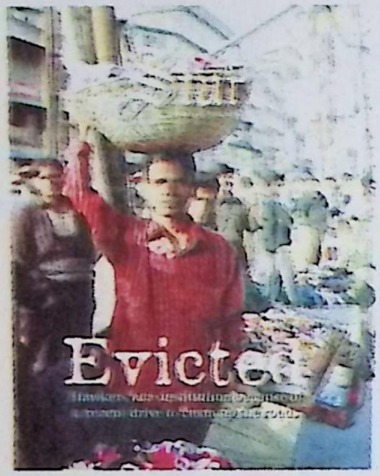


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Thank You CG

Initiatives and implementation in evicting illegal pavement business and illegal structures across the capital taken by the CG is really a praiseworthy measure. It has long been a wishful desire of all of us to see our capital clean, green and crowd free. We thank the CG for its fruitful measure of action.

But the sad thing about this eviction is that a number of impoverished people will suffer a lot due to this abrupt eviction since they won't be able to earn their livelihood. We, as citizens of the capital and people from all over the country, urge to the CG to rehabilitate those impoverished and deprived people at the earliest so that they can earn a decent living.

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Drug Addiction

Drug addiction is a very common phenomenon in public universities.

A few years back, students of BAU Bangladesh Agricultural University were not major users of drugs. But recently all types of drugs are becoming available in different places across BAU. Drug dealers have developed a strong network in the campus. At night, the bank of the Brahmaputra is the safe haven for drug users. The guards are helpless because they are threatened to keep quiet. This situation is deteriorating due to inaction of the administration. As a BAU student, I am saddened to see my beloved university in such condition. I request the administration to act before it is too late.

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Gender Discrimination

I felt very disheartened after reading VISA BLUES (November 17, 2006) by Hafiza Nilofar Khan on the SWM. In her write-up she describes her miserable fate. Women everywhere are deprived from realising their rights. What is her (Nilofer) fault if she married a Christian man? She has the right to select her own life-partner. But when she reached Bangladesh, she faces many problems to get a visa for her husband and her daughter.

When a Muslim man marries a foreign woman she carries their husband's surname and does not face any trouble to stay in this country. Why is this not possible for a Muslim woman? Civilisation has gone far, but we are still superstitious. It is high time that the government give more attention to this issue. We should get together to fight against all obstacles to protect women's rights.

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