

Take steps to stop

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Vigilance has to be ensured so that none can lift sand or develop balu mohals near bridges, the letter added.
If necessary, measures to evict brick kilns erected in these locations should be undertaken, the letter also said.
The ministry also asked to ensure proper drainage of rain water so that trapped water cannot cause damage to bridges, culverts and roads.
There are 4,404 bridges and 14,814 culverts in RHD's 22,096-kilometre road network across the country, according to the 2018-19 annual report of the RHD.

WHY IS SAND LIFTING A SERIOUS ISSUE?
Shishir Kanti Routh, additional chief engineer of RHD, said when a bridge is constructed, it blocks the natural flow of a river, which is why scouring -- weakening of the soil underneath the piers -- takes place.
This is why a hydro-morphological study is conducted during the design stages of a bridge to keep scouring at a minimum and protect piers.
However, sand lifting near bridges increases the probability of deeper scouring and, in turn, increases the vulnerability of bridges.
Asked how the RHD takes steps against sand lifting, Shishir said RHD officials monitor it and inform local administration.
Contacted, RHD Chief Engineer Ashraful Alam said in many cases, local RHD officials are unable to do carry out this task due to pressure from influential quarters.
"However, these ministry directives will embolden them (local officials). We will now seek more help from the administration and police. We are going to intensify our effort with the new directives," Shishir Kanti Routh said.

THE BALU MOHAL SITUATION
There are 707 balu mohals across the country. Of them, 126 are in Dhaka, 200 in Chattogram, 75 in Rajshahi, 94 in Sylhet, 65 in Rangpur, 57 each in Khulna and Barishal and 33 in Mymensingh division, according to land ministry.
DC offices lease out these balu mohals to interested parties. However, many people lift sand from undesignated places too, some of these places too close to bridges.
Shishir Kanti Routh said the local administration, in many cases, gives lease of balu mohal near bridges without understanding its risk. "So, they [local administration] should take consent from us [local RHD officials] before issuing a lease," he told The Daily Star.
He said issues in a single bridge due to sand lifting can collapse a road network consisting of 50 to 100 bridges.

Bangladesh preparing

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If a site is not taken care of properly, then Unesco can decline to include it in the list.
"If a site is on the 'tentative list' or is classified as a World Heritage Site, then we can make sure it stays protected," commented the Director-General of the department of archaeology, Md Hannan Mia.



Md Matiu Islam, chairperson of Industrial and Infrastructure Development Finance Company, received the Life Time Achievement Award from American Alumni Association (AAA) in a ceremony held recently at The Westin Dhaka. Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi, advisors to the prime minister Dr Mashiur Rahman and Dr Gowher Rizvi, and American Ambassador Earl R Miller were present.

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DNCC stagnant in absence

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said activities to control mosquito population have been going on, although there is a lack of monitoring as election for the posts of councilors are also coming up, and most councillors have resigned to contest the polls.
He said DNCC authorities held a meeting recently incorporating relevant experts under the leadership of the chief executive officer, to find a solution to control mosquito.
Shariful Islam, a resident of Mirpur, told this newspaper yesterday that the mosquito nuisance has worsened in his area in recent weeks.
Meanwhile, no new projects are being taken by the authorities concerned during this time, an official said, preferring not to be named.
According to rules of the Election Commission, no new development works are allowed after announcement of election schedule, he said, adding that the city corporation is also not allowed to provide any allocation, and will not be able to

inaugurate any complete work.
The official said they even did not clear the bills for ongoing project works, due to the Election Commission's restrictions. But yesterday they received clearance from the EC in this regard, but have not decided whether they will clear bills of the contractors.
He said 10 development projects -- including park development and road repairing -- have been going on.
Additional Chief Engineer of DNCC Mohammad Sharif Uddin said they are not facing any major problem due to the "brief absence of the mayor", as "all the hands of the mayor are still active."
He said though they are not taking any new project due to the bar of election commission, they are continuing works of all 10 ongoing projects.
All zones of DNCC have been running under zonal executive officers and all departments -- like health, engineering, revenue, garbage management, planning, accounting and estate -- under the leadership of its chiefs, DNCC sources said.

HC rejects petition seeking

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hearing arguments from counsels of the writ petitioner and Tabith Awal.
Tabith's lawyer Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud told The Daily Star that there is no legal bar for his client to continue contesting as a mayoral candidate in the upcoming DNCC election following the HC order.
AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, a former judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, who filed the writ petition, told The Daily Star that he will move an appeal before the Appellate Division challenging the HC order, and seeking cancellation of Tabith Awal's candidacy.
Justice Shamsuddin submitted the petition to the HC on January 26 for its directive on the EC to probe the allegation against Tabith Awal of concealing information about in his wealth in Singapore in his affidavit submitted to the EC, and to cancel his candidature if the allegation is found true.
During yesterday's hearing, petitioner's lawyer Qumrul Haque Siddique told the court that Tabith Awal and two others have a private company named NFM Energy Singapore Ltd in Singapore, but Tabith Awal did not mention it in his affidavit,

