

Govt to revive non-functional institutions

Says Fakhrul

BSS, Thakurgaon

LGRD Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said the government is working to make state institutions, long rendered ineffective, functional and properly institutionalised once again.

He also confirmed that local government elections will be held on schedule.

Mirza Fakhrul, also the BNP secretary general, made the remarks while responding to journalists after laying the foundation stone of a multi-storey building at Hajipara Hafizia Madrasa in Thakurgaon.

In reply to a question, he said, "For a long time, we have heard that the previous fascist government had weakened various state institutions and rendered them ineffective. The major challenge before the new government is to restructure these institutions, ensure accountability, and restore the framework of good governance."

He further said, "I am most indebted to the people of Thakurgaon. They supported me by giving their valuable votes. I want to work responsibly to repay their trust and affection."

Man burnt in Old Dhaka AC blast dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man who suffered burns along with his parents in an explosion at their Old Dhaka residence early yesterday died last night.

Selim Bepari, 25, breathed his last around 10:00pm at the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, confirmed Dr Shawon Bin Rahman.

Selim had suffered 100 percent burns and his airway was severely damaged, he added.

His parents — Mukter Bepari, 55, and Selina Begum, 46 — are undergoing treatment at the institute with 22 percent and 20 percent burns, respectively. The explosion occurred around 12:30am yesterday inside their flat in Narinda.

Fire Service said the fire originated from an air conditioner compressor blast. However, locals managed to extinguish the blaze and rush the victims to the hospital before firefighters arrived.

Abir Hossain, Selim's cousin, said Mukter, who owns a shop selling AC and refrigerator compressors in Dholaipar, used to store merchandise, including compressors, inside their flat.



Fishermen aboard a boat on the Kirtankhola River set out to catch fish in nearby rivers in Barishal. The photo was taken in the district's Charmonai area yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

KALAPARA OF PATUAKHALI

Schoolteacher's home declared a bird haven

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

In Musulliyabad village under Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali, the house of a schoolteacher has been declared a bird haven.

A signboard declaring the house a "Colony of Native and Migratory Birds" was unveiled on Thursday afternoon, formally acknowledging and honouring schoolteacher Akhteruzzaman's decades-long devotion to protecting and nurturing birds.



The house, now renamed "Bihanga Bilash", has long been a haven where many avian species found shelter and sustenance.

For nearly 40 years, Akhteruzzaman has hosted generations of birds, with their presence filling the air with a chorus of chirps and calls. White egrets, cormorants, and



several other species, as well as bats find refuge here, making his house and adjoining banana plantation a lively theatre of nature's rhythms.

The story of this unique habitat first appeared in The Daily Star on October 1 last year, prompting the administration to formalise the recognition.

Yasin Sadiq, assistant commissioner (Land) in Kalapara, represented the local administration and formally declared the home a bird sanctuary. Officer-in-Charge of Payra Port River Police Nayan Arkun, and members of Animal Lovers of

Patuakhali, an animal rights and welfare group, who have long supported the teacher's efforts, were present.

Highlighting the teacher's unwavering commitment, Yasin said, "Akhteruzzaman has taken sincere initiatives to ensure a safe habitat for migratory and other birds, and raised a banana plantation on 33 decimals of land solely to provide food for birds."

Akhteruzzaman's initiative first came to attention through media reports, leading Yasin Sadiq to inform the Patuakhali deputy commissioner.

"He then instructed us to

install a signboard here," Yasin added.

He also noted that Kalapara, already a popular tourist destination, may now see visitors drawn to the sanctuary.

"Such initiatives encourage kindness towards birds and other animals and may open a new horizon for tourism," he added.

Talking to this correspondent, Akhteruzzaman said, "The birds have now become part of our family. Most of them collect their food from nature. Even so, I have set aside 33 decimal of my land to grow a banana plantation specifically for the birds. The fruits are meant only for them. Now the villagers have also become very caring toward the birds."

"At times, many injured birds come to our house. We provide them with treatment. All members of our family keep watch to ensure the birds' safety," he also said.

"I hope everyone will come forward to help protect birds, which play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance," Akhteruzzaman added.

