

HOSTELS OF JAGANNATH UNIVERSITY

Illegal occupation continues

CITY CORRESPONDENT

No effective measures have been taken by the authorities of Jagannath University to free its 12 hostels from illegal occupation that commenced over 20 years back.

"It cannot be called illegal occupancy, as most of the dormitories are under the control of home ministry and with police personnel residing," said Nasrin Begum, registrar and principal member of the university's fact-finding committee, formulated to look into the actual picture of occupation allegations.

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occupiers because the police department will help us and the hostels occupied by locals will be saved soon," she said.

"As we do not have sufficient manpower, we are afraid to risk the freeing of hostels from illegal occupancy," she added.

Prof. Dr. Sirajul Islam Khan, the vice-chancellor (VC) said that they would need sometime to work things out.

"We have just started classes and are now we are emphasising on starting administrative functions, giving priority to development work of

the university," the VC said.

"Once these areas are taken care of we will act on freeing the hostels from its present occupants," he added.

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When this correspondent spoke to Sahnur Haider, a 4th year Management student about the dormitories, he said: "I have no idea about the hostels. I am hearing this for the first time from you."

Students also alleged that they are suffering much because of the crisis of accommodation at the university.

"We live in a mess. It is uncomfortable and expensive. We hope the authorities will take initiatives to have the dormitories restored for us," said Shimul, an accounting student.

"More than 65 percent students of our department are from out of Dhaka. They are facing acute accommodation problems. Immediate action against the illegal occupiers would help these students with accommodation," said Shakib Raihan, another accounting student.

According to some of the university teachers, students gave up residing in the hostels after a clash with local residents in 1984. Authorities had given police personnel and their families, permission to reside in the hostels for security reasons.

The on-duty police officer of Kotwali police station said that there is no accommodation in the police station dormitory, so police personnel were asked to live in some of the dormitories and the practice has been going on for years.

A senior teacher of the university said that the local people were disturbed by mugging and anti-social activities by the hostels residents at that time. So the people themselves drove the students out for the sake of peace and security of the locality.



One of the hostels called Kumartuli at Jagannath University remains occupied.

WAITING FOR PASSENGERS



Boatmen on the Buriganga river sitting idle as number of passengers have decreased in recent times with other modes of river crossing becoming more popular among the passengers.

Slow legal process

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appointed to conduct the cases in criminal courts as the state is the compliant of such cases but no positive or significant developments have been seen in this regard.

Additional Attorney General Abdur Razzaque Khan said 35 out of 72 judges in the High Court handle criminal cases. Only seven of them are in the Appellate Division. Shortage of workforce leads to the backlog of pending cases in the higher court, he added.

The lawyers laid emphasis on increasing manpower of the High Court, appointment of skilled and non-partisan persons as attorneys and public prosecutors and building up a computerised database of the pending cases.

They also stressed the need for coordination between the higher and the lower courts and between the attorneys and the law ministry for accelerating the legal procedure.

However, according to the statistics recorded by the Acid Survivors Foundation since 2003, the number of acid throwing incidents is decreasing. The number of acid victims fell by 15.4

percent in 2003, 21.11 percent in 2004 and 17.54 percent in 2005.

The number of incidents also decreased by 8.46 percent in 2003, 20.59 percent in 2004 and 20.30 percent in 2005, though acid throwing remains as one of the most brutal forms of violence against women and children in the country.

NGO activists working with acid throwing victims say stringent law, quick legal procedure and proper punishment of the culprits would greatly reduce the crime.

Whatever is the reason for the delay in the delivery of justice, it is obvious that this delay causes sufferings to the victims and their families. Lengthy legal procedure also causes economic loss to them, participants in the dialogue said.

Moreover, the victims and their families often face threats from the perpetrators and the delay in trial process encourages the criminals. If the culprits get unpunished, the victims had to bear serious psychological consequences, the participants said.

Faulty launch

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took place on July 8, 2003 killing more than 400 people.

