

# Classes may

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ready to resume the classes, but they want Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid to honour his pledges without further delay, he added.

In a meeting with the BTA on Monday, Nahid had pledged to remove Pro-VC Prof Habibur Rahman and withdraw two cases filed against teachers and students.

Following the minister's assurances, the agitators suspended their demonstration on Friday.

Meanwhile, talking to The Daily Star yesterday, the Buet VC urged the teachers and students to resume classes at the earliest opportunity to avoid session jam at the institution.

The education minister yesterday reiterated that the government would take necessary measures soon to resolve the ongoing crisis at Buet.

Nahid was talking to a group of leaders of pro-government student body Bangladesh Chhatra League

(BCL) at his Minto Road residence.

Led by BCL President HM Badiuzzaman Sohag, the 14-member team called on the minister at 11:00am and discussed the overall situation at Buet.

During the meeting, the minister urged the BCL delegation to help resume classes at Buet peacefully, said Aminul Haque Palash, vice-president of Buet unit BCL.

"We have requested the minister not to bow to any unfair demand," he added.

On April 7, the BTA had launched an agitation raising 16 allegations of corruption and irregularities against the VC and the pro-VC.

After around a month, they suspended their agitation temporarily on assurances from the prime minister about meeting their demands.

But as there was no progress on the issue, the teachers announced non-stop work abstention from

July 14. The students and staff of the university also joined them.

On September 2, the Buet authorities filed two cases against some teachers and students with Shahbagh Police Station on charges of ransacking the offices of the VC and pro-VC and stealing Tk3 lakh.

**PROF KABIR RESIGNS**  
Prof Lutful Kabir yesterday submitted his resignation letter to the registrar of Buet.

"I worked with this administration [of Buet]. All the activities of the VC are unfair. On principle, it is not possible for me to continue my duties," he told The Daily Star last night.

He cited "personal reasons" for his resignation.

The authorities on August 13 had suspended Kabir from his post of director of the Institute of Information and Communication Technology (IICT).

An accused in the case against teachers, Prof Kabir said, "As a Buet teacher, it is

# Bribery alleged

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informed me do not lie," Khaled, chairman of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, said at a programme at the Jatiya Press Club.

Without mentioning any name, he said one of the directors of a state-owned bank demanded 30 percent commission from the due charge of a loan recovery agency to present the related papers at the board meeting and pass it.

"As the agency has not agreed to pay bribe, it is yet to get its due commission from the bank for recovery of the default loan," he added.

The former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank (BB) disclosed this at a discussion on "Success and failure in default loan recovery under private initiative," organised by People's Development Services Corporation Ltd (PDSC), a default loan recovery agency.

PDSC Chairman MA Rahman alleged that state-owned Sonali Bank and

Agrani Bank are yet to pay it Tk2.30 crore in due commission as per contracts.

Khaled said private banks gladly pay the commissions to these agencies for helping them recover classified loans. But the state-owned banks show reluctance to pay the bills of loan recovery agencies.

Citing a default loan of Agrani Bank, he said, the bank provided the loan to a politically-influential person and could not recover it for 25 years.

Failing to collect the money, it later gave the job to recover the money to an agency.

After the recovery, the then managing director of the bank claimed all credit for the recovery and declined to pay the commission.

The agency, said Khaled, at one stage sought his help in obtaining the due commission. But the bank did not even entertain his request.

Some loan recovery agencies have already suspended activities, frustrated

by non-payment and non-cooperation from the state-owned banks, he mentioned.

He suggested Bangladesh Bank try moral persuasion on banks for payment of the commission.

"State-owned banks had been steeped in corruption in the past. Even today, they are steeped in graft," said Khaled, citing that a deputy managing director of the Sonali Bank was involved in the loan scam related to Hall-Mark Group.

"We have also heard that some government-appointed directors are also involved in the scam," he noted.

Khaled urged the government not to appoint any MD, DMD and director on political consideration. Rather they should be picked by search committees.

Toufiq Ahmad Choudhury, director general of Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management, and SK Sur Chowdhury, deputy governor of Bangladesh

# Stand down

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"The government has to take responsibility for the recent corruption in the financial sector. Not only the finance minister, but the entire government as well should resign after taking responsibility for these incidents," he said at a discussion in the capital.

"Quit power and hold elections under a non-party and neutral administration," he said.

Fakhrul said the finance minister had sought forgiveness. At the moment he was the person most disapproved of in the country. "Why is he still in office even after apologising [to the nation]?" questioned the BNP leader.

"None of the people who have looted money from the banks has been arrested. The toothless Anti-Corruption Commission is now waiting to give them 'clean' certificates as it did in several other previous incidents of corruption," Fakhrul alleged.

He claimed that the

government and the ruling party men were busy looting money as they knew they would not be able to stay in the country after quitting power. "We hear that they [ruling party men] are buying houses in Malaysia and London for the future," he mentioned.

