

DoE knocks down three illegal kilns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Department of Environment in Chattogram has knocked down three brick kilns in Lohagara upazila, in line with a High Court directive declaring them illegal.

The HC on December 14 directed the DoE to take necessary steps to demolish all illegal brick kilns operating within their territory.

The demolished kilns are Petanshah Brick, Khawaza Brick, and Baro Awlia Brick, said Mohammad Moazzom Hossain, director of DoE Chattogram region. The demolition campaign was launched last week as per HC directives, he said.

"We have demolished three kilns as of today (yesterday). We have plans to take down another one named CBM. The demolished kilns did not obtain any clearance certificate from DoE, nor do they have approval from district administration", the official added.



The High Court has ordered the Department of Environment in Chattogram to start a campaign to demolish all illegal brick kilns in the region. As part of a drive, DoE yesterday demolished three such kilns in Lohagara upazila.

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Turkish foreign minister to land in Dhaka today

UNB, Dhaka

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu is expected to arrive in Dhaka today on a two-day visit.

Çavuşoğlu is likely to discuss bilateral and regional issues and move bilateral ties forward – giving closer attention to stronger trade and investment relations.

The Turkish foreign minister will have a meeting with his Bangladesh counterpart Dr AK Abdul Momen tomorrow, a senior official at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told UNB.

The meeting will be held at state guest house Padma, and the media will be briefed about it.

The two ministers are likely to join the inauguration of the newly-built Turkish Embassy in Dhaka on the same day.

Dr Momen visited Turkey in September and joined the formal inauguration of the newly built Bangladesh Embassy in Ankara. PM Sheikh Hasina joined it as chief guest virtually.

Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh Mustafa Osman Turan recently said his country eyed an increased investment in Bangladesh with significant growth in bilateral trade through product diversification.

"We see a Bangladesh which has a very bright future. The country's economy is growing fast like ours. Turkish investors are keen to invest in Bangladesh as it offers attractive incentives for foreign investors," Turan told UNB.

A prominent Turkish company will invest \$100 million in the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) sector in Chattogram.

Improving trade ties between the two countries, boosting investment, enhancing cultural and people-to-people contacts are among the priorities of Turkey in Bangladesh.

The bilateral trade volume between the two countries now stands at around \$1 billion, and the two countries are looking forward to making the number bigger.

RU to hold honours, masters exams in January

Dorms to remain closed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Honours and masters examinations at Rajshahi University, postponed earlier due to the Covid-19 pandemic, has been scheduled to be held from January 2, 2021.

The decision was taken during a meeting of RU academic council chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof M Abdus Sobhan, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Ananda Kumar Saha confirmed.

However, residential halls will remain closed in order to prevent increased risk of Covid-19.

In addition, authorities have also decided to cancel the upcoming winter vacation, the Pro VC added.

Departments that have already started honours and masters exams for the 2015-16 and 2014-15 sessions but could not finish, and departments that have finished their courses but couldn't start the exams can both hold the examinations starting from January 2.

The exams will be held following health guidelines, RU authorities reportedly decided.

Man held for rape of neighbour's daughter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Police yesterday arrested a man on charge of raping his neighbour's daughter in Narayanganj.

Humayun Kabir (30), was arrested from his residence in the afternoon after mother of the girl, a fifth grader at a local madrasa, filed a case with Rupaganj Police Station on Sunday, said SI Shatarupa Kundu of the police station.

According to the case statement, Humayun, a day labourer, on December 13 asked the girl to come to his house and raped her. She then informed her mother of the incident, who filed the case, said police.

Mahmudul Hasan, officer-in-charge of the police station, said they sought three-day remand for Humayun from court.

Iconic TSC

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the process of rebuilding TSC after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on September 2 ordered the authorities concerned to modernise Dhaka Medical College Hospital, TSC, and public library.

"Dhaka University is our university and we want to build TSC in a modern way," said the PM at a meeting on development projects over video conference on September 2.

The TSC director provided a requisition list to the university's engineering department, which was subsequently submitted to PWD on October 18 by the DU authorities. According to this list, one auditorium with a capacity of 1,500 and two with the capacity of 300 will be constructed.

The new facility will also include rehearsal rooms for cultural activities, a gymnasium, rooms with modern facilities for TSC-based socio-cultural groups, indoor games room, cafeteria, teachers' lounge, three basements for vehicle parking, guest house and more.

The entryway might be built near the Bangladesh National Cadet Corps contingent office and the construction work may begin from the swimming pool area.

"WE'D RATHER KEEP THE OLD TSC" The government's move to rebuild TSC has garnered criticism from teachers, students and academicians who opined that an establishment like TSC should be kept intact considering its association with significant moments in the university's history and the day-to-day lives of students.

"Yes, there may be a need to improve some aspects of TSC. We do not oppose modernisation of TSC either. But we do oppose the move to rebuild it entirely," said Amit Pramanik, a final-year student of Economics at DU.

He said this is reflective of the broader problem of DU authorities paying no heed to students' needs and opinions. "Such decisions should be made after consulting with and surveying students. Yet students never have a say in these decisions."

"I don't understand why modern facilities cannot be incorporated into the existing structure. Moreover, students do not want a shiny, air-conditioned, multi-storied building -- we enjoy the open and welcoming environment of TSC and its community," added Amit.

Over the years, TSC didn't stay exclusive to DU students. The cultural and social hub attracted people from all over Dhaka, such as lawyer Anupoma Joyee.

"Although I did not study at DU, most of my friends did which ensured that I know which 'mama' at TSC sold the best morich cha. Considering how limiting life in Dhaka city is getting for women, lazying around at TSC was a freeing experience. Events came and went by, whether it was Ekushey Boi Mela, Dhaka Lit Fest, Pahela Baishakh or just a random concert, a cup of tea at TSC before going home was a constant," she said.