which is a violation of the rules and laws concerned.
Advocate Qumrul requested the HC to order the EC to inquire the allegation against Tabith and to submit the inquiry report before this court.
Meanwhile, Rokanuddin Mahmud opposed the writ petition saying the documents submitted by the writ petitioner are not original, as those where downloaded through a computer.
He requested the HC not to entertain the writ petition, as the schedule for the DNCC election has already been declared and there are only four days left before the election.
Barrister Rokanuddin cited article 125(c) of the constitution that says, "A court shall not pass any order or direction, ad interim or otherwise, in relation to an election for which schedule has been announced, unless the Election Commission has been given reasonable notice and an opportunity of being heard".
The lawyer also said the writ petitioner has no locus standi (right or capacity to bring an action or to appear in a court) to move such a petition, as he (Justice Shamsuddin) is not contesting the upcoming DNCC election.

In the name of

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the circular on its website to recruit manpower.
It apparently disheartened many BCL leaders, who wanted the jobs for themselves, said teachers, wishing anonymity. The teachers also alleged that BCL leaders had been pressurising the authorities for the last couple of months to publish the circular, even though they do not meet many criteria to apply for those.
After seeing the circular, BCL activists went on a rampage in the evening. They broke window panes of buildings, held demonstrations and early yesterday foiled the orientation programme, said witnesses.
They also locked the administration building and brought out multiple processions under two factions.
Both factions, however, said they were protesting on behalf of general students. One faction said the groups were rallying to realise their 13- and 11-point demands. The demands include immediate solution to shortage of classrooms and laboratory facilities, reducing various fees, increasing transportation facilities and dorms for students and removing officials with BNP-Jamaat connection.
The both factions also threatened to go for tougher protests if their demands are not met.
Teachers, however, said BCL activists were using the demands as a "shield", and are creating chaos on the campus to put pressure on the authorities to republish the circular.
Contacted, Rony and Pallab Hossain, leaders of the factions, said they have no interest in the job circular and were staging demonstrations for the betterment of the university and students.
When asked if they were protesting for students' welfare then why they foiled the orientation event, both denied their involvement.
Confirming the day's incidents, Registrar Prof Fazlul Haque said a tense situation was prevailing on the campus following BCL demonstrations. "We had no other option but to cancel the orientation to avoid any untoward incident," he added.
He said they will not hold a joint event for the new students. "Rather, all departments will arrange individual orientation programmes as early as possible and students will be notified beforehand through our website," said the registrar. He, however, did not want to say anything regarding the job circular.
Regarding BCL demands, he said the university authorities will hold a meeting in this regard soon.
Despite repeated attempts, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Abul Kashem could not be contacted for comments.

Ctg counter terrorism

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changing... if we have proper team and equipment, it will help our investigation," said the CT official.
Polash Kanti Nath, additional deputy commissioner of CT unit, said, "A proposal for Cyber Lab has been sent to the ministry and the US embassy representatives informed us that the ministry has given a green signal." The next course of action will be taken as per the project plan, he added.
According to police, there are two cyber labs -- one in Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and other in Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CITU) unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).
CID has a Digital Forensic Lab, which was installed in 2012 and officially inaugurated in 2017 while CITU's lab was set up on October 15, 2019.
Korean International Cooperation Agency funded the CID's lab under Enhancing Cybercrime Investigation Capability of Bangladesh Police (2013-2016) while ATA funded the CITU's lab under Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) system.

BASHUNDHA- BARIDHARA PLOT SALE
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UK, Bangladesh can


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out of all policies it maintained as part of the EU.
ActionAid Country Director Farah Kabir said though Bangladesh is not a big remitter of CO2, it should not continue using fuel sources that contribute to climate change, and that it is time for the country to find alternative energy sources.
Economic Relations Division Additional Secretary Sultana Afroz said it is important for development partners to keep in mind that climate finance should be kept separate

from regular development assistance as Bangladesh is a climate vulnerable country.
While the UK is gearing up for the presidency of COP26, Bangladesh is advancing its preparation to lead the Climate Vulnerable Forum and the Locally-Led Adaptation Action Track of the Global Commission on Adaptation (GCA).
Since 2008, the two countries have jointly helped over 27 million people gain access to disaster warning systems, and provided emergency assistance and recovery support to more than 900,000 people.

Wage social movement

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AHM Mustafa Kamal delivered the convocation speech, while Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, University Grants Commission Chairperson Prof Kazi Shahidullah and Cumilla University VC Prof Emran Kabir Chowdhury were present special guests.
Altogether, 2,888 students were conferred graduation and post-graduation degrees, and 14 of them were awarded gold medals. The university was established in 2006 as the country's 26th public university with seven functional departments. Currently, there are 19 departments, 7,055 students and 253 teachers.

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আবেদনের যোগ্যতাঃ
ক) ইউজিসি কর্তৃক স্বীকৃত/ অনুমোদিত যেকোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে ইংরেজি বিষয়ে ০৪ বছর মেয়াদি স্নাতক (সম্মান) পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের জন্য ন্যূনতম সিজিপিএ ২.০০ থাকতে হবে।
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গ) ভ্রাস শুরু : ১৫ মার্চ ২০২০।

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