

# Crisis at Darul Ihsan University takes complex turn

## CITY CORRESPONDENT

The row over vice-chancellorship of the city's Darul Ihsan University took a complex turn with a High Court bench issuing a rule on the matter.

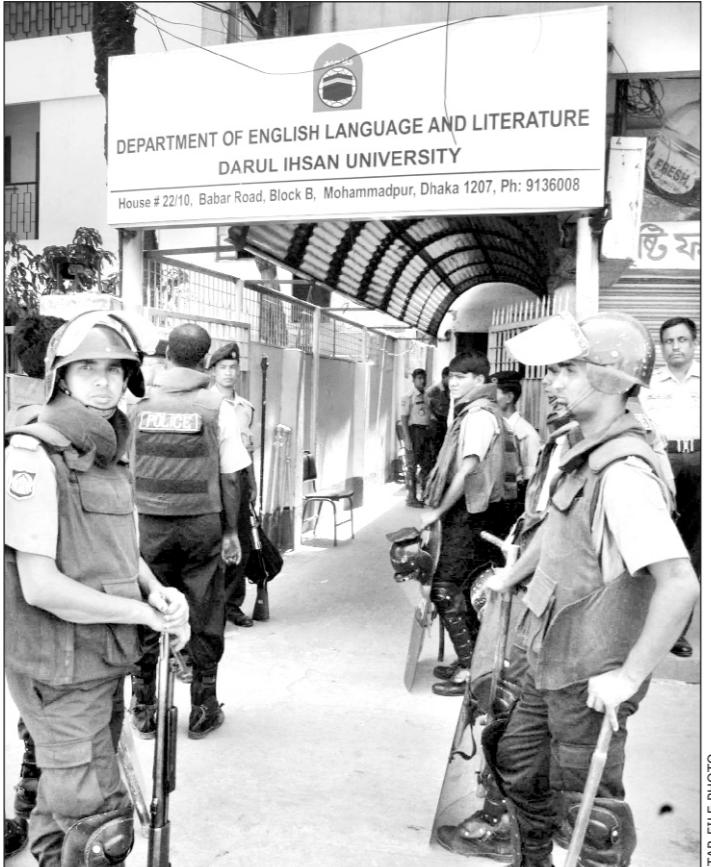
The HC rule issued on May 28 stayed for three months the operation of two letters issued by the education ministry and the Registrar of Joint Stock of Companies that Darul Ihsan Trust has no relation with the running of Darul Ihsan University.

The HC bench has also directed the education secretary and the Registrar of Joint Stock of Companies to explain within three weeks as to why their statements should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) had earlier taken an initiative to facilitate resolution of the month-long stalemate at the university by holding a meeting on May 29, which was finally postponed.

"We had to postpone the meeting, as only six out of 26 trustee members of the university and one of two claimants for the VC post, MA Rashid, turned up," said UGC member Prof Monirul Hoque whom the commission assigned to hold talks between the two factions of trustees.

"We took the initiative to resolve the crisis in the interests of the students," Prof Hoque said. "But now with the HC rule the matter has



Police guarded university campus on May 17.

got entangled in a legal complication."

The general students issued a nine-point charter of demands on May 17 with a deadline that the university authorities have to resolve the ongoing stalemate by May 29. Both MA Rashid and other

VC claimant Syed Ali Naqi signed an agreement accepting the students' demand.

But Ali Naqi, meanwhile, filed a petition with the High Court. Most of the trustee members and four representatives of the education ministry and Dhaka Metropolitan

Police did not turn up at the meeting.

MA Rashid said: "Though both of us agreed to sit together to resolve the crisis, Ali Naqi did not turn up and the meeting has been postponed."

"I did not turn up simply because we have got a ruling by the High Court," said Ali Naqi.

While talking to this correspondent, Naqi claimed himself the vice-chancellor and chairman of the Managing Trust of the Darul Ihsan University.

