



'Another revolution is approaching'

Says Jamaat ameer at 11-party rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition leader and Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Shafiqur Rahman yesterday warned that "another inevitable revolution" was on the horizon and urged his supporters to prepare for it.

He made the remarks at a rally organised by the 11-party alliance at the south gate of Baitul Mukarram in Dhaka, marking the second anniversary of the July uprising.

Addressing the rally as chief guest, Shafiqur said, "Everything suggests that another inevitable revolution is approaching. I call upon all of you to prepare for that revolution."

He said that, just as people from all walks of life, from children to the elderly, had taken to the streets during the July movement in 2024, the nation would remain united in any future movement.

The Jamaat chief also accused the government of "betraying" the people

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This photograph shows fire and smoke rising from a warehouse destroyed during massive Russian ballistic missile and drone strikes on the outskirts of Kyiv early yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

'INACCURATE DOCUMENTARY'

NCP leaders walk out of state event on July

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Citizen Party leaders walked out of a state-organised programme yesterday, alleging that a documentary screened at the event deliberately distorted the history of the July uprising.

They said the documentary failed to accurately present the chronology of the movement, omitted the August 3, 2024, rally at the Central Shaheed Minar, where then student leader Nahid Islam announced the one-point -- resignation of Sheikh Hasina and her cabinet.

The walkout took place during a reception and discussion for families of July martyrs and injured protesters at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the capital. Amid the chaos, several diplomats were also seen leaving the venue.

Acting president Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, who was at the event, said he was "deeply saddened, ashamed, and hurt" by the incident, while Liberation War Affairs Minister Ahmed Azam Khan said inconsistencies in the documentary would be corrected.

During the programme, as the documentary was being screened, NCP leaders and some injured protesters chanted "Bhua, Bhua" (fake, fake), disrupting the programme.

Video clips of the incident later circulated on social media, showing attendees protesting parts related to the

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Inside the museum of resistance



PHOTO: STAR

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A jersey soaked in blood. A watch frozen in time. A son's final letter to his mother.

Inside the newly opened July Mass Uprising Memorial Museum, these are not simply artefacts displayed behind glass. They are fragments of lives cut short -- each carrying a story of courage, grief and the dream of freeing the country from authoritarian rule.

As the museum opened yesterday at Gono Bhaban, once the official residence of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, family members of martyrs and other visitors wandered through galleries where history seemed suspended between tragedy and triumph.

Inaugurating the museum exactly two years after the July uprising, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman unveiled its plaque, saying the

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July charter will be fully implemented

Says Salahuddin, urges opposition to join JS panel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed yesterday urged opposition parties to submit their nominees for the special parliamentary committee on constitutional amendments, assuring them that the July National Charter would be fully implemented.

"Come, let us sit together. You have been invited to the constitutional amendment committee, but you have not yet submitted names. We held the first meeting yesterday," he said.

He was speaking at a reception and discussion honouring the families of July uprising martyrs and injured protesters at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the capital.

Referring to Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Mia Golam Porwar's call to implement the referendum verdict, Salahuddin said, "We

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WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK

A mother's gift, lifeline for another baby

Digital app MilkShare connects donor mothers with babies in need across Bangladesh

NILIMA JAHAN

Just 18 days after he was born, Nahid Islam lost his mother.

A day after Eid-ul-Azha this year, Mst Nasima Islam woke up with severe chest pain. Her family rushed her from Munshiganj to a hospital in the capital, but by the time she arrived, doctors said there was nothing they could do.

Left with an 18-day-old baby, the family initially relied on infant formula. Doctors, however, urged them to find breast milk, saying it was especially important during the baby's first weeks.

They searched Facebook groups and reached out to personal contacts, relying on one donor after another. Some helped for weeks, others for days. Some lived too far away, while others withdrew after family members objected.

"We were constantly worried about who would donate next," said Samia Akter, the child's maternal cousin, whose family has been caring for him since Nasima's death.

They eventually found MilkShare, a new digital application connecting mothers with surplus breast milk to families in need. Now aged two months and 19 days, Nahid receives donated breast milk during the day and formula at night.

Nahid's situation is far from unique.

