

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Muhith, Nahid discuss teachers' demands

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The government is now looking for alternative ways to give public university teachers the benefits of selection grade and time scale which have been dropped from the national pay scale.

The cabinet committee, formed on September 16, will work to find alternatives so that the dignity of teachers remains unimpaired.

The development came at a closed-door meeting between Finance Minister AMA Muhith and Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday, said a highly placed source in the education ministry.

"Since the provisions of selection grade and time scale have been dropped for all the government employees, the government is searching for alternatives to make sure that the teachers will have the benefits," he told The Daily Star.

The finance minister sat with the education minister at the latter's office as per directives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

At the end of yesterday's cabinet meeting, the PM asked both the ministers to find out a way to put an end to the ongoing movement by public university teachers.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said he discussed the teachers' four-point demand with the finance minister.

"We talked on how to solve the problems of teachers.... He [finance minister] was sincere and positive about the teachers' demands," he told The Daily Star.

"The government is sincere in meeting teachers' demands as they are the main driving force. So I request them not to create any tension or instability in the universities."

Teachers under the banner of Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) have been demonstrating since May 14 to press home their demands, including introduction of a separate salary structure for them.

There are around 13,000 teachers at 37 public universities in the country. They stepped up agitation after the government approved the 8th national pay scale for the government employees on September 7 with a retrospective effect from July 2015.

The teachers stayed away from work for three days since September 7 complaining that the post of selection grade professors (senior teachers) has been abolished in the new

pay scale although bureaucrats have got a special grade for themselves.

Their other demands include revision of the new pay scale and keeping senior professors and senior secretaries at an equal level of payment and benefits as enjoyed by the same grade of government officials.

On September 19, a delegation of teachers met the education minister who assured them of reaching a "proper solution" soon.

The teachers of government colleges also observed work stoppage for three days at all the public colleges to press home their four-point demand, including reinstatement of selection grade and time scale and upgradation of salaries of different posts under the BCS education cadre.

BCS General Education Association, a platform of teachers and officials under the cadre, organised the demonstration.

About their protest, the education minister said the teachers and officials started agitation without informing him about their problems.

"Yet, I will tell them that a solution can be reached through talks. There's no need to go for an agitation," added Nahid.

Yunus third

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"In its citation, Salt Magazine said, 'Yunus regards credit as a vital human right, and has given millions of people access to the banking system,'" said a Yunus Centre press release yesterday.

Paul Polman and Richard Branson secured the first and second positions on the list. The list also includes prominent personalities like Bill Gates, Arianna Huffington, Larry Page, Ted Turner, Warren Buffett, Tim Cook and Elon Musk.

"Individuals were evaluated based on their demonstrated leadership in terms of renewable energy, resource conservation, agriculture, and social and economic sustainability," the press release stated.

It added, "Additional criteria included whether they had pioneered ideas within their industry, created a company that transcends the standard business paradigm, and how many lives they have changed."

In 2008, Prof Yunus was rated second in Foreign Policy magazine's list of the "Top 100 Global Thinkers". In 2012, he was named by Fortune Magazine as one of 12 greatest entrepreneurs of the current era.

2 shot dead

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Jahangir was a staff appointed by cattle market leasee Mokhtar Hossain while Kabir was a pedestrian, sources said.

The armed group made the attack inside Baten Market, some 5km away from the upazila town around 5:30pm, locals said.

The sources claimed that the shooting was the result of a rivalry between the followers of a local ruling party lawmaker and a municipality mayor over establishing their supremacy in the market.

AKM Mashiur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sandwip Police Station, said police were conducting drives to arrest the criminals.

Major haul

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Asad Ullah, one of the detainees, is the son of war criminal Mobarak Hossain, sources said.

Towhid's brother UAE expatriate Shaheduzzaman was the consignee and recipient of the goods declared as "used household items".

The container arrived at the port on September 16 from UAE via Colombo and the cash, all 500 rupee notes, was hidden in boxes inside the container.

The container was kept sealed for the night and was opened yesterday afternoon so that all the packages inside the container could be inspected.

"All the packages of the container have been checked. Indian money was recovered from four of the packages. The money was kept in four hidden chambers in each of the packages," said Moitul Khan, director general of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate. The total amount was 2 crore 71 lakh 76 thousand and 5 hundred rupees.

