

Tarique tells
political parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Urging leaders of all political parties to remain united, BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday said they must not take any steps that would allow the return of autocracy or its followers to the country.

"Let us uphold the unity with which we once ousted autocracy. Moving forward, we must keep this unity and work together to establish the democracy that the people of this country aspire to," he said.

"Through discussions and collective efforts, we will implement the necessary reforms that the people expect," he also said while addressing an iftar party virtually.

Leaders of the 12-party

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Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury with award recipients at the Abul Mansur Ahmad Book Review Competition 2025 award ceremony. Prior to the event, a discussion was held marking the 46th death anniversary of the renowned South Asian writer, journalist, and politician Abul Mansur Ahmad at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

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TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION Expanding access to world-class learning in Bangladesh

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

For many students, pursuing higher education abroad remains an unattainable dream due to high costs and logistical challenges. However, transnational education (TNE) is reshaping the global learning landscape, offering internationally recognised degrees without the need to leave one's home country.



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Salvador Carbajal Lopez
Director of Education for South Asia, British Council

TNE broadens access to high-quality higher education, enhances employability, and equips students with globally competitive skills while retaining talent within local economies, thereby reducing brain drain, said Salvador Carbajal Lopez, director of education for South Asia at the British Council.

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SAD coordinator among 3 held over extortion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Police arrested three youths, including a coordinator of Students Against Discrimination, in Pirojpur yesterday on charges of extortion and vandalism at an under-construction mosque.

The coordinator, Musabbir Mahmud Sunny, 25, is also a representative of the Jatiya Nagorik Committee, police said. The names of the other two arrested individuals were not disclosed.

They were arrested hours after a case was filed against them yesterday morning, said Md Abdus Sobahan, officer-in-charge of Pirojpur Sadar Police Station.

According to the case statement, around 30 youths led by Sunny attacked an under-construction site of a model mosque in Pirojpur town, vandalised its office and CCTV cameras, and looted Tk 5 lakh from there on Friday.

The youths also set fire to the toll collection booth of Baleshwar Bridge in the town.

Shahidul Islam, site manager of the under-construction mosque, filed the case against Sunny.

He named two others and 25-30 unidentified individuals as accused in the case.

Another group of activists of the Students Against Discrimination brought out a procession, thanking the police for Sunny's arrest yesterday.

Studying history crucial to knowing ourselves

Says Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury during award ceremony
of Abul Mansur Ahmad Book Review Competition 2025

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Without knowing history, we cannot understand our identity, comprehend the present, or find direction for the future, said eminent thinker and writer Professor Serajul Islam Choudhury yesterday.

"We all recognise the importance of studying history, yet in Bangladesh, this practice has been gradually declining since the country's inception. It is very unfortunate that we are reluctant to learn history," he said.

Prof Serajul Islam made these remarks while presiding over the award ceremony and discussion event of the Abul Mansur Ahmad Book Review Competition 2025, held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

The competition was organised by the Abul Mansur Ahmad Smriti Parishad to mark the 46th death anniversary of the renowned writer, journalist, and politician, Abul Mansur Ahmad.

Speaking at the event, Smriti Parishad President Serajul Islam Choudhury also discussed Abul Mansur Ahmad's creativity, political thought, and cultural perspectives.

"Abul Mansur Ahmad was engaged in both politics and literature. In modern discourse, politics and literature are often viewed as distinct entities. However, he understood that the two were inseparable and integral to culture. He practiced both politics and literature together, which made him truly distinguished in this regard," said Professor Serajul.

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Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury

Emphasising Abul Mansur Ahmad's belief in democracy, he said, "The democracy envisioned by him meant equal opportunities for all. This equality would foster a culture of inclusivity."

Participants in the competition reviewed Abul Mansur Ahmad's book "Bangladesher Culture" (The Culture of

Bangladesh).

The first prize was awarded to Asif Mahmud, while SAH Waliullah, Jubayer Dukhu, and Sharaban Tahura secured the second, third, and fourth positions, respectively. Winners received certificates and books as prizes.

During the discussion, essayist Sahul Ahmad said, "He [Abul Mansur Ahmad] used to say that the culture of Bangladesh must have form, essence, and fragrance. The form should be Bangalee, the essence should be rooted in Muslim identity or religion, and the fragrance should be universal."

Professor Md Abul Fazal advised the advisers of the current interim government to read Abul Mansur Ahmad's book Bangladesher Culture, saying that it could serve as a "guiding reference" for their decision-making.

Journalist Shubho Kibriya said, "Abul Mansur Ahmad had a deep understanding of Bangalee Muslims."

Competition judge Kajol Rashid Shaheen described Bangladesher Culture as a significant work in Bangalee literature.

Activist Tuhin Khan also spoke at the event.

Fire breaks out in Sundarbans No water sprayed even after 12hrs due to lack of nearby source

UNB, Dhaka

A fire broke out in the Sundarbans early yesterday but no water could be sprayed on the blaze even after 12 hours due to the lack of a nearby water source.

The fire, which erupted in the Tepar Beel area under the Kolomteji Camp of the Chandpai Range in the Sundarbans East Division, has burned trees and vegetation, with smoke spreading across several parts of the forest.

According to the Forest Department, some foresters spotted the fire around 7:00am on Saturday. Dry leaves fueled the flames, causing the fire to spread rapidly. Several trees and plants have already been burned.

Dipen Chandra Das, assistant conservator of forests (ACF) of Chandpai Range in the Sundarbans East Division, said, "A firebreak has been created over a 1.5 kilometer stretch to prevent the fire from spreading further. The Forest Department, Fire Brigade, and local villagers are working together to control the fire. However, due to the lack of a nearby water source, no water could be sprayed on the fire even on Saturday evening."

He could not confirm the cause of the fire or the extent of damage immediately.

According to the Fire Service, the fire broke out about 3 kilometers away from the Bhola River and

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