

Sust student orgs unhappy over politics suspension

University remains scheduled to reopen on Jan 18

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Prominent student organisations at Shahjalal University of Engineering & Technology (Sust) are refusing to accept the university administration's temporary bar on politics on the campus, expressing their discontent to The Daily Star yesterday.

An emergency Syndicate meeting on January 10 decided to impose the suspension and reopen the university on January 18, and halls the day before, allowing only resident students with allotted seats.

Sust was closed indefinitely on November 20 after two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League clashed, killing an activist from outside the campus.

Bangladesh Chhatra League's Sust unit President Sanjibon Chakravarty Partha termed the decision "unacceptable" while Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

Convener SM Jahangir declared paying no heed to it, stating that such repercussions for one organisation's activities should not befall all.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front President Anik Dhar stated that student politics was a constitutional right and echoed Jahangir on rejecting the consequences.

Terming the decision "undemocratic, authoritarian", Bangladesh Chhatra Union President Srikanta Sharma compared it to chopping off one's head as a solution for a headache.

Meanwhile, the three-member probe committee, headed by Prof Ilias Uddin Biswas, could not file its report yet because he "could not talk to the students" amid closure of the university.

The committee, however, was not given any deadline to finish the investigation. Till date, 41 BCL activists have been arrested in three cases filed over the incident.

Death Anniversary

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Today is the 12th death anniversary of former minister

M Mansur Ali.

He served as the minister of textiles from 1979 and was the president and general secretary of Khulna Bar Association, said a press release.

On this occasion, M Mansur Ali Smrity Sangsad and Satkhira Zela Janasamity will hold a discussion and a doa mahfil at the office of Satkhira Zela Janasamity 44-F/7 Panthapath, Dhaka at 5:00pm.

Bishwo Shahitto Kendro to award young readers

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Bishwo Shahitto Kendro (BSK) will award 6,092 school students of its book reading programme in Dhaka through a prize giving ceremony on Friday and Saturday.

The ceremony will be held at the capital's Ramna Batamul. A total of 30,000 students participated in the reading programme in the capital, said Abdullah Abu Sayeed, founder chairman of BSK, at a press conference at its office yesterday.

The non-profit institution that promotes reading habits among students will later hold similar ceremonies in the cities of Chittagong and Khulna on January 23 and 30 respectively.

About 8,000 students from Chittagong and Khulna will receive the awards.

Sponsored by Grameenphone, 65,000 books will be given to students of about 1,500 schools of the three cities, said the litterateur.



Prisoners and officials lay wreaths at the gallows where anti-British revolutionary Masterda Surya Sen was hanged in 1934, inside Chittagong Central Jail yesterday. Separately, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Surya Sen Pathagar, and Charon Sanskritik Kendra paid floral tributes at his statue on JM Sen Hall premises in Chittagong city. It was the 81st anniversary of his execution, for leading the 1930 Chittagong armoury raid.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Govt officials get Malaysian visa exemption

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The cabinet yesterday approved a proposal to ratify a bilateral agreement allowing visa-less entry and stay of 90 days for diplomatic and official passport holders of Bangladesh and Malaysia.

The visa exemption will apply for family members and children under 21 years of diplomats, Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan told journalists, adding that the agreement was signed on December 3 last year, during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Kuala Lumpur.

Bangladesh has visa exemption agreements with 12 countries and discussions are ongoing with 18 more.

Third border haat opens

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This haat, situated bordering dairy and poultry products, cottage industry items, wooden furniture, handlooms and handicraft items.

Each trader is restricted to transactions worth US \$100 per day, no local tax would be imposed and both currencies would prevail.

Tripura government sources said the infrastructure, including the haat and roads on their side, was built a couple of months ago costing Rs 2.4 crore.

A festive mood was in the air as thousands of people on both sides have long been anticipating it, they said.

"The fourth border haat...is under construction," Pankaj told journalists after meeting Tofail at the ministry in the capital yesterday.