He said it was an attempt to smuggle currencies using Bangladesh as transit.

Moitul said they believe the notes were fakes and they were yet to thoroughly examine them.

"All Indian currencies seized in previous drives were found to be counterfeit. We think these currencies could be the same," he said.

Moitul told journalists Flash International Ltd was a blacklisted firm and it had previous records of irregularities.

The customs DG also said the signature of Shaheduzzaman in the baggage declaration form did not match with the one in his passport.

Customs officials said Shaheduzzaman travelled from UAE to Chittagong three to four times between January and July.

PM rebuffs claims

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new restrictions on media and internet freedoms were turning the country into a repressive, de facto one-party state.

"My job is to assist the common people," Hasina said. "I do politics for the people, not for me... People are enjoying democracy now. What people want is their basic needs. So I'm trying to help people ensure their basic need, that means food security, healthcare, education, and job opportunity and a better life."

"By 2021 Bangladesh will be a middle-income country and by 2041 Bangladesh will be a developed country... All the democratic institutions are working and people are satisfied and people are enjoying it. So the way you say I am dominating, I am not dominating, I am serving people."

The Guardian wrote that Hasina, in power since 2009, is credited internationally with helping Bangladesh achieve key UN anti-poverty and development goals and appears to enjoy a high level of domestic support.

In the interview published in the daily's online edition yesterday, the prime minister outright rejected allegations that the law enforcement agencies, particularly the Rab, were beyond constitutional or parliamentary control.

About press freedom, she said her government had allowed an unprecedented expansion in private television channels, newspapers and online media since the 1990s.

"Who brought the change? It is me. I opened it up," she said. "Now we have 41 private television channels [and] altogether nearly 700 newspapers all over the country. So they're writing and they're totally free. And NGOs are also working according to the rules and law they have."

She said the BNP had shot itself in the foot by boycotting last year's national polls.

The Guardian also wrote that Hasina is accused of using public fears about terrorism to smear political opponents and justify

harsh action against them. "Critics say that despite her strong stance, she has failed to curb an ongoing, nationwide Islamist revival linked to similar movements in Pakistan and the Middle East - and is losing the 'battle of ideas' with militant Islam," it added.

Ataur Rahman, chairman of Bangladesh Political Science Association, told the daily the government's "high-handed behaviour" was damaging faith in democracy in Bangladesh and risked provoking a popular backlash.

"There is a growing authoritarian trend towards one-person rule. The result is that we are on the brink of a loss of democracy," he said. "Most government institutions, like the police and the judiciary, are losing their autonomy. The civil service bureaucracy has lost its independence."

"Civil society actors are also under pressure - the universities, the media, people using social media. There is an increasing trend towards self-censorship. You can speak out, but you do so at your peril. The NGOs are also heavily regulated now."

Human cargo

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danger of being lost."

Since January 2014, more than 1,000 merchant ships have helped rescue more than 65,000 people, according to estimates from the International Chamber of Shipping.

Shipping companies are prepared to help, they say. But they want governments to take more of the burden.

One problem is cost. Insurance covers some expenses when a ship is forced to conduct a rescue -- but not the loss of business. A more important concern is security.

"Merchant ships are being used as radio taxis to pick up people," said Harry Hajimichael, general manager with Greek-based operator Tsakos Shipping and Trading, four of whose vessels were involved in rescuing more than 600 people in the Mediterranean last year. "This is not the right way to do it."

ACC sues 56

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They include the bank's deputy managing directors Fazlul Sobhan, Kanak Kumar Purkayastha and A Monaem Khan, assistant general manager of its Shantinagar Branch SM Anisur Rahman Chowdhury, former manager Mohammad Ali, Gulshan Branch manager Shipar Ahmed and credit-in-charge of the same branch SM Zahid Hasan.

On September 8, the ACC gave approval to its investigating officers to file 54 cases in connection with the BASIC Bank scam. Later, it gave the nod for filing two more cases, said sources in the commission.

One of the cases, filed with Paltan Model Police Station yesterday, shows Wahidur Rahman, proprietor of Fiaz Enterprise, and Asma Khatun, proprietor of New Auto Define, embezzled Tk 78 crore from BASIC Bank's Shantinagar Branch in 2010.

