

## Legal notice served on govt over river lease in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (Bela) has issued a legal notice on the government for leasing out portions of rivers in the name of "enclosed waterbody" in Pabna.

Advocate S Hasanol Banna, a Supreme Court lawyer and counsel for Bela, issued the notice to five secretaries, as well as the chairman of Jatiya Nodi Rokhkh Commission, the director general of the Department of Environment, Water Development Board, and the deputy commissioner of Pabna, among 13 government officials, on November 9.

The notice sought a halt to the leasing process of 26 "enclosed waterbodies" in Pabna, including six portions of rivers and canals.

Earlier on October 13, the Pabna District Administration issued a notice inviting bidders for leasing 26 "enclosed waterbodies" covering over 20 acres for fishing.

The Daily Star published a report on November 2 under the headline "District admin moves to lease out parts of rivers again" after finding that the Pabna district administration was moving to lease portions of the Ichamati and Padma rivers.



Students chat in their classrooms amid the ongoing work stoppage by government primary school teachers across the country, who are demanding that their pay scale be upgraded to the 10th grade, inset. The photos were taken at Mohammadpur Government Primary School and Lalmatia Government Primary School in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Tarek ends hunger strike after BNP assurance

He was staging protest since Nov 4 for registration of Am Janatar Dal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tarek Rahman, member secretary of the Am Janatar Dal, ended his hunger strike last night following assurances from BNP Standing Committee Member Salahuddin Ahmed.

Tarek broke his fast around 8:30pm in front of the main gate of the Election Commission (EC) building in Dhaka, where he had been staging the protest since November 4.

Party activists later transported him by ambulance to Gonoshasthaya Hospital for medical care.

Salahuddin, who was present at the scene, told Tarek, "You will file the appeal tomorrow. Some offices will be reformed in the meantime. Now, you should end your hunger strike."

Arif Billah, organisational secretary of Am Janatar Dal, told The Daily Star that Tarek had been carrying out a hunger strike demanding registration for his party for 135 hours.

Around 1:45pm yesterday, Tarek was seen lying on the pavement outside the EC building with a saline cannula in his right hand and medical tapes on his left arm.

His protest has drawn both admiration and concern from people.

Speaking to the crowd, Tarek displayed party documents and insisted that Amjanatar Dal had fulfilled all requirements for registration. "I won't leave until we get registration," he said.



PHOTO: BNP'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Around 2:00pm yesterday, Ishraq Hossain, special assistant to the BNP chairperson's Foreign Affairs Advisory Committee, visited Tarek to show solidarity.

Earlier on November 5, the EC sent a formal letter to Amjanatar Dal

explaining that while the information regarding its central office was accurate, the party failed to provide proof of active offices in two of the 22 districts and in 67 of 100 upazilas. Additionally, the party could not verify at least 200 voter members in the upazila offices, the letter noted.

Asked whether the EC would reconsider the party's registration, Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed yesterday told journalists, "You know the answer better than I do. What can I say?"

When informed that Tarek's hunger strike had exceeded 125 hours, he added, "Even if it's 522 hours, there's nothing to do. Can the EC go beyond the rules?" Later in the afternoon, the EC secretary said, "If anyone feels aggrieved by a decision, they can appeal to the commission accordingly."

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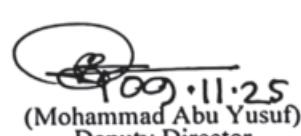
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## They too deserve

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Director of the Department of Social Services Farid Ahmed Mollah whether there were any 24/7 rescue services for children.

"Our online helpline 1098 is active 24/7 but is currently limited to divisional cities. We plan to expand it to all districts and upazila levels," Farid Ahmed replied.

Jesmin Akter asked why laws and regulations protecting children's rights were not being properly implemented.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said it was due to a lack of accountability among stakeholders, disinterest among government officials, and ambiguities in existing laws.

"There is no process to hold accountable those who fail to perform their duties," she said, adding that no child should sleep on the streets as it is a violation of human rights.

"It is inhuman and unacceptable," she said, calling for more government-run shelter homes and drop-in centres.

Another LEEDO member, Tahmina Akther, asked how society could increase empathy for street children.

Md Rezaul Karim Khokon, executive director of Shudha, another platform working for street children's education, said, "It is society's duty to work

for such children. Street children have contributed to all democratic movements from the Liberation War to the July uprising. Why should they expect any form of sympathy from us?"

He said all street children are taxpayers of the state.

"They pay indirect taxes when buying food and daily necessities. With those taxes, universities run with subsidies... we have responsibilities towards them," he said.

Mahfuz Sultana Munni, a LEEDO member, said they have been advocating for street children for the last one year so that they too can have a safe and dignified childhood like

Deputy Country Director of Save the Children Bangladesh ASM Rahmat Ullah Bhuiyan, Director of World Vision Bangladesh Rahul Mathew Nimmagadda, Legal Adviser of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) SM Rezaul Karim, Programme Specialist of BLAST Farjana Fatema, Supreme Court advocates Md Abdul Kalam Azad and Abdul Momen Chowdhury, and LEEDO board member Tusher Ahmed Imran also replied to the children's questions.

Tanjim Ferdous, in charge of The Daily Star's NGOs and Foreign Missions Desk, conducted the roundtable.

## Deadly fungal

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colonised after admission. Of the 14 patients colonised on admission, 13 were admitted or moved from another hospital setting, while only one came from home.

Seven (22 percent) of the 32 colonised patients, including the one with bloodstream infection, died.

While only three (9 percent) showed multidrug resistance, 82 percent were resistant to fluconazole, the first-line treatment for invasive fungal infections.

Also, 81 percent of the colonised cases had undergone delivery by

caesarean section.

"This study provides important evidence of transmission of this superbug among critically ill and vulnerable patients in NICUs," said Fahmida Chowdhury, associate scientist and lead of the Infectious Diseases Division at icddr,b.

The authors recommend regular cleaning of hospital surfaces with chlorine-based disinfectants and improved hand hygiene among healthcare workers for invasive fungal infections.

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## Man beaten to death in Sitakunda

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A man known for confronting petty criminals in a local bazar was beaten to death by unidentified assailants in the Mirerhat area of Sitakunda upazila in Chattogram.

Belal Hossain, aged around 35, was found lying in a pool of blood with severe head injuries, said locals.

They said Belal, who was intellectually disabled, had long been targeted by miscreants whom he tried to deter from committing crimes in the market.

Police and locals said Belal often acted as an "informal night guard", patrolling with the official watchmen and shouting to ward off burglars and robbers.

The murder is believed to have occurred late Saturday night or in the early hours of yesterday, said Sitakunda Model Police Station OC Mujibur Rahman.

Locals discovered his body wrapped in a blanket on the cemented floor on the southern side of the market. Police said he had been struck with wooden logs while asleep, leading to fatal head injuries.

"Belal stayed in the bazar at night and helped keep watch," a resident said. "We believe he was deliberately killed because he tried to stop the criminals."

OC Mujibur Rahman said, "Initially, we suspect Belal was murdered while he was asleep. The body was sent for autopsy."

Filing of a case was underway, he said, adding that efforts were on to identify and arrest the killers.

## খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

খুলনা-৯২০৩

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