Tarapur Kashba in Brahmanbaria and Kamlasagar of Tripura, will be ready very soon, stated Bangladesh foreign ministry officials and the Indian high commission.

The haat opening today is the first for Tripura. Of the existing two, one was opened where Baliyari under Rajibpur upazila of Kurigram meets Kalaichar in Meghalaya's West Garo Hills district, on July 23, 2011.

In the same year the other haat was opened where Lauwaghar (Dalora) in Sunamganj faces Meghalaya's Balat in East Khasi Hills district.

The haats are being set up under a Memorandum of Understanding on border haats and trade signed on October 23, 2010.

There was a demand for over 100 haats along the 856-kilometre border with Tripura, Indian Lok Sabha member Jitendra Chaudhury told a recent seminar on India-Bangladesh relations.

Official sources say the Meghalaya government proposed setting up 22 haats across its 443-kilometre border.

Diplomatic sources said India intended to set up 70 border markets in phases and after discussion with Dhaka, identified 70 locations along four states.

Of the 70, 35 have been proposed along the 2,217-kilometre border with West Bengal, followed by 22 along Meghalaya, five along Tripura and four along the 262-kilometre border with Assam.

BNP leader

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In the prayer, the IO said Dudu was directly and indirectly involved in the destructive activities, and hence should be remanded to find more information about the incidents.

On the other hand, defence lawyers submitted a petition seeking his bail as well as cancellation of the remand prayer, saying their client was implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to harass him politically.

Earlier on Sunday night, Mirpur police filed a case against Dudu and 39 other leaders and activists of the BNP-led 20-party alliance for their alleged involvement in violence.

Police picked up Dudu, also secretary of Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal, a front organisation of BNP, at Mirpur-2 around 8:30pm on Sunday.

Khaleda, also head of the alliance, announced the blockade after she was barred from coming out of her Gulshan office on January 5.

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unchallenged authority using the prime minister's name," was published in its online and its print editions on August 18 last year.

Deputy Attorney General Bashir Ullah told The Daily Star that the government will move an appeal before the Supreme Court seeking a stay order on the bail.

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

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The Support to the Health Sector Program II (SHSP II) in Bangladesh, is a project funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It is being implemented by GIZ in cooperation with the Health Economics Unit (HEU) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The SHSP II project aims to improve the overall management of the health sector, especially in the area of social justice and gender equity. Under the current phase (July 2014 - June 2016), the module objective used, is "Developing a framework for evidence-based design and implementation of reforms in the public health sector, with special reference to ensuring social justice".

GIZ requests proposal from highly experienced organizations or companies with proficiency in quantitative health economics research for a consultancy to carry out a "willingness-to-pay (WTP) study for a social health insurance scheme" amongst the target population (beginning with the workers and owners in the Ready-made-garment (RMG) sector).

Details of the tasks and EOI proposal requirements are mentioned in the Terms of Reference (ToR). TOR and Guideline for Technical & Financial Proposal should be collected, and any inquiry communicated by January 29, 2015 by email: contracts@gizbd.org specifying "EOI for Willingness-to-Pay Study" in the subject line as relevant. Proposal submission deadline is January 31, 2015.

Interested parties having relevant proven experience should submit their "Technical" and "Financial" proposals in separate sealed envelopes within the stated deadline to the reception desk of GIZ Office Dhaka, Road 90, House 10/C, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212. The envelopes shall be addressed to "GIZ Contracts Division" and bear the remark "willingness-to-pay (WTP) study for a social health insurance scheme".

