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## Ctg port video surveillance project shelved

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The project for installation of 'vessel traffic video surveillance system' at Chittagong port has been shelved.

Tk 2 crore project was taken last year in a bid to monitor the ship movement and other activities at the outer anchorage of Chittagong port. The 'vessel traffic video surveillance system' was supposed to be installed at the estuary of the river Karnaphuli from where whole of the outer anchorage could be monitored, port sources said.

"I don't find any reason for not implementing such a project," a senior port official said on condition of anonymity. Most of the regional ports including Singapore have installed sophisticated surveillance system long ago, he added.

He said it was aimed at ensuring modern maritime monitor-

ing facilities, combating piracy and smuggling, averting accidents at the port channel and outer anchorage and checking revenue leakage.

With the introduction of the surveillance system, it will be easy for us to monitor ship arrival and departure, to avert accidents and take quick action during piracy, he said. It will also help check revenue leakage, he added.

Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) sometimes receives misleading report about arrival of ships and their stay at the outer anchorage. As a result, the CPA loses revenues if the correct picture on arrival and stay of the ships is not available, sources said.

Ship movements are now monitored with 'VHF operation' from radio control which is not so dependable.

An Indonesian flag carrier ship was detained recently at the outer anchorage following an

admiralty suit filed with the court by a private company for non-payment of dues. But the ship was able to flee without taking any port clearance, port officials said.

As there was no vessel traffic video surveillance system at Chittagong port, the ship could not be traced at the time of fleeing, they said.

CPA then sent messages to the regional ports about the fleeing vessel.

On many other occasions, the port authority could not take action timely in such a situation, sources said.

In the first phase of the project, one video camera was supposed to be installed at Patenga and another near the lighthouse to cover outer anchorage.

Later, in the second phase three more cameras were supposed to be procured to monitor the entire port areas including jetties.

### RISKY JOURNEY



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The dilapidated Fatikchhari-Heanko road is the lone route for all the vehicles bound for Fatikchhari or Khagrachhari from Raozan. People of Fatikchhari and Raozan travel through the road risking their lives.

## Ctg Board gets ready for cheating-free HSC exams

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All preparations have been made to ensure cheating-free HSC examinations under Chittagong Education Board beginning simultaneously with six other education boards tomorrow.

The board officials are on the alert to check leakage of question papers, sources said.

The education ministry sent a letter asking the board authorities to be careful during distribution of question papers to the examination centres.

The board formed 82 vigilance teams including 28 special ones comprising board officials, magistrates and teachers to monitor the 76 examination centres.

A total of 45,138 students from 155 colleges will appear in the examinations under the Chittagong Education Board this year, sources said. Of them, 25,841 are males and 19,297 females.

Chittagong Education Board cancelled Kawkhali College centre and Swandip Government Hazi AB College centre for attack on the vigilance team, massive cheating and irregularities during examinations last year, sources said. Four other centres were also

suspended.

New eight centres have been set up this year.

Chittagong Education Board identified Nazirhat College, Fatikchhari Nanupur Laila Kabir College, North Sathkania Jafar Ahmed Chowdhury College, South Rangunia Padua College, Rangunia College, M Shah Alam Chowdhury College, Moheshkhali Government College, Kutubdia College, Manikchhari Giri Moitree College, Panchhari College and Dignala College centres as vulnerable.

Prof AJM Shahidullah, Chairman of Chittagong Education Board, said an improvement has been marked in checking cheating in the SSC examinations this year. We took strict measures in this regard and we would also be successful this time, he added.

If we could hold a cheating-free examination, the students are bound to go to their reading table and the percentage of successful candidates would increase day by day, he added.

The grading system will be effective for the first time from this year. According to the new system, the unsuccessful candidates in four subjects will be allowed to appear in the examina-

tions for those subjects next year. They will get appropriate grade after passing those subjects.

If anybody found copying in the exam centre would be expelled immediately and handed over to law enforcing agencies for summary trial.

The examinees who will carry the copy at the entrance of the centres would not face expulsion but imprisonment up to two years according to the Public Examination (offence) Act, 1980, sources said.

Meanwhile, State Minister for Education Ehsanul Haq Milon asked the local administration and secretaries of the examination centres to video the vulnerable centres of the public examinations under the board.

Milon said the government is determined to stop cheating in the public examinations.

Adequate security would be provided to the teachers in the examination halls to discharge their duties without any fear, he added.

The state minister said this while he was addressing a meeting on 'Motivation to resist cheating in Public Examination' at the Chittagong Government Girls College auditorium organised by the Chittagong Education Board recently.

### CHITTAGONG MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL

## Sick beyond imagination

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Yes, we must say 'no' to the present condition of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

It's sick beyond imagination. From the ground floor up to the fifth floor it's inlaid with layers of thick dust and spittle. The big staircase in the middle of this huge building, and one each on its east and west flanks are all like high-ways to hell.

The blood donors, drug addicts, afflicted, thieves and the social misfits have all long ago taken the CMCH premises as their natural asylum. They sit on the steps, perch on the railings, squat before the operation theater (OT), lie before the emergency wards, set a makeshift kitchen along the corridors, and sometimes start a family at the more remote corners of the building.

