

Non-govt teachers will get retirement benefits

Says Nahid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has taken an initiative to provide retirement benefits to the teachers of non-government educational institutions, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said yesterday.

"Most of the teachers of our country are working at non-government institutions. They provide a long-term service, so we don't want to see their miserable situation after retirement," Nahid told a programme in the capital's Teachers' Training College.

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BCL DU committee announced

DU CORRESPONDENT

Over 11 months past holding the council, Bangladesh Chhatra League announced its 201-member full-fledged Dhaka University unit through a press release yesterday signed by its central committee President Saifur Rahman Sohag and General Secretary Jakir Hossain.

The June 11, 2015 council announced Abid-Al-Hasan and Motaaher Hossain Prince as the president and general secretary respectively for one year. Now the committee has 21 vice presidents, nine joint secretaries and nine organising secretaries.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 22nd death anniversary of Golam Rasul Mallik, founder and chief editor of Eastern News Agency (ENA), says a press release.

A Qurankhwani and food distribution programme for the destitute will be held after Asr prayers at his residence.

During the 1971 Liberation War, Golam Rasul launched ENA as a Bangalee journalist. During his career, he was elected chairman of Commonwealth Press Union, Bangladesh chapter for three times.



Even during rush hours this lone foot-overbridge in Sylhet city remains deserted as pedestrians, risking their lives, continue to cross the busy street due to a lack of initiative from the authorities concerned for creating awareness. The photo was taken last week in the Court Point area.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Lone footbridge remains unused in Sylhet city

Locals allege lack of awareness initiatives from SCC is the reason; construction of another one halted due to indecision

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

The lone foot-over bridge at Court Point in Sylhet city is often left unused while a large crowd crossing the road below it remains a regular scenario.

"This should be overcrowded, especially during office hours, but look, no one is using it," a pedestrian told this correspondent, while crossing the road underneath.

People were not aware enough as there had been no initiatives from the authorities concerned regarding the risk of road crossing, especially during rush hours, alleged locals.

The city corporation did not build any divider on the road to compel people to use the footbridge, they added.

On top of that, while the construction work was underway, the importance of this type of footbridge was also questionable as the road is narrow, they added.

According to the civic body, Court Point is one of the busiest areas of the city. To help the pedestrians cross the road easily, the Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) undertook the footbridge project in 2014.

The project was completed in 2015, inaugurated by the Finance Minister AMA Muhith.

The Tk 1.63 crore-project with six openings was implemented by Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation's Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd. It was among four major projects undertaken for the city's urbanisation.

Nur Azizur Rahman, chief engineer (acting) of the SCC, said, "We have taken plans to set up a road divider with barbed-wire fences and a wall beside the footpath to force pedestrians to use the footbridge."

Another footbridge at Surma Point (Zero Point), around 0.25km away from the first one, was being constructed by Sylhet Zila Parishad before the finance minister asked to postpone the construction work considering some issues, said Abdul Kader Mozahid, assistant engineer of Sylhet Zila Parishad.

He was considering shifting the second footbridge to Humayun Rashid Chatter, the connecting point of the city and Dhaka-Sylhet Highway, as pedestrians keep on putting their lives at risk while crossing it, said Zila

Parishad sources.

According to the Zila Parishad, the structure of the new footbridge at Surma Point was designed to be built in two steps. The first one, sub-structure (also called civil structure), was completed at a cost of Tk 19 lakh. The remaining super-structure, upper part of the footbridge, has been budgeted at Tk 1.55 crore to be constructed by the Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd.

If the project is officially cancelled, then the expenditure on the sub-structure will be a waste of money, said Zila Parishad officials.

Munir Helal, a lawyer, said, "SCC and Zila Parishad are working on some fancy projects like the footbridges depriving the citizens' of major demands."

"People are neither aware nor want to use the bridges until the authorities take necessary steps to force them to use them. The authorities should also concentrate on other important issues like water crisis, sewerage system development, proper garbage collection and road communication development," he said.

Five including two siblings killed in road accidents

15 others injured

STAR REPORT

Five persons including two siblings were killed and 15 others injured in three districts and in the capital yesterday and Friday.

In the capital, a bus from opposite direction hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in Demra area yesterday around 7:15am, leaving the latter's three passengers (all siblings) injured, reports our staff correspondent.

