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Adopt gender-responsive policies for stronger disaster resilience

Speakers tell workshop

“It’s crucial to ensure representation so that vulnerable groups are heard and women can actively participate in preparedness.”

Rezwanur Rahman,
DG of Department of Disaster Management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

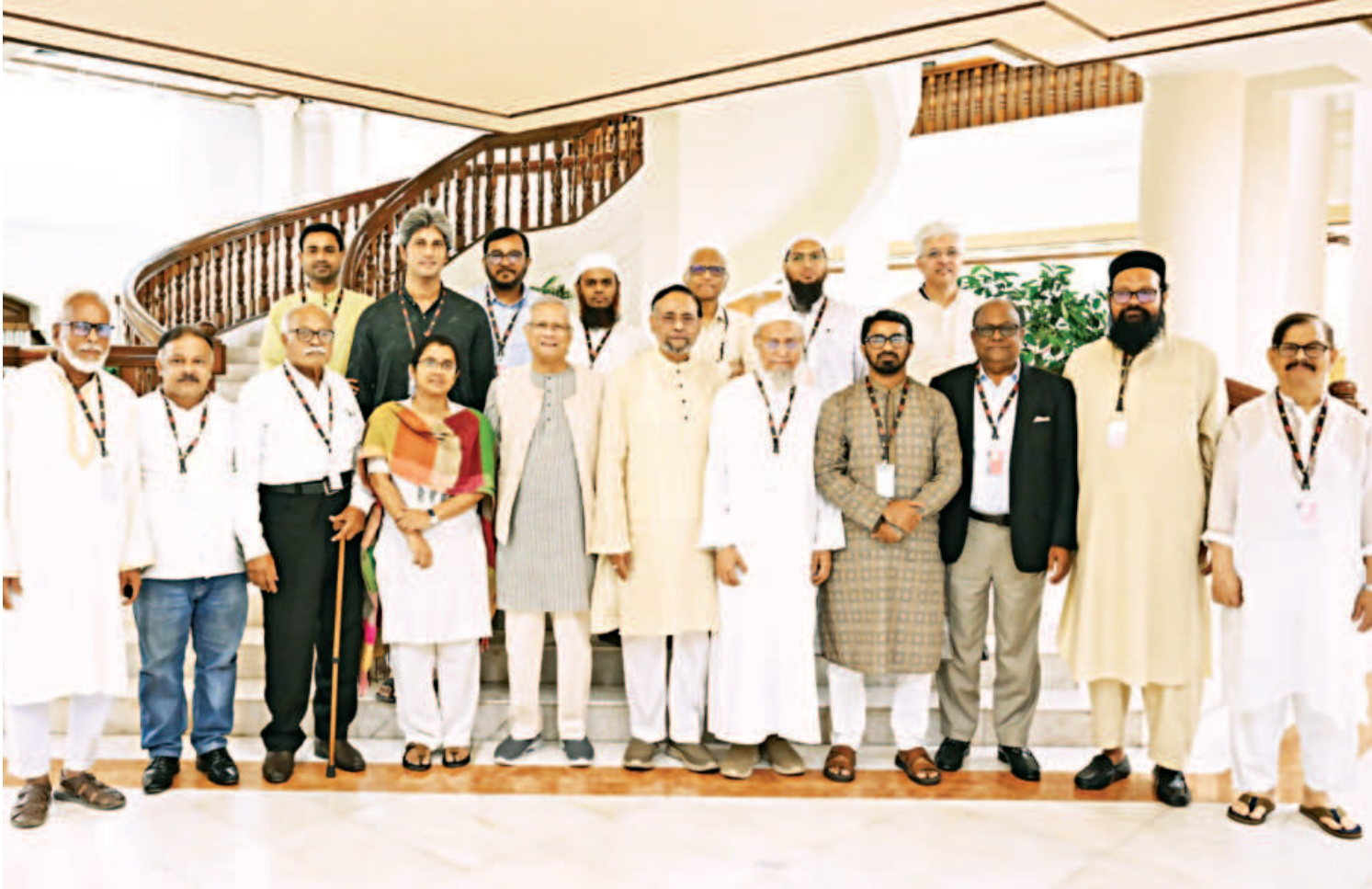
Women and children remain the most vulnerable in disasters in Bangladesh, a reality laid bare by Cyclone Remal last year, said speakers at an event yesterday.

They said social norms delaying women’s evacuation, combined with family care responsibilities and overcrowded shelters lacking privacy and sanitation, leave women exposed to insecurity and gender-based violence.

Empowering women in disaster preparedness and response, they stressed, is key to reducing these risks.

They called for stronger awareness, preparedness, early warning systems, funding, and gender-responsive disaster risk reduction policies to ensure equitable management

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Leaders of seven political parties and one platform met Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at his official residence, Jamuna, in Dhaka yesterday. They discussed the issue of the upcoming national elections. The chief adviser warned of attempts to foil the February polls, urging vigilance, unity, and support from political parties.

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Abul Mansur Ahmad’s 127th birth anniv today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today marks the 127th birth anniversary of renowned litterateur, journalist, and politician Abul Mansur Ahmad. On September 3, 1898, he was born in Dhanikhola village of Mymensingh.