The speakers at the meeting demanded that the government should take effective measures to ensure safe design and valid licence of the launches as well as carry out regular inspection to lessen the risk of accidents.

They said the law regarding payment of compensation for the victims of launch accidents is ambiguous and the owners take advantage of its vagueness. The law says the victims or their family should be given compensation of Tk 1 lakh. However, the law does mention if this money should be given to each victim or two or more of a same family.

The speakers also alleged the passengers have become hostage to the owners of launches regarding fare as the government has no control on them.

"From 2001, the price of diesel has increased by 190 percent while the fare of launch has been increased by 333 percent. The poor are the worst victims of the unjust raise in launch fare," said Rasul.

The speakers demanded of the government to set up Nou Adalat or river court, to make sure that the launch fare is reasonable. The shipping inspectors should be given executive power to punish the launches collecting unjust and high fare, the observed.

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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
Jahanara 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,

MARKET CLOSED

Gulshan 1, 2 markets-Friday
Elephant Road-Friday
Bishal Center-Friday
Baitual 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-Tuesdeay
Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday
Eastern Plaza-Sunday
Farmview Super Market-Sunday
Muktijuddha Jadugarh-Sunday
Dhaka Zoo-Sunday
Shishu Jadugarh-Sunday

TAXI CAB

Passenger's Complain

01711-000990, 01711-000991, 01711-000992, DMP-999, 2627.
Cab Salida Ltd. 9344477, 01711-620888, 01711-610405
Cosmo Cab Ltd. 9112959, 8127191, Nitol 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,
8624741
Orion Taxi Cab Ltd. 934727, 9347277, 01711-155144
Reliance Cab Ltd. 9339563-4
RMS Cab Ltd. 8118536
Shatarupa Taxi Cab Ltd. 731083, 01711-458740
Tinni Cab Ltd. 9662009, 01711-645257
Teletex Cab Ltd. 7202201
Alif Cab Co. Ltd. 0191-357838, 83116948
Cab One Ltd. 9563054 Ext.-3077, 3178
United Cab Ltd. 7510166, 01711-

TRAIN TIMING

Subarna Express
Mahanagar Prabhati
Mahanagar Godhuli
Turna
Parabat Express
Joyantika Express
Upaban Express
Tista Express
Ekata Express
Upakul Express
Agnibeena Express

Leaves Dhaka at 4:30 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 7:30 am
Leaves Dhaka at 3:15 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 11:00 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 6:40 am
Leaves Dhaka at 12:45 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 9:45 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 7:00 am
Leaves Dhaka at 5:00 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 8:00 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 9:20 pm

Reaches Chittagong at 10:35 pm
Reaches Chittagong at 1:55 pm
Reaches Chittagong at 10:55 pm
Reaches Chittagong at 6:40 am
Reaches Sylhet at 2:30 pm
Reaches Sylhet at 9:20 pm
Reaches Sylhet at 6:40 am
Reaches Bahadurabad at 1:05 pm
Reaches Bahadurabad at 11:15
Reaches Noakhali at 5:00 am
Reaches Jagannath at 2:30 pm

LIBRARY & INFO

Libraries, Cultural and Information Centers

Central Public Library- 8626001-4,
Shishu Academy- 9564128
Shilpakala Academy- 8614673
Bangla Academy- 8619550
Islamic Foundation- 9550280, 9556407
Nazrul Institute- 9114602
Ford Foundation- 8116133
Alliance Francaise- 8611557
Information Resource Center, The American Center - 8813440-4, 9886395-9
British Council- 8618867-8, 8618905-7
Community Development Library- 8113769, 9113604
Goethe Institute Int'l- Dhaka- 9126525-6
Indian Information Centre & Cultural Library- 8850141-2
The Russian Cultural Centre- 9116314, 9118531, 9118314
Drik Photo Gallery- 9120125, 8112954, 8123412
Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) 9330081-4