With severe injuries in the head, Mohammad Jewel, 28, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he later died.

Injured Jamal, 30, and Salman, 25, were given first aid.

Our Narsingdi correspondent reports, a bus and microbus collided head-on on Morjal Bridge in the district's Raipura upazila early yesterday, leaving 14 passengers of the two vehicles severely injured.

They were rushed to Narsingdi District Hospital where two siblings -- Shohag Khandker, 38, and Masuma Khandker, 50 -- succumbed to their injuries.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports, a motorcyclist was killed and his co-rider injured when a three-wheeler hit their motorbike in the district's Shibganj upazila yesterday noon.

The deceased was Rahul.

Injured Mohammad Shimul, 25, of Majpara was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds, a speeding pickup van hit a woman from behind at Mohishbatan village in the district's Nawabganj upazila Friday evening when she was going to a nearby bKash outlet, leaving her dead on the spot. Deceased Armina Begum, 55, hailed from the upazila.

Muazzin drowns girl in Narayanganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A muazzin of a mosque allegedly drowned a girl in a ditch near the mosque in Barpa Sutlara area of Rupganj upazila in Narayanganj on Friday.

As per the daily schedule, Sumaiyya, 8, accompanied by another girl, Tamanna, went to Sutlara Mollabari Jame Mosque to take Arabic lesson from the mosque's muazzin Jahirul Islam, 30, around 6:00am.

After finishing their lessons on that day, Tamanna returned home, but Sumaiyya did not, alleged Sumaiyya's father Wazed Miah.

As the girl remained missing, the family and relatives searched for her the whole day, but to no avail.

As the locals thought the muazzin might have known her exact whereabouts, police arrested and interrogated Jahirul, said Ismail Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Rupganj police, adding that at one stage of interrogation, he (Jahirul) indicated the location in the ditch near the mosque, from where her body was recovered.


Jahirul also admitted that he asked Sumaiyya to sweep the mosque. When she received injuries on her hand after falling from a staircase, he drowned her in the ditch, being afraid of public wrath and mob beating, according to the police sources.

Asked whether the girl was raped, the OC said it could be confirmed after an autopsy.

Affidavit

I have changed my name from Md. Shaharir Islam (মোঃ শাহারিয়ার ইসলাম) to Riz Hawk (রিজহক) and corrected my date of birth from 15/09/1985 to 17/06/1984. Address: Holding No. 744, Mosque Lane, Power House Para, Arobpur, Jessore Police Line, Kotwali, Jessore. Affidavit reference No. 17, Date: 07/01/2016, Senior Judicial Magistrate Court, Jessore.

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Terrorists trying to reorganise

Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal tells workshop

UNB, Dhaka

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday said different militant groups were trying to reorganise to carry out subversive acts, aiming to thwart the war crimes trial.

"They are trying to reorganise but the government has been able to rein in their activities," he told the opening session of a weekend workshop on "Terrorist Threat and Response" in the capital's Rajarbagh Telecom Auditorium.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Training Academy and the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) of Singapore jointly organised the workshop for members of DMP's newly formed Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit.

Asaduzzaman said, "We've formed the specialised strong CTTC unit so that the militants cannot raise their heads again in future."

The home minister said homegrown militants had carried out subversive activities in the country in the past but they could not spread their activities due to a zero tolerance policy.

"Our government has taken the toughest steps against

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY OF IDB-BISEW 2nd LAND PROJECT

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CU felling 500 trees

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While visiting the area, this correspondent, however, found that scores of small and medium size trees, not located along roadsides, were felled.

Prof Farid Ahsan of the zoology department thinks the old trees are rather very important for biodiversity.

Former CU Birds Club coordinator Ibrahim Al Haidar said such tree felling spree would not only displace many birds and destroy the abode of migratory birds but also ruin the beauty of the campus.

Kamrun Nahar Sanjida, a second year journalism student, said once the university was known as a green campus but now it was losing its beauty.

Rashidul Samir, who graduated from the finance department, said, "Once the beautiful green campus attracted me a lot and I frequented there for refreshment but now, the scenario was quite different."

Some visitors said the campus was losing its tourism attraction.

CU Vice Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury admitted that the tree felling will have temporary impacts on the nature. "But we will recover it by planting 1 lakh trees which will start at the end of this month."