In its probe, the ACC found that the then branch manager and the head of the credit committee recom-

mended Fiaz Enterprise for loans of Tk 145 crore though the client didn't mortgage anything against the loans and had debts to other banks.

Though the credit committee from the head office detected anomalies in the loan proposal, head of the committee and deputy managing director Sheikh Manzur Morshed presented the loan proposal to the then managing director AKM Sajedur Rahman.

Sajedur ignored all negative observations about the loan proposal and presented it to the board, which approved the loan on certain conditions, said the first information report.

According to another case, also filed with Paltan Model Police Station, Ziaul Haque, proprietor of Haque Trading, opened a bank account with Shantinagar Branch in June 2012.

Three weeks later, he applied for loans of Tk 19 crore showing a plot of land as mortgage. He valued it at Tk 19.50 crore.

But a survey firm put the land

price at Tk 15 crore, saying it would fetch Tk 12 crore if sold immediately. The firm submitted a report to the branch.

The credit scrutiny committee at the head office then checked the loan proposal, detected anomalies and made negative observations.

But instead of rejecting the proposal, Fazlul Sobhan, head of the committee, sent it to the then MD Faqurul for presenting it to the board. And the loan was finally approved by the board.

One of the best-run banks until 2009, BASIC Bank has been mired in financial irregularities in recent years.

Central bank inspections found 12 counts of irregularities at BASIC Bank in giving loans. These include no verification of customer's creditworthiness, absence of KYC (know your customer) procedures, and extending loans to defaulters.

The majority of the anomalies were detected in the bank's Dilkusha, Shantinagar and Gulshan branches in the capital.

From Kulaura to UN

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mother and child health in her community for the last three years, would now advocate for the issues at the UNGA 70 to be held from September 21-28.

She is expected to meet national and international delegates from all over the world, including UN and civil society representatives, and government officials from Bangladesh. She would give her opinion on ending child marriage and ensuring access to healthcare for all.

As part of "Every One Campaign", a five-year project of Save the Children, 20 children, including Moni, from all over the world will attend the UNGA 70 this year.

Her slogan in this assembly is

"LetHerGrow".

"Instead of marrying the girls off in their teens, they should be encouraged to grow and educate themselves because they have immense potential for the future Bangladesh. They need the support of the society and their families to grow with equal opportunity instead of throwing away all their potential," she said.

Moni, a class-X student of Sultanpur Girls' High School in Kulaura, is a youth campaigner working under Dhaka Ahsania Mission's youth programmes, funded by Save the Children, Bangladesh.

Jahangir Hossain, programme coordinator of Dhaka Ahsania

Mission, told The Daily Star over the phone that Moni was selected from about 180 children from all over Bangladesh to represent the country under the "Every One Campaign" in the UNGA.

Besides, advocating against child marriage, Moni would press for access to healthcare for every mother and child.

She would speak on issues regarding preventable diseases like pneumonia and diarrhoea in the forum. She would also raise the issue of drowning, a leading cause of death among children under the age of five in Bangladesh.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent contributed to the report.

Landslide kills

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witnesses said.

After an hour's effort, locals could pull the victims out of the mud but by then they were dead. The overnight rain is thought to have triggered the landslide.

Parveen along with her husband Abul Khayer, a bus helper, and their four children had been living on a hill in remote Mazhirghona area under Baizid Police Station for around a year, neighbours said.

Residents of the area, including the victims' family, paid Tk 25,000 to Tk 60,000 to Badshah, a leader of Mazhirghona Awami League, to build shanties on occupied hills, local people said.

However, Pradip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Baizid police, said Badshah is a local criminal.

An unnatural death case will be filed in connection with the incident. The police will take action regarding the casualties and the district administration will pay the family Tk 20,000 for each victim, the OC said.

Meanwhile, the Chittagong district administration formed a three-member committee headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Mohammed Elius to probe the incident and asked it to submit a report within seven working days, said Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong Mesbah Uddin.

"The area is very remote and I came to know that some local goons cut the hills at night and sell the land to landless people."

The DC added that he had asked the ADC to prepare a list of those involved and that he would take legal action accordingly.

With yesterday's casualties, the number of deaths in landslides in Chittagong city this year stands at eight.

