



Who governs Bashundhara Residential Area?

JS panel asks Rajuk

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Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Undertakings yesterday sought explanations from the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) about which authority oversees the Bashundhara Residential Area and the process through which land is bought and sold there.

The questions arose during the committee's fourth meeting held in the Cabinet Room of the National Parliament Complex, chaired by its Chairman and Chief Whip Nurul Islam Moni.

According to sources present at the meeting, several committee members discussed the Bashundhara area issue during a review of Rajuk's overall activities, including its housing and infrastructure development projects, financial management and audit reports.

One member said that traffic management in the area is handled by personnel employed by the Bashundhara Group, while land transactions require payment of commissions to the company.

Even obtaining a cable television connection reportedly requires going through the group, the member said, describing the situation as "a state within a state".

Another source said a committee member sought clarification on who exercises control over the Bashundhara area and how permission is granted for buying or selling land there.

In response, Rajuk officials said that, on paper, the area falls under the jurisdiction of the city corporation. However, discussions at the meeting noted that the city corporation has

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PHOTO: AFP

People take part in a demonstration as part of a nationwide day of actions called by high school students' unions who for days have been demanding better learning conditions in protests punctuated by violent confrontations in Marseille yesterday. Since late September, pupils have barred the entrances to hundreds of schools, complaining of teacher absences, overloaded timetables, dilapidated classrooms and buildings ill-adapted to rising temperatures, among other grievances.

IN FOCUS

Oil surges, stocks sink as US reportedly eyes fresh Iran strikes

AFP, *London*

Oil prices soared more than five percent yesterday following reports that the United States could launch fresh attacks on Iran before next month's midterm elections, risking further supply disruptions.

International benchmark Brent North Sea crude rallied to $105.46 per barrel and the main US contract, West Texas Intermediate, was up to $92.82 per barrel.

The Atlantic reported that the White House had asked the Pentagon to draw up options to hit sites in Iran ahead of the November 3 vote.

With Donald Trump's Republicans in danger of losing both houses of Congress, an escalation in the US-Iran conflict risks even more pressure on the president, with Americans already battling record high diesel prices.

But the suggestion is that fresh US attacks could strengthen Trump's position in seeking to bring Tehran to the negotiating table in a bid to end the war.

"The planning (for possible fresh strikes) should be seen in the context of efforts to pressure Iran, bring energy prices down, and demonstrate progress in the conflict ahead of the election," noted Arne Lohmann Rasmussen, chief analyst at energy analysts Global Risk Management.

The surge in oil prices weighed heavily on stock markets, with Europe's main indices all falling in early afternoon deals, led by a 1.1-percent drop for Frankfurt.

At the same time, share prices of energy majors rallied. London-listed BP was up 3.5 percent, and British rival Shell gained 2.3 percent.

TotalEnergies won 2.4 percent in Paris.

Asia's leading stock markets tracked losses Wednesday on Wall Street, where technology firms pulled back from recent gains.

Shares in Samsung's slid as the South Korean titan forecast a huge increase in quarterly profit but below market expectations.

On currency markets, the euro remains wedged at lows last seen in June 2025 on worries about France's high debt levels, which have spooked bond markets.

Ahead of the Wall Street reopening, the Financial Times reported that Elon Musk's SpaceX is aiming to raise $40 billion in bank loans and debt to further its purchases of AI chips from Nvidia.



Veteran actor Nana Patekar passes away

STAR REPORT

Veteran Indian actor Nana Patekar, known for his intense performances, distinctive dialogue delivery, and memorable portrayals across Hindi and Marathi cinema, died in Goa yesterday. He was 75.

Patekar was found unconscious at his home in the coastal state of Goa early in the morning, and doctors were unable to revive him, news agency ANI and other media reported.

Born Vishawanath Patekar, but popularly known as Nana, he started his career

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Canadian poet Anne Carson wins Nobel in literature

AFP, *Stockholm*

The Nobel Prize in Literature was yesterday awarded to Canadian poet Anne Carson for her modern twists on Greek mythology and antiquity that have inspired new forms of writing.

The 76-year-old -- who announced in 2024 that she has Parkinson's disease -- was honoured "for her bold and inventive oeuvre that, in playful dialogue with the classical tradition, has created new forms for contemporary literature," the Swedish Academy said.

"They're all crazy," Carson said of Academy members' decision to honour her, in an interview with public broadcaster RUV in Iceland where she has lived part of the year since 2008 and has become a citizen.

The permanent secretary of the Academy, Ingrid Carlberg, earlier told reporters that she had spoken briefly with Carson to inform her of the prize.

"All she had time to tell me was that she is for the moment in Iceland, where she's listening to the wind."

Asked by RUV on a blustery roadside if she thought the Nobel



would change her readership, Carson, holding tightly to her cap so it wouldn't blow away, replied: "I'll get a sticker on the front of my books."

Carson had at first ignored the Academy's repeated phone calls.

"There were all these phone calls which I kept turning off because... I just always turn off the phone when it rings," she said.

Her husband convinced her to call back, she told the Nobel Foundation.

A professor of classics with a background in dead languages, literature, anthropology and history, she was described by The New York Times in 2001 as "one of the great pasticheurs."

Her unique contemporary poetry earned her several key literary prizes in the 1990s, including the 1996 Lannan Award and the 1997 Pushcart Prize.

A year later, "Autobiography of Red: A Novel in Verse" -- loosely based on the Greek myth of the monster Geryon and Herakles but transformed into a modern tale of a gay love triangle -- received widespread praise.

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IO in Ziaul Ahsan case testifies at ICT-1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Administrative inquiries were conducted for show to legitimise extrajudicial killings and shield those responsible whenever such incidents drew public attention, an investigation officer told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday.

Testifying for the third day as the final prosecution witness in the crimes against humanity case against Maj Gen (relieved) Ziaul Ahsan, investigation officer Md Rafiqul Islam said the inquiries also served to conceal the perpetrators' identities.

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