

No alternative to skills development

President tells BUP convocation

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday stressed the need to mould the young generation as skilled members of the workforce who have ample knowledge of science and information technology (IT).

"The 21st century has thrown various challenges at us... We're facing intense competition and there's no alternative to skill development to keep up," the president said.

"We have to take initiatives to make our younger generation skilled and knowledgeable in science and IT."

He was addressing the fifth convocation of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) at the capital's Mirpur Cantonment.

A total of 1,778 students received degrees at the convocation. Twelve were awarded Chancellor's Gold Medal for outstanding performances while 22 received Vice Chancellor Award. Seven received certificates for completing PhD.

National Professor Anisuzzaman, Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni and BUP Vice Chancellor Maj Gen Md Emdad-Ul-Bari also spoke at the convocation.

BUP opened its doors on January 5, 2008 as the 30th public university in Bangladesh.



President Abdul Hamid at the fifth convocation of Bangladesh University of Professionals yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

9th anniversary of Felani murder today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine years have passed since the murder of Felani Khatun, who was shot dead by Indian Border Security Force (BSF), but her family's wait for justice is not over yet.

"I am yet to achieve justice for my daughter's killing," a frustrated father Nur Islam said yesterday.

"I have submitted a writ to Indian Supreme Court. Trial of Felani murder case is being delayed there. I am unaware about the present state of the case," he said.

"But I demand fair trial," the father told our Kurigram correspondent.

Fifteen-year-old Felani was gunned down by BSF when she, along with her father, was returning home from India through Anantapur border along Phulbari upazila of Kurigram on January 7, 2011.

The ghastly photo of Felani's body hanging from the barbwire upside down sparked protest and condemnation throughout the country.

The BSF trooper, Amiya Ghosh, who killed the unfortunate child, faced two phases of trial in an internal court. In both cases, he was acquitted.

Challenging the acquittal, Bangladesh Jatiya Mohila Ainjibi Samity through an Indian lawyer filed a writ petition with the

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PM to address nation today

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will address the nation this evening marking the first anniversary of her current government formed through the December-30, 2018 general election.

State-owned Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television will simultaneously broadcast the prime minister's address from 7:30pm, said Prime Minister's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim yesterday.

Private television channels and radio stations will also air the prime minister's speech.

Sheikh Hasina formed the government for the third consecutive term following her party Awami League's landslide victory in the 11th parliamentary election.

The new cabinet was formed on January 7, 2019.

CHATTOGRAM-8 BY-POLLS

BNP wants level-playing field, AL seeks media cooperation

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

With the by-polls of Chattogram-8 (Chandgaon-Boalkhali) constituency coming closer, candidates of both Awami League (AL) and BNP have been giving their best efforts to woo voters.

Both candidates have filed a number of allegations of violating electoral code of conduct against the activists and supporters of each other with the returning officer (RO).

Apart from AL and BNP, a total of four candidates from Bangladesh Nationalist Front, Islamic Front Bangladesh and National Awami Party and an independent candidate are contesting the polls scheduled to be held on January 13.

In the latest allegations filed with EC on January 4, BNP candidate Abu Sufian alleged that AL men attacked his activists and vandalised their vehicles in Boalkhali upazila on Saturday morning, adding that a total of 10 activists were injured in this attack.

Meanwhile, AL candidate Moslem

Uddin Ahmed also filed allegation against the activists of Sufian on the same day, stating that BNP activists burnt his electoral symbol [boat] which was hanging over the bank of a pond in Boalkhali upazila early Saturday.

Contacted, Sufian, also convener of Chattogram south district unit of BNP, said he had lodged a total of five complaints with the RO against the AL candidate and his men over violating electoral code of conduct.

"They are frequently attacking and threatening our activists and supporters to cause panic before the polls," Sufian said. "I have lodged formal complaints with the RO and he assured me of investigating those," he said.

"The Election Commission assured us of providing a level playing field in the polls but there is no such atmosphere. It's the duty of the EC to create a level playing field for all candidates," he said.

Moslem, president of Chattogram south district unit of AL, denied all the allegations.

In a views-exchange meeting with journalists yesterday, Moslem said the BNP candidate was "spreading propaganda" over attack on his activists, which was "completely false".

"He [Sufian] said 10 of his activists were admitted to hospital due to the attack but actually none of his supporters were admitted to the hospital," said Moslem, adding, "The BNP candidate is trying to make the polls appear controversial, hence he is spreading such propaganda."

In this press conference, Moslem also sought media's support. "I'm a seasoned politician and the BNP candidate is inexperienced in politics...I have always maintained a good relation with the media but when it comes to coverage, the media does not put me in a good light. Rather, they highlight the false allegations of the BNP candidate against me," said Moslem. "I expect good, fair coverage," he said.

Asked, BNP candidate Sufian claimed that all the allegations were true. "I have medical certificates

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Tariqul Islam passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Freedom fighter Md Tariqul Islam passed away at his elder son's residence at Syedpur town of Nilphamari due to old age complications. He was 76.

He was a retired primary school teacher.

Tariqul's first namaz-e-janaza was held at Thakurgaon Government Boys' School premises in the afternoon. Following the second namaz-e-janaza, he will be buried at his family's graveyard at Balia village today.

He left behind his wife, son, and three daughters to mourn his death.

PBI officials distribute blankets in Rangamati

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Officials from Chattogram Metro unit of Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) distributed 300 blankets among cold-hit people in different areas of Rangamati yesterday.

