Tasnim Jara slams Jamaat over opposing burial of freedom fighter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former National Citizen Party leader Tasnim Jara has criticised Jamaat-e-Islami over the obstruction of a freedom fighter's burial in Pirojpur.

"Even while in opposition, they are obstructing a burial on a man's own homestead. What will they do if all the powers of the state are in their hands?" she wrote in a Facebook post yesterday.

Her remarks followed the burial of Manik Posari, 87, a gazetted freedom fighter who had filed a war crimes case against former Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Sayeedi.

Manik died in Gopalganj on Saturday. Following protests against his guard of honour and burial in Pirojpur, he was laid to rest at his family graveyard in Chitalia village early Sunday under police protection.

Jara said a grave prepared at his family home was filled in by a group of people, forcing his relatives to dig another.

Sohrab Hossain Jewel, secretary of the district Jamaat's publicity and media department, denied involvement in the obstruction.

A ticket to the zoo, paid in plastic

Visitors under 18 get free entry in exchange for 100 grammes of discarded bottles, other waste

ARUN BIKASH DEY, *Chattogram*

At Chattogram Zoo, children can now exchange plastic waste for entry tickets, as part of a campaign to encourage environmental responsibility.

Launched on September 1, the initiative allows visitors under 18 to enter the zoo by handing over 100 grammes of plastic waste instead of paying the regular Tk 70 fee. More than 400 young people have participated so far.

For Naimul Haque, a 10th grader, the experience has changed how he views plastic pollution.

"At first, my friends and I just thought it was a cool hack to get into the zoo for free. But when I started picking up bottles from our neighbourhood alleys and school grounds, I realised how much plastic is just lying around everywhere, ruining our city," he said, holding a bag of empty bottles. "Handing it over today feels like I actually earned our ticket," he added.



Under a special environmental awareness campaign, visitors under 18 can enter Chattogram Zoo free of charge by handing over 100 grammes of plastic waste instead of paying the regular Tk 70 entry fee. PHOTO: STAR

Fellow 10th grader Biplob Das said the initiative had made him more conscious of waste.

"Now, whenever I see a plastic wrapper or bottle, I think twice. Knowing that my trash is going to be recycled instead of choking the environment makes visiting the animals today feel even more special," he said.

Chattogram Deputy Commissioner Jahidul Islam Miah said the campaign aimed to teach children civic responsibility through practical action.

However, the accumulation of plastic waste at the zoo entrance raised concerns about its disposal.

"We were worried initially that if the same plastic ended up back in landfills or washing into nature, we would just be perpetuating the very pollution we are trying to fight," said zoo curator Dr Shahadat Hossain Shuvo.

To address the concern, the district administration on Monday signed a one-year, non-financial memorandum of understanding with Young Power in Social Action (YPSA).

Under the agreement, YPSA will regularly collect, sort and recycle the plastic gathered at the zoo.

Jahidul said the campaign had also encouraged people in different neighbourhoods to consider organising plastic collection drives.

"Completely halting the use of plastic is impractical. As such, we must ensure proper management, recycling, and safe disposal," he said.

CUET DEADLOCK

UGC committee to hold talks tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-member committee formed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) will visit Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) tomorrow to hold talks with teachers, students, officials and employees in a bid to resolve a month-long stalemate.

The committee will hear their views and proposals and assess the situation before recommending measures to resume classes and restore normal academic activities, according to a UGC press release issued yesterday.



Headed by UGC member Prof Abdullah-Al-Mamun, the committee was formed on October 19 following a letter from the education ministry's Secondary and Higher Education Division dated October 18.

According to the schedule, the committee will meet teachers from 10:00am to 11:00am, students from 11:30am to 1:30pm, officials from 2:30pm to 3:30pm and other employees from 3:30pm to 4:00pm.

Classes, examinations and practical sessions at CUET have been suspended for over a month amid protests demanding the reinstatement of former vice-chancellor Prof Abu Sadat Mohammad Sayem and the removal of his successor, Prof Sheikh Shariful Alam.

The deadlock began after Sayem was removed on September 21 and Shariful was appointed in his place. Students launched a shutdown the following day, with teachers, officials and employees later joining the protests.

Teachers and students have also questioned the committee's effectiveness, saying it has no representative from CUET.

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BNP seeks to monopolise power: Nahid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Munshiganj*

National Citizen Party (NCP) Convener Nahid Islam yesterday accused the BNP of seeking to monopolise power and obstruct a peaceful transfer of power while in office.

Speaking at a press conference in Munshiganj, Nahid said the caretaker government system had a long history, with demands for it emerging during the mass movement of the 1990s and gaining support from political parties.



He said the BNP had held a one-sided election in 1996 but was eventually forced to step down amid a movement.

"In 2006 as well, BNP played dramas regarding the caretaker government. They politicised the judiciary, trying to install their own judge as the head of the caretaker government. In the same manner as the Awami League, the BNP has always tried to monopolise power. However, while the Awami League succeeded, the BNP did not," he said.

Nahid alleged that the BNP was delaying the restoration of the caretaker government system and plotting to install its own people in key positions. He warned that such attempts would not succeed.

NCP Senior Joint Member Secretary Sarjis Alam and other central and local leaders were also present at the programme.

CORRIGENDUM

Notice of Public Consultations on the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the Laldia Container Terminal Project

The telephone number of **Laldia Container Terminal Limited,** published in The Daily Star on 21 October 2026 in the above-mentioned notice, is hereby corrected as follows:

Correct Telephone Number: +880 9612 888143

All other information in the published notice remains unchanged.

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Youth killed, another hurt in plastic factory fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was killed and another person critically injured in a fire at Aman Plastic Factory in Narikelbagh, Keraniganj, yesterday.