Referring to the recent incidents involving Destiny Group and Unipay2, the BNP leader said Hall-Mark would also be spared and no action would be taken against those responsible. "I don't know how the prime minister and her adviser Modasser Ali will avoid responsibility for this corruption," he added.

The BNP leader also criticised the Bangladesh Bank's stance over the irregularity and reappointment of chairmen of the state-run banks, including Sonali Bank, which sanctioned loans to Hall-Mark.

Jubo-Jagpa, youth front of the main opposition BNP's partner party Jagpa, organised the discussion at the

# Sylhet region rice

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Research Institute (BIRRI) is now procuring the new varieties from the IIRRI for field tests.

According to researchers, these rice varieties are infused with "Phosphorus Starvation Tolerance" gene called PSTOL-1, identified in Kasalath. The gene has potentials of enabling rice plants to produce 20 percent more grain by increasing uptake of phosphorus, an important but limited plant nutrient.

IIRRI scientists said they have already found "20 percent higher yield" from PSTOL-1 gene-induced rice varieties in field tests in the Philippines and Indonesia recently.

The groundbreaking discovery announced by the IIRRI and published in the international science journal, Nature, late last month

prompted the BIRRI to send one of its top researchers to the IIRRI headquarters for collecting the new rice varieties.

Contacted through e-mail, the researcher, BIRRI Plant Breeding Division head Dr Helaluddin Ahmed, told The Daily Star yesterday, "There are some lines [varieties] IIRRI has developed, and I have requested it to send some advance lines to Bangladesh. I hope these will work in our country." In an e-mail conversation, IIRRI's lead scientist in the phosphorous gene research project Dr Sigrid Heuer told this correspondent last week, "We are having a training workshop starting Monday and have a participant from BIRRI to initiate work on the gene in Bangladesh."

"For many years, we have searched for genes that

improve phosphorus uptake," said Heuer.

According to a Bangladesh geneticist living in Australia, Abed Chowdhury, Kasalath rice is "native to Sylhet and its bordering areas in India".

Former BIRRI director general Dr MA Hamid Miah, who was long associated with IIRRI too, said Bangladesh would do better if the potentials of PSTOL-1 are tapped since it would increase rice plants' phosphorous uptake capacity and thereby save many rice plants from going sterile.

"In the absence of adequate phosphorous in acidic soil [lack of phosphorous turns soil acidic], particularly, many rice plants fail to grain-fill properly," he added.

As phosphorous in Bangladesh soil is usually between low and medium

levels, local researchers are enthusiastic about developing rice varieties infusing PSTOL1 gene.

Contacted, Dr Alamgir Hossain, principal plant breeder at BIRRI, said gene sequencing of Kasalath was done in Japan and "IIRRI has field-tested it. We need to explore its potentials in Bangladesh's agro-ecological conditions."

Kasalath's superior performance despite phosphorous deficiency was initially discovered by Dr Matthias Wissuwa from the Japan International Research Centre for Agricultural Sciences. He then started collaborating with IIRRI and shared the DNA information of Kasalath.

Dr Heuer said, "We have now hit the jackpot and found PSTOL-1, the major gene responsible for improved phosphorus

uptake and understand how it works.

"Farmers can apply phosphorus fertilisers to increase productivity, but on problem soils phosphorus is often locked in the soil and unavailable to plants. PSTOL-1 helps rice (plants) grow a larger, better root system and thereby have access to more phosphorus."

Dr Tamal Lata Aditya, chief scientific officer at BIRRI, who played a key role in developing some new generation rice varieties in recent years, told this correspondent, "We need to do the field tests of PSTOL-1 for varietal-adaptation. As a first step, we can start trialling the gene by infusing it in a few of our best-performing rice varieties. This should work well in upland and acidic soil conditions."

# Akbar Ali proposes lottery

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is going to be its head," he told a discussion at the Jatiya Press Club.

Khaled said under this process, a list of chief justices who have retired in the last five to ten years and Appellate Division judges could be made. From among them fifteen would be selected.

"From the list, the chief adviser can be selected through a lottery," he said, adding that the selected people would need to be interested in becoming the head of government.

Center for Strategic and Peace Studies arranged the discussion. Prof Tarek Shamsur Rehman presented the keynote paper, "Political Impasse in the Country: The Way Out". Former Secretary Shah Abdul Hannan moderated the discussion.

Advocating a non-

partisan government for the purpose of holding the elections, Akbar Ali said the name of the chief adviser should be finalised just one or two days ahead of the formation of such a government.

He thought the problems that had emerged could be resolved if his formula was implemented.

"Consensus is a must among the political parties, especially between the two major parties, to ensure a free, fair and credible election," he said.

The former cabinet secretary also presented an alternative formula where both the opposition and the ruling party could have a direct role in forming the interim government.

