

# Efforts to portray BNP as opposing July uprising will fail: Salahuddin

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BNP Standing Committee member Salahuddin Ahmed has dismissed any attempt to portray his party as being opposed to the July uprising and urged everyone to refrain from misinterpreting his statements.

"I just want to say that our young generation, who were involved in the July uprising, gave their lives and faced bullets – they may have some minor faults or made some small mistakes," he said.

"They are like our children. They might make some mistakes. We don't take those so seriously," Salahuddin said during a briefing at the BNP chairperson's office in Dhaka's Gulshan yesterday.

The briefing was held following NCP chief Nahid Islam's comment on a statement made by Salahuddin on Saturday.

On Saturday, Nahid asked Salahuddin to apologise for calling July warriors, who had gathered at the venue of the July charter signing ceremony, the "fascist followers of Awami League".

"In this context, the Jamaat ameer made a post. I saw that he also urged not to call the July warriors 'allies of fascism'. I agree with that. And all of us should hold on to that statement. They should too," said Salahuddin.

Regarding his Saturday's speech, he said, "I don't think it was distorted. But they [political leaders] gave their statements, cutting out a part of my statement."

He further said, "Due to their age, many may have spoken emotionally. I don't want to criticise that."

The BNP leader said, "Those who identify themselves as the force of the July uprising and have formed new political parties inspired by that spirit – I wish them a bright future."

In response to a question on whether there was an attempt to portray BNP as being against the July uprising, Salahuddin said, "It would be wrong to think a fascist regime fell in just 36 days. The July uprising was the outcome of 16 years of continuous movement and struggle."



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# Encroachment, pollution choking Boral river

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Rampant encroachment and indiscriminate pollution have long been choking the Boral River in the Chalan Beel area of Pabna's Chatmohar upazila by restricting its natural flow.

Boral is one of the key rivers of the region, stretching around 220 kilometres while connecting with the Padma and Jamuna through four districts before flowing into the Chalan Beel.

The river has been filled up in many areas, with hundreds of different establishments – shops, markets, and residential buildings – being built along its 20km stretch in the upazila, including at Notunbazar Kheyaghat, and in Haripur Bazar area.

SM Mizanur Rahman, a member of the Chalan Beel Rokkha

Andolon, said over 100 structures have been constructed at the Natunbazar Kheyaghat area. He alleged that residents living on the riverbanks often dispose of their sewage into the river. Furthermore, factory waste is also continuously being dumped into the river.

"We have been continuing our movement for decades demanding measures to save the river, but many people are reluctant to help our cause," he said.

In Haripur Bazar area, the river became noticeably narrower due to encroachment. Near the Muktijoddha Sangsad, much of the river has been grabbed to set up a hawkers' market a few years ago, said locals.

According to locals and shopkeepers, the hawkers' market was previously located near the Chatmohar Dakbungalow area but was relocated to the riverbank after

filling up a portion of the river.

"A total of 24 shops are located in the hawkers' market. We are paying Tk 400 for each shop as a monthly fee to the market's committee," said Md Jonab Ali, a shop owner.

Asked about illegal encroachment, he said he was unaware of the land ownership and had simply rented the shop.

The National River Conservation Commission (NRCC) earlier published a list of encroachers on their website in 2019. Authorities subsequently demolished a few of the illegal structures, but encroachers later returned to grab more land on the riverbank.

Musa Nuser Chowdhury, upazila nirbahi officer of Chatmohar, said he had joined recently and was unaware of what happened earlier.

"However, we are taking action if anybody attempts to encroach on the river," he claimed.

# Car showroom

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"They [extortionists] even threaten to kidnap our children, mentioning their names and schools," one showroom owner told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity. "They come on motorcycles, throw cocktails in front of the showroom, and flee."

Abdul Haque, president of Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicles Importers and Dealers Association (BARVIDA), said at least 12 such attacks have taken place on showrooms near Kuril Biswa Road in the last six months.

"Unknown miscreants send pictures of AK-47 rifles via WhatsApp from foreign numbers and demand extortion money," Haque said. "If anyone agrees to pay, the criminals provide online payment account details or send local associates to collect the cash."

In protest, around 550

showrooms across the country remained closed for half a day yesterday.