All the classes and examinations of the university are going on at present, he said. "It is only a group of English department students who are creating the trouble."

Naqi argued that MA Rashid cannot claim to be acting VC, as the amended private university law of 1998 provides that pro-VC will be acting VC in absence of the VC.

When asked how he claims himself to be VC, as his name was not forwarded to the chancellor as a proposed VC, Naqi said, "I am the VC...That needs no explanation."

The Darul Ihsan Trust came into being back in 1986. But it was registered with the Joint Stock of Companies after long 20 years.

Asked why it took long time to register the trust, Enamul Huq, a member and treasurer of the Darul Ihsan Trust, said: "Very recently we came to know that the trust is registered with the Joint Stock of Companies."

A group of students of English

department told this correspondent that they would not allow any of the two claimants for vice-chancellorship unless and until he can prove his genuineness.

"We have decided to attend the classes but we will resist entry of any of the two claimants to our campus until the claim is legally settled," said one Masters student.

"Though Prof Naqi intended to attend today's farewell programme at our department, we asked him through our teachers not to come."

A tug of war between two factions of the university's trustee members prompted a student agitation subsequently on the issue of who is the legal vice-chancellor resulting in a stalemate in academic and administrative activities of the university.

The turmoil began at Darul Ihsan when both Syed Ali Naqi and MA Rashid Khan, backed by two factions of 26-member trustee board, claimed themselves vice-chancellor of the university at the same time.

A faction of the trustee board of the university removed Ali Naqi from his position of acting VC on April 29, as he registered a trust with a group of trustees. They appointed the current treasurer of the university MA Rashid Khan as acting VC.

Naqi filed the petition with the HC to establish the legitimacy of a faction of trustees loyal to him as Darul Ihsan Trust.



An open manhole in at Road no 4 in Dhanmondi poses danger to vehicles and passers-by especially at night. Most manhole covers are stolen and are rarely replaced by the Dhaka City Corporation.

AMRAN HOSSAIN

## GULISTAN-JATRABARI FLYOVER

## PM to inaugurate construction on Sunday

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the construction of Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover, the third flyover in the city on Sunday, June 4.

"All preparations have been completed and we are hopeful that we will be to complete the construction of the flyover on time," said Ashiqur Rahman, project director (PD), Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover.

Belhsa-Accom and Associates Ltd, a joint UAE-Canada-India venture will invest and construct the flyover at a cost of Tk 710 crores under the supervision of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC). It will be the first flyover in the

country under private investment.

"We are very happy to start the construction of the flyover and we are committed to complete it on time," said Salman Obaidul Karim, managing director, Belhsa-Accom and Associates Ltd.

The construction of the 7.5 km long flyover, the longest of its genre in the country was supposed to start in June last year. The deadline could not be met because of the dispute between the project office and utility service providers regarding relocating of infrastructure along the way.

The ambiguity regarding relocation and reinstall utility services of Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa), Dhaka

electricity Supply (Desa), Titas Gas, Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) and many other service providers was resolved in February this year after the constructors decided to build it without moving the existing infrastructures.

A committee with the Buet Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Mohammad Ali

Mortuza as convenor recommended to relocate the pillars of the flyover keeping the utility service infrastructures intact. This decision would save at least Tk 150 crore, the committee said.

The flyover with 116 pillars will now be constructed with its pillars to be located at the spots where

there are no pipes and connection lines underground.

The project got the final nod from the government on February 14 in an inter-ministerial meeting.

The investing and implementing authority will complete the project on Built Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis.

The constructor of the flyover will own and operate the flyover for 24 years and afterwards will handover the ownership to DCC.

DCC will get a five percent share of the profit from the income of the flyover without making any financial investment.

Unlike the other flyovers in the city, commuters will have to pay a

toll to use the flyover. The rates for using it have been fixed at Tk 5 for motorcycle, Tk 10 for CNG autorickshaw, Tk 35 for car, Tk 40 for jeep, Tk 50 for microbus, Tk 100 for minibus, and Tk 200 for truck.