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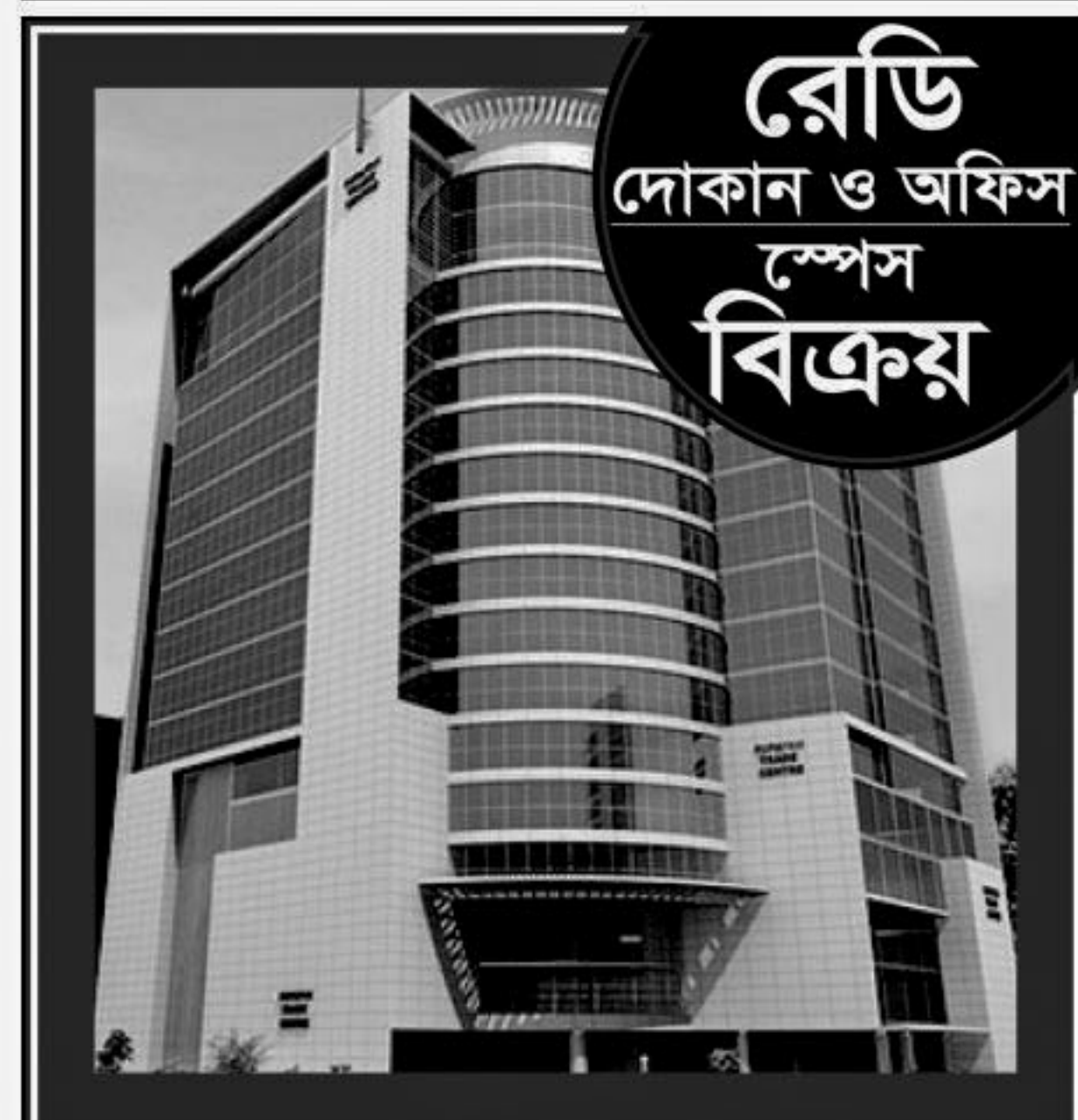
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Assignment Country: Bangladesh

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Expressions of Interest should be submitted, in English, electronically through World Bank Group eConsultant2 (<https://wbgeconsult2.worldbank.org/wbgec/index.html>) by January 22, 2015. For this case the assignment number is: 1169539. Please note that the total size of all attachments should be less than 5MB.

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