Owners and employees formed a human chain at the Coca-Cola intersection on Pragati Sarani, issuing an ultimatum to halt all vehicle clearance, tax payments, and registrations if the situation does not improve by October 30.

Soon after the programme, Haque received another call from an unknown foreign number.

"It was from the extortionist gang," he said. "They told me, 'Hold human chains or whatever you want; you must pay us...'"

BARVIDA leaders said six general diaries have been filed over the recent attacks.

Despite informing the DMP commissioner and Rab director general, they said, the situation has not improved.

Contacted, Al Amin, additional deputy commissioner of DMP's Gulshan Zone, confirmed that several GDs were filed with Bhatara Police Station in this regard.

"Police have increased patrols in the area and are investigating the complaints with top priority," he said.

# 'Media trials' undermine justice system

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Supreme Court lawyer Mohammad Shishir Monir said judges in the lower courts frequently crumble under the intense social and media pressure, and they lack the maturity and impartiality required to handle death penalty cases fairly.

"As a result, nearly 60 percent of death sentences issued by lower courts are overturned by the High Court," he added.

Monir said around 2,156 prisoners are currently on death row. He proposed a moratorium on executions until the system is

reformed.

He called for a permanent investigation agency for murder cases and an end to the practice of sending convicts to condemned cells before final verdicts.

Barrister Mushfiqul Huda called for

independent homicide units in every district and criticised reliance on confessional statements – a colonial legacy he termed "the culprit of the law".

He cited the trial of revolutionary Khudiram Bose as the first death sentence in the

subcontinent based solely on a confession, lamenting that the practice persists.

Shah Newaz Sakib, executive director of Decage, said impoverished defendants often confess under police remand because they cannot afford legal counsel or bribe the

police.

He said the justice system frequently acquits wealthy offenders while sentencing the poor to death, underscoring the need to modernise confession procedures to prevent wrongful convictions.

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# Steeped in history

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of service for years. "We often have to hang from the door or ride on the roof to reach campus," said Mohon, a Sociology student.

The university's medical centre, run by two doctors, lacks essential equipment. "All you get here is a Napa tablet. There's no proper treatment or facility," said another student.

JnU's central library suffers from limited resources, while the lone cafeteria struggles to meet student demand, with complaints of long queues, poor food, and high prices.

"Jagannath University may have a glorious past, but even after two decades of becoming a

full-fledged university, it still suffers from housing, infrastructural, and administrative limitations," said Fahmida Trishna, a student of Mass Communication and Journalism.

Amid these crises, the construction of a new campus in Teghoria, Keraniganj, offers hope. Spread over nearly 200 acres, it is expected to ease accommodation, transport, and infrastructure shortages once completed.

Construction began in 2018 but has been delayed by contractor negligence and bureaucratic hurdles. Following student protests earlier this year, the education ministry handed over supervision of the project to the Bangladesh Army.

According to the administration, the first phase of the new campus is expected to be completed by December 2026.

The history of Jagannath University dates back to 1858, when Dhaka Brahma School was founded and later renamed Jagannath School in 1872. It became a college in 1884 and was upgraded to a university in 2005.

Jagannath College also played a key role in major political movements, including the Language Movement and the Liberation War.

Vice Chancellor Prof Rezaul Karim said, "With everyone's cooperation, we will continue to overcome all challenges and move forward in the days to come."

# Metro rail now runs an hour longer

UNB, Dhaka

The Dhaka metro rail extended its operations by one hour from yesterday, with trains now running half an hour earlier in the morning and half an hour later at night.

According to Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited (DMTCL), the first train now departs at 6:30am instead of 7:10am, while the last trip departs at 10:10pm instead of 9:40pm.

On Fridays, the weekly holiday, metro services will start at 2:30pm instead of 3:00pm.

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**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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প্রবেশপত্র ডাউনলোড করতে কোন সমস্যা হলে হটলাইন ০১৭১০৮৮২৯৫৬ (অফিস চলাকালীন) এ যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। জটিলতা এড়াণের লক্ষ্যে শেষ সময় পর্যন্ত অপেক্ষা না করে দ্রুততার সাথে প্রবেশপত্র ডাউনলোড করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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