The deceased, identified as Sakib, was aged between 18 and 20, according to fire service officials. His full identity has yet to be confirmed.

Meanwhile, Manik, 45, who suffered severe burns, was taken to the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery.

Sultan Mahmud Sikdar, resident surgeon at the institute's emergency department, said Manik had suffered burns to 100 percent of his body and was in critical condition.

The fire broke out around 12:30pm and was brought under control by seven fire service units around 2:00pm. It was completely extinguished by 3:30pm.

Kazi Nazmuzzaman, assistant director of the fire service, said the factory stored thinner and other flammable materials used in painting toys. The fire is suspected to have started during painting work and spread rapidly due to the flammable substances.

He said the fire service would examine the factory's documents to determine whether it had the required fire safety licence and an approved safety plan.

PRAYER TIMING
OCTOBER 27

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-50	12-45	4-00	5-32	7-15
JAMAAT	5-25	1-15	4-15	5-35	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

IN BRIEF

BNP picks Aliza Zaman for vacant reserved seat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP has nominated Aliza Zaman for the November 12 by-election to reserved women's seat-23 in the 13th parliament, which fell vacant following Ferdousy Ahmed Misty's resignation on October 1.

Aliza, a member of the BNP central executive committee and joint convener of its Pirojpur district unit, submitted her nomination papers yesterday, the last day for filing nominations.



Her nomination was confirmed in a list signed by BNP Acting Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi.

Ferdousy resigned following instructions from Prime Minister and BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman amid allegations that people close to her were involved in an attack, vandalism and looting at Radda Mother and Child Care Centre in Mirpur, Dhaka last month.

A total of 68 women sought the BNP's nomination for the seat. The party interviewed them at its chairman's political office in Gulshan on October 19.

The Election Commission will scrutinise nomination papers today. The deadline for withdrawing candidature is November 1.

COX'S BAZAR FIRE

Ten victims identified thru DNA tests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

The identities of 10 people killed in the TupTup Resto & Resort fire in Ukhiya's Patuartek in Cox's Bazar have been confirmed.

Among them were six members of one family and four members of another.

Four members of a family are Mohammad Nahidur Rahman, 41, an official of Grand Power Limited in Dhaka's Shyamoli; his wife, Afsana Matin, 36; and their two daughters, Rozaina Inaya, 9, and Munaina Ihana, 6.

The victims of the other group are Moulita Mehzabin Alvi, 19; her cousins Layla Jahan Nabila, 25 and Israt Jahan Maliha, 27; their cousin Faria Kabir, 33; Faria's six-year-old son, Mohammad Faizan Noor; and Faria's brother, Mohammad Nafis Tehami, 24.

They lived in the capital's Banasree and Khilgaon.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) confirmed their identities by conducting DNA tests on their charred bodies and matching them with their relatives.

Rimon Ghosh, the investigating officer in the case, said the bodies would be handed over to their families today.

Request for Quotation for DC Fast Charging Station

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A Request for Quotation (RFQ) is hereby issued for this purpose. The RFQ, along with details of the submission process, can be found on the bank's website: **https://bracbank.com/en/page/e-tender**

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Tender Announcement

Tender Number# QCBD/Tender/13, 14, 15, 16 & 17/2026 **Date: 27/10/2026**

Qatar Charity Bangladesh Office invites the submission of tenders for five (05) separate Framework Agreements and Supply Contracts.

A brief statement of the required items, work or services	Quantity	Deadline for Tender Document Collection by email	Closing date
Framework Agreement for the Integrated Supply, Assembly, and Delivery of Housing Repair Kits for Disaster-Affected Households in Bangladesh (2026), tender reference no. QCBD/Tender/13/2026	Mentioned in Tender Schedule	Date: 28/10/2026 to 05/11/2026 Time: 09:00 AM to 06:00 PM	**Date: 06/11/2026 Time: by 24:00 BST**
Framework Agreement for the Integrated Supply, Assembly, Packaging, and Delivery of Hygiene Kits for Rohingya Refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh (2026), tender reference no. QCBD/Tender/14/2026		Date: 28/10/2026 to 05/11/2026 Time: 09:00 AM to 06:00 PM	**Date: 06/11/2026 Time: by 24:00 BST**
Solar Street Lighting Systems — Delivery, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of Standalone Systems in Rohingya Refugee Camps, Cox's Bazar (2026), tender reference no. QCBD/Tender/15/2026		Date: 28/10/2026 to 05/11/2026 Time: 09:00 AM to 06:00 PM	**Date: 06/11/2026 Time: by 24:00 BST**
Framework Agreement for the Supply and Delivery of Medicines for Healthcare Facilities in Rohingya Refugee Camps, Cox's Bazar (2026), tender reference no. QCBD/Tender/16/2026		Date: 28/10/2026 to 05/11/2026 Time: 09:00 AM to 06:00 PM	**Date: 06/11/2026 Time: by 24:00 BST**
Framework Agreement for the Integrated Supply, Packaging, Transportation, and Delivery of Winter Blanket Packages in Rangpur Division, Bangladesh (2026), tender reference no. QCBD/Tender/17/2026		Date: 28/10/2026 to 05/11/2026 Time: 09:00 AM to 06:00 PM	**Date: 06/11/2026 Time: by 24:00 BST**

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United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh is seeking bids from interested firms for the following requirement:

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The deadline for submission of Bids is 4:30 p.m. (Bangladesh Local Time), November 16, 2026.
Quotations may be submitted on or before the deadline indicated by UNDP in the procurement notice. For learning more about ITB, the pre-bid meeting link & submission documents through the quantum platform, please visit the link: **https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_negotiation.cfm?nego_id=51078**

For any technical queries, please write to us at bd.procurement@undp.org, mentioning the reference number UNDP-BGD-01236 in the email subject line, by **10 November 2026**.