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No apparent sign of solution yet Architecture Dept teachers blast BUETTA comment

By BUET Correspondent

The teachers of the Architecture Department of BUET have sharply reacted to a comment made by the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Teachers' Association (BUETTA) that the teachers of the architecture department be punished for tarnishing the reputation of BUET and violating the rules and regulations of the university. They also questioned the justification of such a remark.

Shamsul Wares, Associate Professor of the Architecture Department, told this correspondent that the statement of the association was disappointing.

According to him, "BUETTA is for the welfare of the teachers. The association might have played a neutral role, rather than supporting the authority. They should have looked for a solution of this stagnant situation. We have the right to protest. If we are made throttled for being a minority, that would be undemocratic", he added.

About the present development, he said that they are ready for negotiation. And they would call off the work abstention only if the authority ensures to go back to the previous admission procedure from next

year. But the registrar of the university insinuated a meagre possibility of such negotiation. A decision, taken at a syndicate meeting, held recently, urged the teachers of the Architecture Dept to call off the work abstention.

Asking why they want a separate examination procedure, Wares explained elaborately. He mentioned that there was no change brought in the case of Engg Departments, only they are the sufferers. "The physics needed in engg covers a wide spectrum, but in architecture, the emphasis is given only on light, acoustics etc rather than electricity and magnetism and all that", he said. So like in physics, the skill required in mathematics and English is also less than engineering. That's why the teachers are demanding a separate examination test. He concluded saying "The new system is completely abortive in terms of searching future ingenious designers the architects. The department mainly look for the creative minds, not the mechanised brain".

Pressure is mounting on both the sides and a new semester is about to commence. So it is expected to draw an end to this situation very soon.

British law books donated to SC Bar Assoc

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh David Walker presented 79 volumes on British law and case-law to the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday, reports BSS.

The High Commissioner handed over the books to the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Barrister A F M Nazmul Huda MP, at a ceremony at the Association Bhaban here, a High Commission press release said.

The Supreme Court Bar Association had earlier requested for the books, as they considered them to be a valuable addition to the association's legal library.

The books, which cost over Taka five lakh, will be a useful source of information for members of the association.

Three FFs to get Makhan Smriti Award from '99

KHULNA, Feb 19: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak today said the present government has taken up various programmes to fulfill its commitment to uphold the real history of Liberation War, reports UNB.

He was addressing a remembrance meeting of valiant freedom fighter and organiser Abdul Quddus Makhan marking his fourth anniversary of his death at local press club Thursday morning.

State Minister for Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaque attended the function as special guest organised by the Abdul Quddus Makhan Smriti Parishad.

The Parishad announced to award three freedom fighters with Makhan Smriti Award every year from next year.

Seminar to discuss draft bill on NHRC Sunday

A seminar to discuss issues relating to the current draft bill on the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in Bangladesh will be held at the National Press Club at 10 am on February 22, reports UNB.

Amnesty International (AI) Bangladesh in collaboration with AI-International Secretariat have organised the seminar.

The assurance came after a UNICEF team led by its country representative Ross C Carriere held talks with the local officials today following a three-day visit to three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban when they exchanged views with local officials, political and social leaders and common people.

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Several other donor agencies and countries have agreed to extend their hands for the development of the hill region.

UNICEF to expand activities in CHT

RANGAMATI, Feb 19: United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) has decided to expand its activities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

The UNICEF will undertake a package of development works in the fields of water supply, nutrition, health care, horticulture, kitchen gardening and formal and informal education in collaboration with the CHT Development Board (CHTDB), board official Abdul Aziz told BSS.

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22 more youth training centres to be developed, says minister

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsads that the government would set up 22 more residential youth training centres at different district headquarters, reports BSS.

Replies to a private member's resolution moved by Mostafizur Rahman (AL-Chittagong) for setting up a technical training centre at Sandwip, he said that the present government has already set up 21 such centres at the district level.

Besides, the government has a programme to introduce 69 technical training centres at different parts of the country, Quader said.

He said that the present government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has realised the importance of finding jobs for the vast number of unemployed youths.

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Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority

222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka-1000

No: BEPZA/CE-11/97/09

Dated: 18-2-1998

2nd Corrigendum to International Tender for Supplying Sweet Water (Tender No BEPZA-CE-11/97)

The following amendment are incorporation in the tender documents:

- In 6th & 7th line of page-1 Para-2 it is mentioned that the quantity may increase for which provision for future expansion should be kept. The ultimate requirement after 15 years may be considered to be around 4 million gallons per day.
- In SI 16,17(a), 17(b) and 18(a) under "Terms and Conditions for Supplying Quality Water in Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ)" the amendments made are hereunder:
 - In SI. No 16 the liquidated damage for delay in commissioning shall be US\$ 1000 per day up to a maximum of 60 days.
 - In SI No 17(a) instead of "1000 mgd" it should read "for each 1000 gallon per day." "In SI No 17 (b) instead of "1.5 mgd" it should read 2 mgd."
 - In SI No 18(a) the guaranteed capacity shall be "2.25 million gallon per day" instead of "2.7 million gallon per day."

All other terms and conditions including the amendment made earlier (No BEPZA-CE-11-97/106. Dated: 21st December, 1997) shall remain unchanged.

Abu Raza Khan
 Chief Engineer

Garbage removal project launched

Uttar Jatrabari Kalyan Parishad has taken up a garbage removal project in the densely populated Jatrabari area which is scattered with a heap of garbage, reports BSS.

The project was opened recently by the President of the Parishad Mohammad Nurul Haq in the presence of people from all strata of the locality, according to a press release.

On the occasion, a discussion on public health and environment was held.

Among others, Abdul Oahab, Akbar Ali, Golam Mortuza, Mamtajuddin Ahmed, Shamsul Alam Khan, Abdul Rais Khan, M Masudur Rahman took part in the discussion.

NU Ekushey programme

The National University organises a programme on "Ekushey" on its campus today afternoon, a university press release said in the city yesterday, reported BSS.

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak is expected to deliver his speech at a memorial lecture on "Student politics, student organisations and the universities of the 21st century" at a session yesterday urged the members of the union and working journalists to assemble at the national press club premises at 11 pm on February 20 for participating the Ekushey rally.

Amar Ekushey

BFUJ, DUJ to place wreaths

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will place wreaths at the central Shaheed Minar at zero hour of Ekushey February, reports BSS.

President and Secretary General of BFUJ Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Abul Kalam Azad and President and General Secretary of DUJ Shuvra Rahman and Azizul Islam Bhuiyan in a statement yesterday urged the members of the union and working journalists to assemble at the national press club premises at 11 pm on February 20 for participating the Ekushey rally.

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