He died on March 18, 1979, in Dhaka.

One of the leading satirical writers of Bangla literature, he also had an illustrious career as a journalist and a politician.

In 1946, he was the founding editor of the

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DUCSU ELECTIONS

Teachers’ network issues 13-point call for fair polls

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Teachers’ Network yesterday placed a 13-point observation for the upcoming Dhaka University Central Students’ Union (Ducusu) elections, calling upon the election commission and the university authorities to ensure a free, fair, and transparent electoral process.

The Ducusu election is scheduled for September 9.

At a press conference held at Madhur Canteen, network members Associate Professor Tahmina Khanam of the management department and Associate Professor Moshahida Sultana of the accounting department read out the statement.

They recalled their monitoring role in the 2019 Ducusu polls, which

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ATTACK ON POLICE IN ADABOR

Cops now on the edge

Officials wary of responding to emergencies

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

On Monday night, Adabor Police Station received a call through the National Emergency Helpline 999.

Around 10:30pm, the caller informed police that a youth had been confined in the Shyamoli Housing area and urged them to rescue him.

Following the call, the station dispatched a four-member team to Road-10 in Adabor.

When the team attempted to rescue the youth, a group of eight to 10 people attacked them, stabbing Constable Al Amin with a machete and vandalising the police van.

The incident has sparked fear among law enforcers, who are now wary of responding to such emergencies.

Speaking to The Daily Star on condition of anonymity, a Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) official said, “Discussions are now going on within our force about how to respond to emergency calls, as fear is prevailing after Monday’s incident. The patrol team usually has no more than four to five members, sometimes even fewer. Who will guarantee our safety if something like this happens again?”

A DMP OFFICIAL

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102 rounded up in retaliation

15 sent to jail; families claim innocence

STAR REPORT

Autorickshaw driver Alamgir Hossain, 35, had just moved into a one-room flat in Adabor’s Balur Math area with his wife and two daughters on Monday.

Exhausted from shifting household belongings all day, he went to bed early, said his wife, Julefa Begum.

Around 1:00am, the family was woken by knocks on the door. “When I opened it, I saw several policemen. They asked my husband to get dressed, saying he was needed for questioning, and then took him away,” Julefa told The Daily Star.

Around the same time, 45-year-old mason Habibur Rahman was also detained from a nearby house, along with his two sons – Nazmul Hossain, 18, and Mohammad Nadim, 22.

They were among 102 people rounded up in overnight police drives in Adabor.

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Govt mulls ICT-3 to speed up trials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government may constitute a third tribunal to expedite trials for enforced disappearances and other international crimes, Law Adviser Asif Nazrul has said.

He made the remarks after inspecting the renovation work of the main building of International Crimes Tribunal-2 in the vicinity of the Supreme Court premises yesterday morning.

Asif Nazrul’s comments on the possibility of forming ICT-3 came after the ICT chief prosecutor on Saturday said they were being forced to rush the trials of crimes against humanity committed during the July uprising.

Once ICT-2 shifts to the main building, ICT-3 could be housed in the tin-shed building where ICT-2 has been working, he said.

“If tribunal-3 is set up, it will significantly speed up the trials related to disappearances and other international crimes. We are also prioritising the prosecution of crimes against humanity,” the adviser said.

Emphasising the government’s commitment,

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RETURNING AFTER 11:00PM

RU hall scraps notice on 91 female students amid outcry

STAR REPORT

Authorities at Rajshahi University’s (RU) July 36 Hall have withdrawn a notice summoning 91 female students for returning to their dormitory after 11:00pm, following widespread criticism from students and on social media.

The original notice, signed by hall provost Prof Lovely Nahar on Monday night, instructed students listed under serial numbers 1-45 to appear at her office on September 9, and numbers 46-91 on September 10.

The move quickly sparked a debate online, with many terming it “illogical” and “discriminatory”. A fresh notice was issued yesterday afternoon, announcing the withdrawal.

Students said the publication of their names exposed them to humiliation and safety risks. “Our personal information is now out in the open. I was marked for returning late one night, but I had only stepped out briefly to collect food. Now others are making indecent remarks about us,” said a resident.

Another student said, “This was done in the name of security, but instead it put us in danger. With the upcoming Rucusu polls, such information can easily be misused. The administration acted unprofessionally.”

The controversy also drew attention from student

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Women wait for nearly four hours under the scorching sun in Mohammadpur yesterday for a TCB truck that was scheduled to arrive at 9:00am but had yet to come even by 1:00pm. For many, these trucks are the only way to buy essentials at affordable prices.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

PURBACHAL GRAFT

Six more testify in 3 cases against Hasina

STAR REPORT

Six more prosecution witnesses testified yesterday in three graft cases filed against 23 people, including deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina, her daughter Saima Wazed Putul, and son Sajeeb Wazed Joy.

The witnesses are Delwar Hossain, Lutfor Rahman, Rezaul Haque, Abu Taher, Gautam Kumar Sikdar, and Shoriful Islam.

Judge Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun of Dhaka’s Special Judge’s Court-5 recorded their statements and set September 17 for the next hearing.

According to the prosecution, the six testified in the three separate graft cases – one against 12 accused; another against 18, including Putul; and a third against 17, including Joy.

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