

Plot afoot to oust Tarique from politics: Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said that the propaganda against the party is part of a conspiracy to destroy nationalist forces in the country.

He also said there is a conspiracy to eliminate the party's acting chairman, Tarique Rahman, from politics.

"One thing must be kept in mind... the ongoing propaganda and smear campaign are driven by a very specific plot. That plot is to destroy the nationalist forces in Bangladesh. That conspiracy is to eliminate and defame the rising and potential leader [Tarique Rahman]," Fakhrul said at an event.

The event was organised on the unveiling of the book 'Tarique Rahman: The Hope of Bangladesh.'

"For the first time, our leader Tarique Rahman has come under attack. He has been targeted by name, and attempts have been made to malign him in various

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Traffic on Airport Road comes to a standstill yesterday as a group of CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers block the road in front of the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) headquarters in the capital's Banani, demanding proper route allocation for their vehicles in the Dhaka metropolitan area. The demonstration lasted from morning until evening.

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Extortionists will have to leave, like Hasina

Says Nahid in Jhalakathi

STAR REPORT

National Citizen Party Convener Nahid Islam yesterday said those who want to "do politics of extortion" will have to leave, like the fallen prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

"A man was stoned to death in Dhaka for extortion. Those who want to indulge in politics of grabbing, extortion, snatching, and getting commission, the people of Bangladesh will oust them just as they did with Hasina," he said while speaking at a rally in Jhalakathi town.

The NCP leader said the people would not accept a national election without trials and reforms, alleging that those who were thinking of polls without those were involved in a conspiracy.

Earlier at a rally on the Pirojpur Central Shaheed Minar premises, Nahid said some political parties wanted the polls to be held in no time and grip power as reforms were seemingly not an important agenda to them, reports our Pirojpur correspondent.

"If there is no one for reforms, we, who took to the streets during the July uprising, have the responsibility to those who took to the streets at our call and sacrificed their lives. We cannot retreat from the streets," he said.

Nahid said they demanded reforms, a new constitution, and trial of those in the fallen Awami League government.

"Through this, we will rebuild the country and restructure the economy and culture," he said.

Expressing grief over the brutal Old Dhaka murder, Nahid said they would not let the country turn into a haven for extortionists and looters.

NCP leaders and activists are on the streets. They will remain vigilant to free the country from the hands of extortionists, corrupt individuals, and land grabbers, he added.

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The clemency of Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun, the former police chief accused of crimes against humanity during the July uprising, depends on the condition that he will fully disclose the truth and the whole of the circumstances.

He will remain segregated in jail for his safety and security, as per the order passed by the International Crimes Tribunal last Thursday and published yesterday.

The order states that the Mamun would be called for cross-examination later.

It also said the tribunal deems it appropriate to tender pardon to him under the facts and circumstances following his petition to become a witness for the prosecution.

"... accordingly pardon has been tendered to him on condition that he will make a full and true disclosure of the whole of the circumstances within his knowledge relative to the alleged offences and to every other person concerned, either as principal or abettor," read the order.

"... he accepted the pardon subject to such condition and as such the Tribunal shall call him for being examined as witness in the trial at a convenient date," it added.

Originally set up to try those responsible for war crimes committed

during the 1971 Liberation War, the tribunal is currently hearing the cases filed on charges of crimes against humanity during the 2024 uprising.

Mamun stands accused of murder, attempted murder, torture, and use of lethal weapons, among others, along with deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal.

The three-member tribunal formally framed charges against Hasina, Kamal, and Mamun in the case last Thursday.

The trio is charged with crimes against humanity for their "superior command responsibility, conspiracy, incitement, instigation, facilitation, abetment, complicity, failure to punish, failure to prevent crimes".

In a first, the former inspector general of police pleaded guilty to the charges against him when asked in court on Thursday. He also petitioned the tribunal to be made an "approver" – a witness for the prosecution. Under the law, an approver may be granted a pardon if their testimony is found to have revealed the full truth.

ASM Ruhul Emran, registrar of the ICT, told The Daily Star that the order on Mamun's pardon was issued as Order No 07 in ICT-BD Case No 02 of 2025.

"A copy of the order has already been sent to the jail authorities," he added.

NCP firm on getting 'Shapla' as polls symbol

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National Citizen Party leaders yesterday said they want the "Shapla" (water lily) as the party's electoral symbol, with no alternative.

They also demanded the removal of "Boat" symbol from the list of electoral symbols and vowed that they would fight politically if they did not get "Shapla" as their party's symbol.

The NCP also asked for the reconstitution of the current Election Commission when its five-member delegation met Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasiruddin at the EC headquarters.

The five are NCP Chief Coordinator Nasiruddin Patwari, Chief Organiser (south) Hasnat Abdullah, Chief Organiser (north) Sarjis Alam, Joint Member

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Man held in Savar for alleged links to Tehrik-e-Taliban

ATU sues 5 others on same charges

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

The Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU) has arrested a man from Savar for his alleged involvement with Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), a Pakistan-based banned militant outfit.

An ATU team arrested Md Foyal, 33, from his shop - Bhai Brothers Telecom – near the Savar upazila health complex on July 2, based on intelligence regarding his involvement with TTP. He was produced before a Dhaka court the following day under section 54 of the CrPC, and then sent to jail.

On July 5, Inspector Abdul Mannan of the ATU's intelligence branch filed a case under Anti-Terrorism Act against Foyal and five others with Savar Model Police Station. The other accused are Al Imran alias Engineer Imran Haider, Rezaul Karim Abrar, Asif Adnan, Zakaria Masud, and Md Sanaf Hasan.

The Daily Star has seen a copy of the case statement, which details Foyal's reported confession that he was inspired by TTP's ideology and had traveled to Afghanistan via Pakistan in October last year. He said he was accompanied by Ahmed Jubair alias Yuvraj, 23, who was later killed in a Pakistan army operation in Waziristan.

Foyal also reportedly said that he and Jubair left Dhaka on October 18 last year, traveled to Pakistan on October 29, and entered Afghanistan through the Torkham border on November 6. While Foyal returned to Bangladesh via Dubai on November 16, Jubair stayed back and was killed in a border strike by the Pakistan army.

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Rainwater has pooled in Lalmatia Triangular Park's skating area due to the lack of a drainage system. The stagnant water leaves the space unusable and makes it a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Malnutrition in Gaza rises since March Warns UNRWA

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UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, said yesterday the malnutrition cases have increased in Gaza since March when Israel banned the UN agency from the Strip and imposed an aid blockade on the besieged enclave.

"Despite a critical shortage in supplies essential for treatment, our teams continue their work in Gaza to help the most vulnerable, including through nutritional assessment for children," said a post of the UN agency in the social media platform X.

Meanwhile, Gaza's civil defence agency said Israeli air strikes yesterday killed more than 40 Palestinians,

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