



## 'Take steps to stop river erosion'

### Speakers demand at human chain in Kurigram

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Locals held a human chain in Kurigram's Nageshwari upazila yesterday, demanding urgent steps by the authorities to prevent river erosion in the area.

Victims of erosion as well as vulnerable people from Majhipara and Islampur villages participated in the event.

Speakers said erosion of Brahmaputra, Dudhkamur, Shanks and Gangadhar rivers intensified in the area over the past few months.

In the last two weeks, about 50 homesteads and 150 bighas of arable land have been lost due to erosion in

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Growers tying mangoes with ropes at an orchard in Rajshahi yesterday. They said they are taking the step so that the fruits do not knock against one another and fall prematurely during storms. The photo was taken in Godagari upazila.

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## Frame 'July Charter', put AL on trial Demand leaders of NCP, Khelafat Majlish

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The National Citizen Party (NCP) and Khelafat Majlish have agreed on eight major demands, including putting the Awami League on trial for the July killings and suspending its political activities until the trial is complete.

During a meeting at the Khelafat Majlish office in the capital's Purana Paltan, the two parties also stressed the formulation of a "July Charter" based on national consensus to initiate fundamental reforms and ensure elections as soon as possible after that.

Other key issues they agreed on include constitutional recognition for those killed during the July Uprising, proper treatment for the injured, and rehabilitation of affected families.

They also called for unity, swift trials for past killings and disappearances, withdrawal of cases against Islamic scholars and political workers, and cancellation of recent gas and oil price hikes.

Additionally, the parties called for effective international intervention, including by the United Nations, to stop the Israeli genocide in Gaza. They also demanded the repeal of India's Waqf Amendment Bill, which allegedly allows the seizure of Muslim properties and destruction of religious sites, and an end to the persecution of Indian Muslims.

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## Safe motherhood is a right: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is a significant failure on the part of the state that even five decades after independence it still cannot take full responsibility for maternal care, Prof Sayedur Rahman, special assistant to the chief adviser for the health ministry, said yesterday.

"Safe motherhood is a citizen's right... if the state aspires to succeed, it must assume full responsibility in this regard," he said at a discussion marking World Health Day at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

He said only 18 percent of facility deliveries -- childbaths occurring in healthcare facilities -- take place in government hospitals.

"There is a significant gap between the contributions of the government and non-government sectors in regard to maternal care. It is unfortunate that the state cannot take full responsibility for maternal care," he said.

He acknowledged the vital role of the non-government sector, saying, "Of course, their contribution must be recognised... they were always expected to play a part."

He said the data on births at government hospitals is more than just a statistic -- it reflects the state's failure to adequately fulfil its duties.

He further pointed out that Bangladesh had achieved its Millennium Development Goal targets in health even before the deadline. However, the country is now falling slightly behind in reaching

### AT A GLANCE

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- State must assume full responsibility
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the targets set under the Sustainable Development Goals.

"We have to accept this reality and take urgent action to meet the targets," he said.

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum said the government is working to ensure antenatal care, safe delivery, newborn care, and maternal and child nutrition.

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## Tree felling sparks public outrage

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The felling of decades-old Koroi (Albizia procera) trees on the premises of Habiganj Zilla Parishad auditorium has sparked widespread public outrage, prompting authorities to temporarily halt further tree felling.

Local environmental group Dharitree Rakshay Amra (Dhara) submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Habiganj yesterday afternoon, condemning the action.

According to the memorandum, the Habiganj Zilla Parishad had gone ahead and started felling the trees despite protests by environmental activists and locals.

Zilla Parishad sources said the decision to remove all nine trees was made during a monthly council meeting on February 25, citing concerns that the trees were damaging the auditorium's boundary wall.

A deal to sell the trees was subsequently made to a contractor, Harish Mia, for Tk 69,500.

As per the agreement, workers felled five koroi trees on Friday. However, environmental activists and students from nearby Brindaban Government College rushed to the scene and staged protest.



Tofazzal Sohel, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon's Habiganj district unit, said the trees were home to different species of birds and a resting place for students.

"The decision to cut down the trees is unacceptable," he said.

"Our three key demands are an investigation into the rationale behind felling the trees, replanting of native trees at the site and elsewhere in the district, and consultation with environmentalists before tree-felling for any development work in future," he added.

Nurul Islam, chief executive officer of the Zilla Parishad, defended the decision, saying the trees had begun to compromise the structural integrity of the boundary wall.

He said felling of the remaining four trees has been postponed following public outcry.

Dr Faridur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Habiganj and administrator of the Zilla Parishad, said the decision to fell the trees was made considering their age and condition.

"Some of the trees had deteriorated significantly. However, we are now reconsidering the matter in light of the recent public reaction," the DC added.

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1100242 e-GpNaw/2024-2025/56	Supplying Skilled, Semi-Skilled and Un-Skilled Labour, Asphalt Mistry for Departmental Works at Kansat-Gomostapur-Rohonpur(Khoyar Mor)(R-683) of Road Sub-Division Shibganj under Chapainawabganj Road Division, during the year 2024-2025.	20-Apr-2025 15:00	05-May-2025 13:00

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Probe in two cases against Hasina nearing end  
Says ICT chief prosecutor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ICT Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam yesterday said the investigation into allegations against ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina is nearing completion, with the probe report likely to be submitted as early as next week.

However, he said the prosecution has sought a two-month extension to submit the report to ensure transparency in the investigation, a request that was granted by the court.

Earlier in the day, the tribunal extended the deadline until June 24 for completing the investigations into two cases concerning crimes against humanity involving Hasina and others, following a petition by the prosecution.

Tajul briefed the tribunal on some of the ongoing findings, stating that the crimes were extensive and the investigation agency required additional time to conclude the probe.

In one of the cases relating to the July uprising, former inspector general of police Chowdhury Abdulla Al-Mamun

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**SIX-POINT DEMAND**  
**Polytechnic students issue 48-hour ultimatum**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of polytechnic institutes yesterday announced to launch a long march to Dhaka if the government fails to respond to their six point demand within 48 hours.

The announcement came from a grand rally held in front of Dhaka Mohila Polytechnic Institute in the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area. Hundreds of students joined the demonstration, which began around noon.

Earlier in the day, students from various public and private polytechnic institutions gathered at the Dhaka Polytechnic Institute and brought out a procession around 11:00am. The procession marched to Agargaon and later joined the grand rally near the women's polytechnic institute.

The demonstrator said they have been protesting



for over eight months, but the government has shown no initiative to address their concerns.

"We do not want to cause public suffering. But the government has forced us to come to the streets," said a student leader. "If there is no clear response within 48 hours, we will begin a long march towards Dhaka. And this time, it will not be symbolic," he added.

Their six-point demand includes removal of "controversial craft instructors" appointed after 2021, conversion of the diploma engineering programme into a full four year course with six month-long semesters, and ensuring that only diploma holders can apply for post of deputy assistant engineer (Grade 10) and equivalent positions.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court yesterday stayed a High Court verdict -- which the polytechnic students have opposed as part of their demands -- that had directed the government to promote craft instructors to the position of junior instructors.



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