Inspector Santosh Kumar Chakma, public relations officer of PBI Chattogram, said 200 families in Rangamati's Betchari and Naninarchar received blankets collected from donors.

Deputy Inspector General Banaj Kumar Majumder, chief of PBI, handed those out, said Inspector Santosh.

Bright future for visionless eyes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Visually-impaired Tabassum Ferdousi Chandni achieved GPA 4.21 in the recently concluded Junior School Certificate (JSC) examination from Sylhet.

Living and studying at the dormitory of Green Disabled Foundation (GDF) for years, Chandni appeared in her JSC examinations from Rosomoy Memorial High School in the city.

Born to Abdul Wahed and Anwara Khatun of Nijgaon village of Sayestaganj in Habiganj, she found support to pursue her academic dreams at GDF, a non-government organisation for the disabled. Life can be incredibly challenging for those without sight, but Chandni's struggles were hardly limited to her blindness. She got to learn of her father's cancer while at her dormitory.

This makes her results mean even more to her, she says. "It's good to achieve the score studying with braille books and writing with the help of others," Chandni

said of her success. But she's not satisfied yet. "I wish I could achieve a better result", she added.

Other than her studies, Chandni is also interested in extra-curricular activities. "I like singing, playing the harmonium and reciting poems," she said.

She seems to have her career path chalked out. "After I'm done with studies, I hope to become a braille teacher."

Md Bayjid Khan, executive director of the foundation, said, "GDF was formed in 1997 in Sylhet by Rojob Ali Khan, who was also visually impaired. We currently support ten residential and six non-residential students."

"With the help of government and individual donors, we provide lodging, education and co-curricular training for our children so that they can get a better life. Chandni is an example that visually-impaired children have the ambition to achieve something worthwhile in their life too," he said.



Visually impaired Tabassum Ferdousi Chandni (playing harmonium) achieved GPA 4.21 in the JSC examination from Sylhet.

PHOTO: DWOHA CHOWDHURY



A fire broke out at a docked passenger ship in Chattogram's Karnaphuli area yesterday morning. LCT Kajal was being repaired at the jetty of Fish Development Corporation by around 10 workers, said fire service officials. Firefighters managed to douse the flame around 12:45pm. However, no casualty was reported, while the extent of losses was not known immediately.



PHOTO: RAJIB RAHMAN

Khulna Shipyard Limited	
Bangladesh Navy, Khulna	
BABE (F)-326/2019-2020	06 January 2020
International Tender Notice	
01. Procuring entity name	Khulna Shipyard Limited.
02. Invitation for	02 Set Yanmar Marine Diesel Propulsion Engine with Gear Box, Stem Gear and 37 KVA Marine Generator Set for Fisheries Research Vessel.
03. Invitation reference No.	BABE(F)-326/2019-2020 Date: 06 January 2020.
04. Procuring method	Open tender.
05. Budget & source of funds	Own Finance.
06. Tender last selling date	26 February 2020.
07. Tender closing date and time	27 February 2020 Time: 11:15am.
08. Tender opening date & time	27 February 2020 Time: 11:30am.
09. Name & address of the office(s) for selling, receiving and opening of tender documents:	(1) Cash Section, Accounts Department, Khulna Shipyard Ltd., Bangladesh Navy, Khulna. (2) Naval Store Sub Depot, Khilkhat Nama Para, Khilkhat, Dhaka.
a. Selling tender document	
b. Receiving tender document	Khulna Shipyard Ltd., Khulna.
c. Opening tender document	(1) Khulna Shipyard Ltd., Khulna (2) Tender's and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend.
10. Price of tender document	Tk. 2,000.00 (Two thousand) (non-refundable).
11. Contact details of office	Tel: 041-813975/72003. Fax: 880-41-720404. E-mail: contact@khulnashipyard.com
12. Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any tenders prior to acceptance without showing any reason.
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NEGLIGENCE IN DUTY

Five police personnel withdrawn in Fatullah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Concerned authorities yesterday withdrew five police personnel of Fatullah Model Police Station, on charges of negligence in duty.

The withdrawn are: Sub-Inspector (SI) Mizanur Rahman, constables Shafique, Habibur Rahman, Fazlul Haque, and driver Md Alamgir. Their withdrawals came following an incident on Saturday night that left an auto-rickshaw driver dead.

On the night, criminals snatched an auto-rickshaw from Char Kashipur Area under Fatullah Model Police Station, after stabbing its driver Tipu Hawlader, while the policemen were on duty in the area.

The victim was rushed to a local hospital, where he eventually succumbed to his injuries, said Aslam Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station.

The policemen were withdrawn following directives from the district superintendent of police Mohammad Zayedul Alam, for negligence in duty on the night, the OC added.

They have been attached to the district police lines.

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e-GP Tender Notice

package: (a) egp.53.2019-20.03 & egp.2019-20.08

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following package:

Sl	Tender ID No.	Name of package	Last date and time for tender selling	Last date and time for tender security submission	Tender closing date and time
1	408609	Procurement of therapy equipment(Manual)	21 January 2020 15:45	22 January 2020 15:40	22 January 2020 15:45
	408607	Procurement of therapy equipment(Manual)	21 January 2020 16:45	22 January 2020 16:40	22 January 2020 16:45

This is an online e-GP tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hardcopy will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches up to date and time mentioned in the notice.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP Help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). The authority reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process or to reject any or all tenders at any time prior to contact award without assigning any reason thereof.

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