Under this formula, five leaders -- each from the opposition and the ruling party -- will be picked to

form the government. The heads of the two major parties will also be there in the government.

"The BNP will select five persons from the Awami League while the Awami League will choose five from the other, including the party chief," he said.

It needs to be settled first what we actually want, said the former adviser, adding that political problems would have to be resolved politically. "If we want to resolve the political crisis non-politically, it won't work."

Analysing the trends of the past forty years in the country's politics, he said no oppressor would be able to hang on to power.

He said the caretaker government system had been accepted both at home and abroad, and the majority of the people accepted the three elections held

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### INVITATION FOR LOCAL TENDER

1. Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd. (DPDC)		
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3. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.		
4. Invitation for	<p>Group (A): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Swamibag Division (Additional).</p> <p>Group (B): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Jurain Division (Additional).</p> <p>Group (C): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Mugdapara Division (Additional).</p> <p>Group (D): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Kazla Division (Additional).</p> <p>Group (E): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of Khilgaon NOCS Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase under DPDC.</p> <p>Group (F): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Narinda Division (Additional).</p> <p>Group (G): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Banglabazar Division (Additional).</p> <p>Group (H): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Postogola Division (Additional).</p> <p>Group (I): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Azimpur NOCS.</p> <p>Group (J): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Maniknagar Division (Additional).</p> <p>Group (K): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of Banglamotor, Eskaton &amp; Tip-Top 11KV O/H feeder (Part) under Kakrail NOCS Division, DPDC.</p> <p>Group (L): Rehabilitation &amp; Augmentation of Distribution Network of NOCS Kamalapur Division (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase).</p>		
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11. Eligibility of Tenderer	<p>a. Before purchasing the Tender documents/schedule prior permission Shall have to be taken from the concern Head of the office.</p> <p>b. No Tender Schedule will be sold on the day of Opening of the Tender.</p> <p>c. No Tender Schedule will be sold or received by Courier or by Mail service.</p> <p>d. The Tenderer shall have to apply to the concern Head of the office mentioning the name of work in original letter Head pad (photocopy not allowed) of the tenderer for purchasing the tender document.</p> <p>e. The Contractor Shall have to submit the experience certificate who have completed the same nature of work (11 KV or above O/H line) in a single work-order amounting not less than Group (A) Tk. 5.00 (Five) Lacs, (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G) Tk. 4.00 (Four) Lacs, (H), Tk. 3.50 (Three lacs fifty thousand) Lacs, (I), (K) Tk. 3.00 (Three) Lacs, (J), (L) Tk. 2.00 (Two) Lacs only within last Three years.</p> <p>f. Item wise rate and total amount must be quoted by the bidder in figure &amp; words in the Tender Schedule.</p> <p>g. Before issuing work-order the Responsive lowest tenderer must submit 10% (Ten percent) Performance Guarantee on quoted amount in favour of the <b>Project Director, Project-2, DPDC, Dhaka.</b></p> <p>h. Tender document shall have to be submitted along with necessary Tender Security &amp; attached copies of all other necessary documents in a sealed Envelope (One Original &amp; One Photocopy set).</p> <p>i. All other Terms &amp; Condition will be available in the Tender schedule.</p> <p>j. The Tenderer shall have to submit along with the tender document attested photocopies of up to date renewal ABC supervisory License, Trade License, Income Tax &amp; VAT Registration Certificate etc. Managerial efficiency, Experience in related work, Goodwill certificate, and manpower availability, professional and Technical qualification for completing the contractual agreement, financial support. Otherwise the tender will be considered as rejected.</p> <p>k. All activities will be followed according to PPR-2008.</p>		
12. Price of Tender Document for Each Group (Taka)	Tender document will be obtained on payment (Non-refundable) for Group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L Tk. 500.00 only per set in the form of Bank-draft/Pay-order from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the <b>Project Director, Project -2, DPDC, Dhaka.</b>		
13. Tender Security Amount (Taka)	Group A Tk. 24,000.00 (Twenty four thousand), Group B, C Tk. 21,000.00 (Twenty one thousand), D, E Tk. 19,000/- (Nineteen thousand), F, G Tk. 18,000/- (Eighteen thousand), H Tk. 16,000/- (Sixteen thousand), I Tk. 15,000/- (Fifteen thousand), J, L Tk. 10,000/- (Ten thousand), K Tk. 12,000/- (Twelve thousand) Only.		
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14. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Shaful Islam Khan		
15. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director, Project -2, DPDC		
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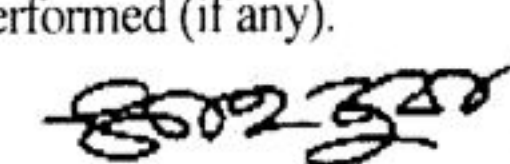
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