Architect Iqbal Habib mentioned,

"Architecture and literature are two pivotal parts of human society that last for generations to tell the history of a nation. TSC is one of the first examples of modern architecture in Dhaka. The attempt to bulldoze such an iconic creation by Doxiadis is an attempt at erasing the city's history."

"This shows a clear lack of empathy in the part of the university. The compound could have been expanded without demolition of the original structure. By bulldozing such valuable architectural creations, they are depriving future generations from learning the history and culture of our land," he said.

Wahiuddin Mahmud, economist and former professor of DU, echoed Habib's sentiments on preserving old architecture. "Renowned universities of the world can be recognised through their traditional architectural styles. Even 100-year-old buildings are carefully preserved. Yet TSC's legacy is about to be destroyed instead of being preserved."

The plan to rebuild TSC makes no mention of how the community of students, citizens and vendors around the area will be affected by the reconstruction. The move to demolish the existing TSC structure came soon after a similar decision was made regarding Kamalapur Railway Station. This year, multiple heritage buildings in the old part of Dhaka were demolished as well.

With such disregard for the significant sites of Dhaka, the city's history is now at stake.

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maintaining social distancing, said the DMP commissioner.

No celebrations of New Year's Eve can take place at Dhaka University (DU) or any other educational institution, he said, adding bars will be closed from the evening on the day.

"Shops can be kept open in accordance with social distancing and proper hygiene rules. However, as usual, all fast food shops and markets will be closed after 8pm," said the DMP chief.

At the meeting, DMP high officials also said they have taken some security measures, like deployment of sufficient number of uniformed police personnel in each church. Visitors will be allowed to enter each church only through metal detector archways, and will also go through searches.

The venues will be checked with dog squad, and there will be firefighting and ambulance on standby, according to officials.

There will be uninterrupted power supply in church areas, and no floating shops or hawkers will be allowed to sit in the areas.

No one will be allowed to enter church with any kind of bag, box or carton.

There will also be hand-washing and sanitising facilities, temperature checks with thermal scanners, and disinfectant spray machines or tunnels at each venue, according to a statement issued by DMP. Masks are compulsory for all visitors, organisers and staff.

The meeting was attended by senior officials of the DMP, representatives of the Christian community, officials of various government intelligence agencies and representatives of various service providers, the DMP statement added.

Case against

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scraps the law or stops misusing it, particularly against journalists," Karim said.

At the human chain, Sylhet Zilla Press Club President Al Azad, Gonogonon Mancha Sylhet's spokesperson Debasish Debu and others spoke.

On December 4, a Sylhet city councillor sued 18 people, including the editor of local Daily Ekattorer Kotha, its publisher and reporters, under the controversial Digital Security Act for publishing a "fake report" and sharing it on social media.

The newspaper published a report on the ward councillor's illegal activities, including attempting to grab the land of a government primary school, and extorting money from landlords and land owners in his area.

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Re-Tender Notice

Re-Tender (Ref.: Memo No. 12.01.0000.018.03.001.20.3032, Date:29-09-2020) is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd/>) for the procurement of the following goods/items:

Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of Goods	e-Tender ID No.	Online Notice Publication Date	Tender / Proposal Closing
01.	R-AMISDP-GD-003	Development of content for media and Communication (Communication materials like leaflet/posters/ brochures/desk calendar/notebook etc.).	528552	22-Dec-2020 at 11.00 a.m.	04-Jan-2021 at 11:00 a.m.

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WEWB Director General Hamidur Rahman said the board will take measures to increase quality of its services.

Shamsul Alam, director general of Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training, and Saiful Hassan Badal, managing director of Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Limited, among others, spoke at the discussion.

At the programme, WEWB handed over bank cheques as educational grant among migrant workers' family members. An injured migrant worker and family member of a deceased worker received bank cheque for the workers' service benefit.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank
Divisional Office
Krishi Bank Bhaban, Zindabazar, Sylhet
Invitation for Re-Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance/Bank and Financial Institutions Division.	
2	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Krishi Bank.	
3	Procuring entity district	Divisional Office, Sylhet.	
4	Invitation for	Supply and Installation of Petrol Generator for Branches of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Sylhet Division.	
5	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).	
6	Invitation Ref No.	BKB/DO/SYL/Generator/Part-2/2020-21/1325	
7	Date	15-12-2020	
8	Budget and source of funds	Bangladesh Krishi Bank's own fund.	
9	Tender package name	Supply and Installation of Petrol Generator for Branches of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Sylhet Division.	
10	Tender Package No.	01/2020-21	
11	Tender publication date	20-12-2020	
12	Tender last selling date	03-01-2021 up to 2:00pm.	
13	Tender closing date and time	03-01-2021 2:00pm	
14	Tender opening date and time	03-01-2021 2:30pm	
15	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: - Selling tender document (principal) Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Divisional Office, Zindabazar, Sylhet. - Selling tender document (others) N/A. - Receiving tender document Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Divisional Office, Zindabazar, Sylhet. - Opening tender document -Do-	

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17	Brief description of goods or works	Supply and installation of 56 (fifty-six) Nos. 2+10% KVA Petrol Generator.	
18	Brief description of related services	Supply and installation of Petrol Generator under different Lots.	
19	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 1000/- (one thousand) only.	
20	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
Lot1	Supply and installation of 56 (fifty-six) Nos. 2+10% KVA Petrol Generator	Branches of Bangladesh Krishi Bank in Sylhet Division	95,000/- (ninety-five thousand only)
21	Name of official inviting tender	M. M. Mahub Alam.	
22	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager.	
23	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Divisional Office, Zindabazar, Sylhet.	
24	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No. 88-0821-712062 E-mail: gmsylhet@krishibank.org.bd	
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