The flyover that will be constructed at a total estimated cost of Tk 706 crore will have 13 ramps and six entrances with four lanes on either side.

Starting from the Nawabpur Road and Fazle Rabbi Road intersection, the alignment follows Saheed Fazle Rabbi Road keeping Gulistan Garden, Bangabhaban and Rajdhani market on the left side and intersect with the Hattkhola Road at Tikatuli intersection.

## health outing, taxicab & train timing

## HEALTH

## Hospitals

Anjuman-e-Mofidul Islam 9336611, 7411660

BARDEM 8616641-50

Cholera Hospital (ICDDR) 8811751-60

CMH (Dhaka) 9870011

Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital 8628612-6

Holy Family Red Crescent 8311721-5

Islamia Eye Hospital 9119315, 8112156

Lion Eye Hospital 9129127

Medinova Medical Services 8620353-4

Mirpur General Hospital (Pvt) Ltd 9007873, 8015444

Mitford Hospital 7319002-6

National Heart Foundation Hospital 8014914, 8010491, 8021399

Orthopedic Hospital 9112150

Salimullah Medical College Hospital 7319002-6

Samorita Hospital 9131901

Shahid Suhrawardi Hospital 9122560-78, 9112086, 8114856, 9130800

Shishu Hospital 8116061-2, 9119119

## Clinics

Akand Clinic 8015855, 8022581

Aroggaya Niketan 9333730

BAVS Maternity 8016413-4

Dhaka Monorog Clinic 9005050

Gulshan Mother & Child Clinic 8822738, 8812992

Ibn Sina Clinic 8119513

Jahana Clinic (Pvt) Ltd 8912929

Judi Maternity 9113322

Paltan Poly Clinic 9557385

Retina Eye Center (Clinic) 9884588, 9884566

Shishu Bekash Clinic 9351625

The Eye Clinic 9333238

## Blood Bank

Red Crescent Centre- 9116563

Sandhani (DMCH)- 8624040

Sandhani (SMCH)- 7310061,

7310061, 7319022

Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital- 8626812-9

## Eye Bank

Sandhani International Eye Bank- 8614040

## Ambulances For

## Dead Body

Anzuman Mafidul Islam (Kakrail)

9336611, Gandaria 7319808,

7318166,

Al-Markajul Islam 9127867,

Gulshan 1, 2 markets-Friday

Elephant Road-Friday

Bishal Center-Friday

Baitul Mukarram Market-Friday

Polwell Market-Friday

BCS Computer City-Friday

Isha Khan Shopping Complex-Friday.

Rajlaxmi Complex-Friday

Stadium Market-Friday

Bangabazar Market-Friday

National Museum-Thursday

Ahsan Manzil-Thursday.

New Market-Tuesday

Gausia Market-Tuesday

Mouchak Market-Sunday

Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday

Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday

Eastern Plaza-Sunday

Farmview Super Market-Sunday

Muktijuddha Jagdhara-Sunday

Dhaka Zoo-Sunday

Shishu Jadugar-Sunday

## MARKET CLOSED

## Passenger's Complaint

01711-00990, 01711-00991,

01711-155144, 929, 2627.

Cab Salida Ltd. 9344477, 01711-

620888, 01711-610405

Cosmo Cab Ltd. 9112959, 8127191,

Nilot Cab Co. Ltd. 8125285, 01711-

621953

JBS Cab Ltd. 0191-364575

Coal Cab Ltd. 8130485, 01711-

826731

Limujin Cab Ltd. 9318351, 9337204

Multi-Cab Ltd. 9666502, 9570740

Nihon Taxi Cab Ltd. 8624742,

3178

United Cab Ltd. 7510166, 01711-

645257

Teletex Cab Ltd. 7202201