Milkshare
Safe Human Milk Sharing for Every Baby

Premature babies, newborns in intensive care units (NICUs), and infants whose mothers die or struggle to breastfeed often need donor milk. Yet Bangladesh has no fully operational human milk bank, leaving families largely dependent on relatives, neighbours and appeals on social media.

"When a baby is born prematurely, admitted to the NICU, or develops complications such as jaundice, doctors often want to feed the baby breast milk," said Dr Raunak Jahan, assistant professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital and a high-risk pregnancy specialist.

"But if the mother cannot produce enough milk, we often face a difficult situation because a formal milk banking system is not widely available in Bangladesh."

Meanwhile, many mothers produce more milk than their own babies can consume, including 26-year-old Sharmily Khan Eti.

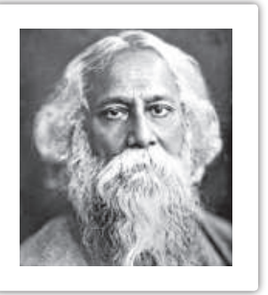
After giving birth to her second child, she continued expressing breast milk to maintain her milk supply. Soon, her freezer was filled with labelled bags that her bottle-refusing baby was unlikely to drink.

"I thought there are babies in ICUs, babies whose mothers have died, and babies whose mothers cannot produce enough milk," she said. "If I can give the milk to someone who needs it, why let it go to waste?"

With her family's support, Eti donated 21 bags of milk to Nahid before expressing another 15. As regular collection became

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Tagore's 85th death anniv today



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Today is the 85th death anniversary of Biswakabi Rabindranath Tagore.

According to the Gregorian calendar, Rabindranath died at the age of 80 on August 7 in 1941. But his death anniversary is observed in Bangladesh on Sraban 22 of the Bangla calendar.

The youngest of 13 surviving children of Debendranath Tagore and Sarada Devi, Rabindranath was born on the 25th of the Bangla month of Baishakh 1268 (May 7, 1861) at the Jorasanko mansion in Calcutta.

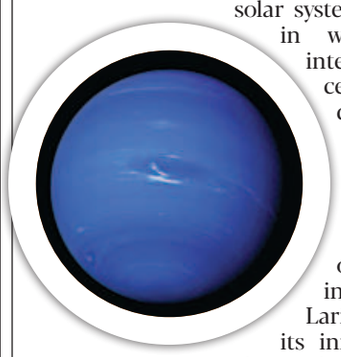
The "Bard of Bengal" composed over 2,000 songs, which created a separate genre known as "Rabindra Sangeet".

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Signs of ancient disaster for Neptune's moons found

REUTERS, *Washington*

New observations of some of Neptune's moons and rings are providing evidence of a catastrophe that occurred billions of years ago around the solar system's outermost planet in which a Pluto-sized interloper caused a celestial demolition derby.



Researchers used Nasa's James Webb Space Telescope to examine the composition of three of Neptune's small inner moons — Proteus, Larissa and Galatea — and its inner dusty rings, and detected clay minerals that one might expect to find deep inside certain worlds in the outer reaches of the solar system.

These magnesium-rich minerals are known to exist on the dwarf planet Ceres, which orbits in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, and in some meteorites.

"These minerals require prolonged contact between liquid water and rock to form," said planetary scientist Ryleigh Davis, a postdoctoral researcher at the University of California, San Diego, and lead author of the study published in the journal Science Advances.



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Pedestrians make their way past an excavated section of the Sadarghat-Gabtoli-Beribandh Road beside Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital in Dhaka. The road has remained closed for more than three weeks after a Dhaka South City Corporation worker was killed and several others were injured during drainage improvement work. The closure of the busy street has caused widespread inconvenience.

Taiwan begins drills as China pressure grows

AFP, *Taipei*

Taiwan's largest military drills of the year began yesterday as the island democracy attempts to prepare its population for a potential Chinese invasion.

The annual "Han Kuang" exercise, which runs from August 5-14, stages combat scenarios for troops and reservists to practise responding to an attack on the island, defence officials say.

Civilians will also be put through their paces during exercises that include a temporary slowdown of mobile internet speeds as well as air raid drills.

China claims Taiwan is part of its territory and has threatened to use force to seize the island of 23 million people.

Beijing has ramped up military pressure on Taiwan in recent years, deploying fighter jets and warships around the island on an almost daily basis and carrying out large-scale drills.