All these uprooted refugees have turned the CMCH into a slum, and from the moment you step onto the ground floor the

familiar stench of the slum will hit your nose. Such uncleanness should never be tolerated, no not by the ready excuse of Bangladesh being a poor country, etc., etc.

Let all the sweepers and the cleaners be sacked en bloc over it, let the principal of the college resign over it, let the health director resign over it, let the health minister resign over it too, yet the present condition of the CMCH should not be allowed to continue.

Go to the general ward and the gynec ward horrible just in one word. The toilets are full of human faces, unflushed. Why should the toilet cleaners be paid then! What happens to the patients then! The wards are crowded with poor people who do not complain about the unhygienic conditions they live in. As if they are fated to suffer.

The hospital diagnoses and prescribes, but the medicine has to be bought by the patients. The normal practice is that the hospital staff regularly steals the medicine bought for the patients by their relatives. They sell it back to the

patients. Why should this staff be not discharged at once! Who stops the authorities from doing it?

Go to the third floor, where the main OT is. Oh! You'll just shed your tears. How can it be that bad! Peep inside the OT room, you'll be surprised to see how very outdated and outmoded instruments are used for all kinds of operations. Half of the OT ward is dark or ill lighted, and the rest half is nearly abandoned, and you might get the impression that here patients are treated as guinea-pigs.

The injury ward and the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) probably have got some semblance of sanity. The Intensive Care Unit is clean, services are prompt, beds are well arranged, and the entrance is restricted. Probably the equipment are also reliable.

If a hospital as large as CMCH is not taken care of well, then it should be adjudged as a crime against humanity, and the authorities concerned must immediately do an overhauling act. Even, if possible, by tomorrow.



Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

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Rubbish remained littered around the dustbin in front of the CMCH and serious patients waiting in front of lift is a common scene.



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## the week that was

### Computer learning thru' funfair

Starship and Gateway School of Computing jointly organised a month-long computer education programme free of cost for children titled 'Computer learning through funfair.' The inaugural function was held at a Chinese restaurant in the city on May 22.

Country manager of Starship Group Wazir U Alam, brand manager Md Shariful Islam, Gateway managing director Imrul Islam Imon and assistant general manager of Starship Condensed Milk and Beverage Ltd Majibur Rahman briefed the function on different aspects of the programme. The aim of this programme is to create awareness among the children about the information technology and help

enable them to compete with their counterparts of the developed world, they said.

### Tribute to Rahmatullah

Speakers at a condolence meeting recalled the integrity and contribution of prominent labour leader Rahmatullah Chowdhury to the workers community.

The country badly need a true leader like him when it is in a state of crisis, they said. Former minister and Chittagong city unit Awami League president M A Mannan said the loss at the demise of Rahmatullah is irreparable. Held at the Muslim Institute Hall on Thursday, the meeting was also addressed by city mayor and city AL

general secretary A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury, party leaders Kazi Inamul Haq Danu, Khorsheed Alam Sujon, Mahbob Mintu, Shafiq Adnan and M R Azim.

### IGP warns cops against lobbyists

Inspector General (IG) of Police Shahudul Haq warned members of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) not to entertain any request of lobbyists while dealing with certain cases.

Anybody found guilty of breaching this rule would not be spared from legal action, he said.

The IG was speaking at a meeting on law and order with the senior CMP and Chittagong range officials at the CMP conference hall on Sunday. He directed the senior officers to inspect



Mayor ABM Mahiuddin Chowdhury presents a crest to Supreme Court Bar Association president Barrister Rakan Uddin Mahmud at a reception in honour of him at the Institution of Engineers Auditorium in the city on Monday.

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and supervise day-to-day activities of the units under their authority on regular basis. He later visited Kotwali police station, Dampara police line of CMP and Halishahar police line of district.

CMP Commissioner Shahidullah Khan, DIG of Chittagong Range Abdus Salam, additional DIG Naim Ahmed, police superiors of 11 districts of Chittagong Range, all deputy commissioners, assistant deputy commissioners and officers-in-charge of 12 police stations were present at the meeting.

Token strike at CU: All academic and administrative activities of Chittagong University (CU) were disrupted for two hours on Saturday as the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) enforced two-hour token strike on the campus for realising its 11-point demand.

The 11-point included withdrawal of fee hikes and renovation of univer-

sity rail line immediately.

They also brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus. The procession started from the UCUSU building and ended at the administrative building.

### Dutch consultants meet chamber leaders

Two Dutch consultants of the proposed third bridge on the river Karnaphuli met leaders of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) on Sunday at chamber building. Acting CCI president Ershadullah greeted Zen Helmer and Mike Elder. Vice president Monjurul Amin Chowdhury, project director of the proposed bridge MA Mustadir Belal

and former chairman of Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) MMK Jalalabadi were present on the occasion.

### BASE launched

Bangladesh Advanced Software Education (BASE), an Information Technology (IT) firm and only partner of Oracle University Programme of US, has launched its activities in the port city of Chittagong on Sunday.

BASE managing director Mahubur Rahman briefed journalists about its activities.

City mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury attended the launching ceremony as chief guest. He viewed that skilled human resources are needed to cope with the present age of information technology.