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China wants strong, stable, democratic Bangladesh: Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

China wants to see a strong, stable and democratic Bangladesh, said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday.

"They always want to see stability in Bangladesh. They want to see a strong and prosperous Bangladesh and a democratic environment in the country," he said after a meeting with a delegation from the Communist Party of China (CPC) at a hotel in the capital.

Fakhrul said it was a meeting between the two parties -- BNP and CPC -- as they have a longstanding relationship.



In response to a question, Fakhrul said elections are Bangladesh's internal matter and that China usually does not interfere in any country's internal affairs.

He, however, said they briefed the Chinese delegation about the country's election and political situation.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen said, "We discussed cooperation between our two parties and also discussed that the Communist Party of China and BNP will work together to enhance cooperation between the two countries."

He also reiterated that elections are Bangladesh's internal matter and that the people of Bangladesh will make the decision on it.

Drops of water, waves of suffering

The daily struggle of women in Rangamati's hills

MD ABBAS, back from Rangamati

In the quiet village of Bottola, nestled in the hills of Rangamati's Naniarchar upazila, each day begins early.

As the sun rises, the village wakes up, and women like Mollika Chakma set out on their daily journey to fetch water -- a task they have carried out for years, despite the pain and challenges it brings.

Stepping out of the house with an empty kolshi (pitcher), 38 year-old Mollika begins her daily walk -- for water, for her family, and survival.

Like many women from nearby hamlets -- Toroni Para, Dharmasrom Para, and Shikolpara -- she walks nearly two kilometres to fetch water from a shrinking kua (well-like water source).

"I've been doing this since 2010. The pain never goes away -- my lower back, knees, and hands hurt all the time. Sometimes we even squabble with neighbours because the kua is drying up," Mollika says.

Hundreds of women across Rangamati's remote hills have a similar story.

Water is collected three times a day -- at dawn, midday, and late afternoon. During the dry season, many wait up to three hours, often returning home with empty kolshis.

Juleka Chakma, 50, has been carrying water since she was eight. "My knees and back feel like they're breaking. I have to take painkillers regularly," she shares.



A woman pours water into her pitcher from a shrinking kua (water source like a well) in Bottola, a small village nestled in the hills of Rangamati's Naniarchar upazila. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

"We've been bitten by snakes, attacked by wild animals, and slipped on the rocky trails," says Ripona Chakma.

"During the monsoon, the paths become dangerously slippery. But what choice do we have?" she asks.

In Paschim Dewanpara of Sabekon union, the crisis is even worse. Villagers must cross rivers by boat to collect water.

Despite battling diabetes and heart disease, 47-year old Champa Chakma still makes the journey. "My body can't

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Reform disability policies for dev, empowerment

Demand rights groups at press conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a press conference yesterday criticised the Ministry of Social Welfare for its failure to support the empowerment and development of persons with disabilities, accusing it of being more of an obstacle than an aid.

They argued that the ministry has failed to recognise the rights of persons with disabilities as fundamental human rights, continuing instead to treat them through a charity-based approach.

The speakers also called for a major shift in attitude, proposing that the ministry be

If mindsets, methods, planning, and implementation remain the same, no positive outcomes will follow. Structural and procedural transformation is crucial.

Dr Iftekharuzzaman, TIB Executive Director

renamed the Ministry of Social Development and Empowerment to reflect a more rights-based approach to disability issues.

The press conference, titled "Legal Rights, Protection, and Prevention of Neglect, Deprivation, and Human Rights Violations Against Persons with Disabilities," was organised by Disability Rights Watch (DRW) in collaboration with Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) at the Midas Centre in the capital's Dhanmondi.

Khandaker Jahanur Alam, member secretary

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Muslim unity platform holds a solidarity assembly

STAR REPORT

The "Anti-Hegemony Muslim Unity Platform" yesterday held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka to express solidarity with oppressed Muslim communities in Palestine, India, and Myanmar's Arakan region.

The event featured speeches from key organisers and speakers, including Muhammad Mizanur Rahman, Syed Muhammad Hasan Al-Azhari, Syed Saiful Islam Bari, Shafik Al-Mujaddidi, and Imran Hussain Tushar, according to press release.

Abul Kashem Muhammad Fazlul Haque, vice principal of Dhaka Quaderia Taiabiya Alia (Kamil) Madrasa, read out a declaration at the rally.

"The core spirit of the July uprising was to stand against the oppressor and to play a vocal role against domination," the declaration said.

The platform pledged to rebuild the future of Bangladesh while "remembering and embodying the spirit of the July uprising."

It also called for the formation of global public opinion in support of oppressed Muslims in Palestine, India, and Arakan (Rakhine), demanding "direct intervention from the UN and the recognition of Palestine as an independent state," and calling for the repeal of the "unconstitutional Waqf Bill passed in the Indian Lok Sabha."

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