Earlier on July 18, six people, including five children, were killed in separate incidents in Lalkhan Bazaar Pora Colony and Baizid Amin Colony.

Since 2007, landslides in hills in the port city killed 193.

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গাছ লাগান গাছের পরিচর্যা করুন
০১ মন্ত্রণালয় স্থানীয় সরকার, পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২ এজেন্সী চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন।
০৩ সংগ্রহকারীর সংস্থার নাম সচিবালয় বিভাগ, নেজারত শাখা, চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন।
০৪ বিজ্ঞপ্তির উদ্দেশ্যে দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি জারি।
০৫ দরপত্রের স্মারক নম্বর প্রযোজ্য নহে।
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০৬ সংগ্রহের পদ্ধতি উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি।
যোগদানের বিবরণ
০৭ বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন রাজস্ব তহবিল।
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০৮ টেন্ডার প্যাকেজ নং প্রযোজ্য নহে।
০৯ টেন্ডার প্যাকেজের নাম চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশনের ২০১৫-২০১৬ অর্থ বছরের জন্য মনোহরী মালামাল সরবরাহ।
১০ টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ ২১/৯/২০১৫ইং।
১১ টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ৭/১০/২০১৫ইং।
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অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা ঠিকানা সমূহ।
টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট বিক্রয় অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ক্যাশ শাখা থেকে দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
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দরদাতার যোগ্যতা
১৫ দরদাতার যোগ্যতা ক) দরপত্রের সাথে হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, অভিজ্ঞতা সার্টিফিকেট, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট, টিআইএন নম্বর এবং ট্যাক্স পরিশোধের প্রত্যয়নপত্রের কপি ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটের কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িতকরণপূর্বক দাখিল করতে হবে।
খ) দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রেগুলেশন/২০০৮ অনুসরণে দরপত্র দলিলের সকল শর্তাবলী প্রযোজ্য।
গ) দরপত্রদাতার সংশ্লিষ্ট মনোহরী মালামাল সরবরাহের কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
১৬ কাজের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।
১৭ টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্টের মূল্য ও ধরণ প্রতি সেট ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) মেয়র, চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট।
১৮ নিরাপত্তা জামানতের পরিমাণ ও ধরণ দাখিলকৃত দরপত্রের সাথে উদ্ধৃত রেইটের ২.৫% পে-অর্ডার, মেয়র, চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন এর অনুকূলে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।
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১৯ কাজের নং কাজের নাম কাজের স্থান কাজ সম্পন্ন করার সময়
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২০ দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী অফিসারের নাম রশিদ আহমদ।
২১ দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী অফিসারের সচিব, চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন।
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২৩ দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী অফিসারের ফোনঃ ৬১২৮৮৮; ফ্যাক্স ঃ ৬১৭০৩৬; ই-মেইলঃ rashidahmadds@gmail.com
ক) দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী সংস্থা যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার সর্বময় অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।
খ) দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটির সুপারিশ ও যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রশাসনিক অনুমোদন পাওয়ার পর নোটিফিকেশন অব এ্যাওয়ার্ড প্রদান করা হবে।
গ) দরপত্রের সকল শর্তাবলী সিডিউল বিস্তারিত বর্ণিত আছে।
ঘ) দরপত্রের বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী নেজারত শাখা হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
ঙ) উদ্ধৃত দরে কাটাকাটি/পুনঃ লিখন কোনক্রমেই গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
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Notice for the supply of goods and related services in organizing an International Conference on "Developing Sustainable and Inclusive Buddhist Heritage and Pilgrimage Circuits in South Asia's Buddhist Heart Land" scheduled to be held at BICC on 27-28 October 2015 in closed envelopes.
This is to bring to the notice of all concerned that date of sale of tender documents, submission and opening of tenders have been extended. Accordingly Para 10, 11 & 12 of the notice published on the September 15, 2015 inviting tenders and ITT 35.1 and ITT 41.1 of tender document shall be replaced with following dates:
10 Tender last selling date and time 4-10-2015 up to 5:00pm.
11 Tender dropping/closing date and time 5-10-2015, 2.30pm
12 Tender opening date and time 5-10-2015, 3.30pm
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