Man beaten to death, brother hurt 'by neighbours'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was beaten to death and his brother injured allegedly by their neighbours following a dispute over setting up a clothesline in Faridpur yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Jewel Ahmed, 40. His younger brother, Sohel Ahmed, 24, was admitted to Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

Locals said one Md Sarfaraz, 55, who earns a living by making and selling paper bags, lived in Goalchamot Mollah Bari Road area under Sadar upazila with his wife Moni Begum and sons Shahriyar, 22, and Rifat.

Moni Begum attempted to fix a bamboo pole and string a clothesline along Jewel's boundary, leading to an altercation.

Witness Sajib Sheikh said Sarfaraz, his sons, and two of his employees broke into Jewel's house and beat him and Sohel. Jewel was declared dead at the hospital.

Faridpur Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Shahidul Islam said Sarfaraz and Moni Begum were detained.

3 DB men attacked in Manikganj; 9 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Three members of Manikganj district Detective Branch (DB) of police, including a sub-inspector, were injured in an attack while conducting an anti-drug operation in the district's Singair upazila on Thursday.

Police arrested nine people in connection with the incident as of last evening.

Singair Police Station OC Mazharul Islam said a DB team, led by SI Md Anwar Hossain, went on an operation in Char Ulail village under Dhalla union on Thursday afternoon.

During the drive, one Md Lablu alias Labu Mia, 45, was arrested with 20 pieces of yaba pills.

Three of the team were injured as they were attacked by Lablu's relatives and some locals on

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'No more office-to-office hassle' Land minister says govt planning one-stop service

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Land Minister Mizanur Rahman Minu yesterday said the government is moving to introduce one-stop service centres across the country to reduce public suffering by addressing long standing complexities and irregularities in land-related services.

The initiative, he said, is being planned following models used in developed countries.

"The core objective of modernising the land ministry is to ensure hassle-free services for ordinary people. For years, citizens have had to move from one office to another at different stages of land-related processes, often facing harassment and unnecessary delays," he told reporters at a community centre in Rajshahi city.

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HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 194 OF 2026.

IN THE MATTER OF:
Md. Mufassir Ali Talukder, Managing Director and Shareholder, The Decision Maker Ltd. (Reg. No. C-165623, Reg. Date: 11-NOV-2020) of House No-64, East Jinnar Afsar Karim Road, P.O.- Faridabad, P.S.- Kadomtali, Dhaka-1204, Dhaka. ----- PETITIONER.

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Md. Faizullah
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Mob: 01723511044

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IN THE MATTER OF:
Azadul Haque, Managing Director and Shareholder, Partners Box Company Limited. (Reg. No. C-174692), Rangs Paramount-2, level-5, Block-K, Plot-11, Road No -17, Banani, Dhaka. ----- PETITIONER.

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Strongest

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Purbopod Mallik, another homeowner in Harinagar village, shared a similar experience.

In Satkhira town, Jahangir Hossain said, "As soon as I felt the tremor, I just picked up my child and rushed out to the street. My heart is still pounding."

In the mini market area, shopkeeper Shariful Islam said he was busy in his shop, but ran out as soon as he felt a sudden jolt.

Asked about any fault line in Satkhira, Prof Syed Humayun Akhter, former chairman of the Department of Geology at Dhaka University, said that only a fault line is not responsible for a tremor. It can happen for several other reasons. "Another tremor happened in Satkhira around 10-12 years back," he mentioned.

Forced to travel

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Once finished, the six-storey facility will house 150 beds, including 10 ICU beds, 25 HDU beds (dedicated sections for men, women, and children), three state-of-the-art operating theatres, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy (currently available only in Dhaka), he said.

Brigadier General Taslim Uddin, director of CMCH, said there is no funding crisis, as the Chinese government is providing the equipment and overseeing construction. "Once they hand it over next year, we will be able to treat the most critical patients right here," he said.

PM shares warm moments

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The children replied in unison, "We also fast."

One child greeted the premier with "Assalamu Alaikum" and said, "Uncle, I fasted all except today."

The PM patted the child on the head and said, "That's good." Another child said, "Uncle, I fasted all the days," to which the PM responded, "Very good."

The interaction created a joyful and lively atmosphere

as the children smiled and chatted freely with the premier, who shook hands with many of them and asked how they were doing.

Later, as Zubaida Rahman left the mosque, the PM Tarique bade farewell to the children, saying "Allah Hafez."

At that time, the children said, "Uncle, please pray for us." The PM waved to them before walking towards his vehicle.

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