

**IU VC removed**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushiya

Vice Chancellor Prof Abdul Hakim Sarkar of Islamic University (IU) has been removed from his post.

Chancellor of the university President Abdul Hamid removed him under IU Act 1980's 10(1) yesterday, said Abdul Latif, acting registrar of IU.

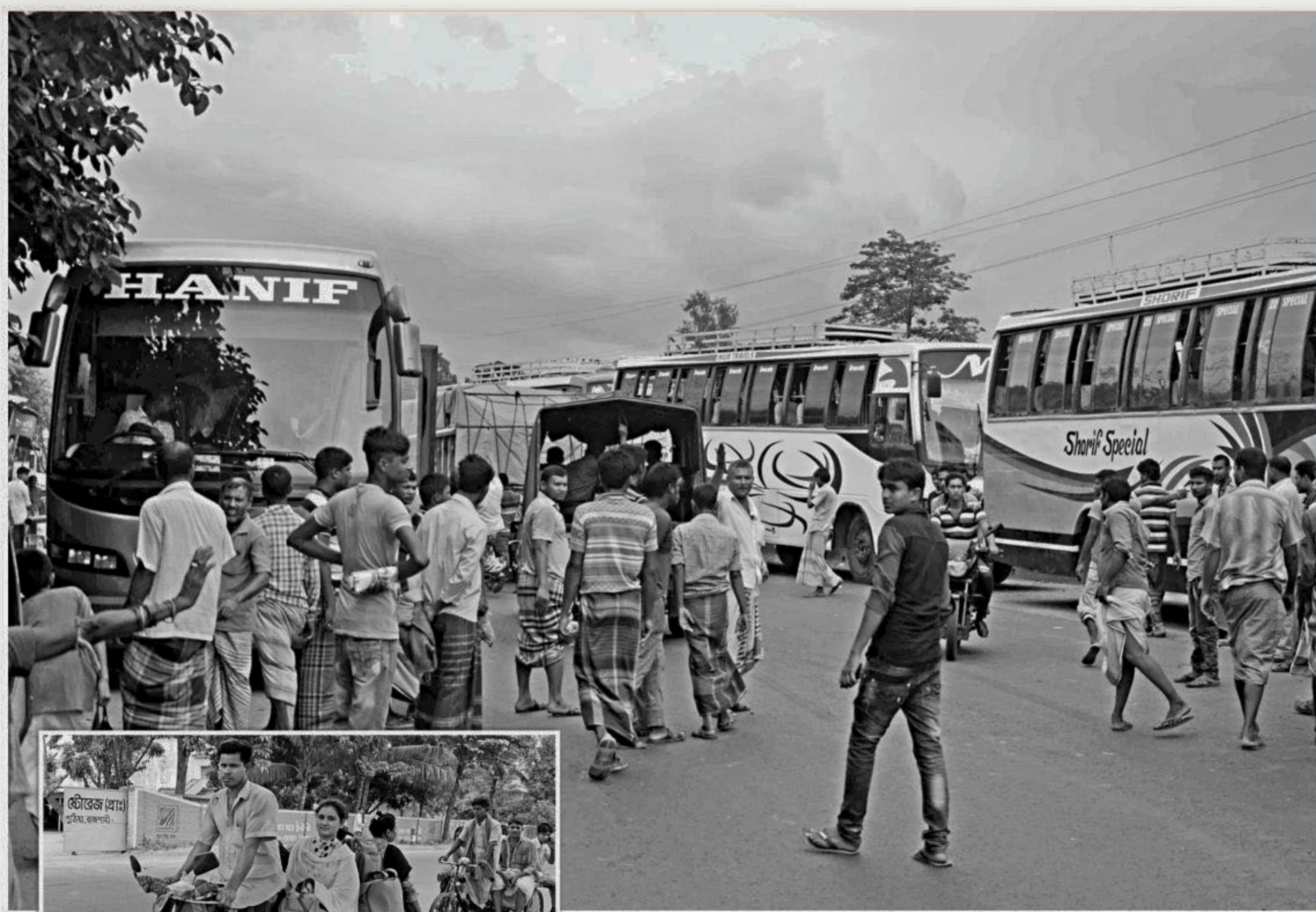
The Ministry of Education has issued a notification in this regard.

The notification, however, did not mention any cause for this removal.

Sources at the university said the VC was involved in various irregularities and corruption during his tenure.

Earlier on February 2, the Education Ministry asked the university authorities to halt all sorts of recruitment process temporarily in the wake of allegations of corruption and irregularities.

Apart from halting the recruitment process, the ministry also asked the University Grants Commission (UGC) to conduct investigation into illegal recruitments done by the university authorities.



Transport workers keep their buses haphazardly during strike yesterday at Jhalmalia on Rajshahi-Natore Highway, causing suffering to the passengers while Jarina Begum, inset, along with her daughters hired a rickshaw-van, leaving their luxury bus following the strike.

PHOTO: STAR

**Home goers suffer for bus strike**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Jarina Begum was very disturbed as she was stepping down from a luxury air-conditioned coach of Hanif Paribahan at Jhalmalia under Puthia of Rajshahi yesterday.

She and her three daughters were going to Rajshahi from Dhaka when their bus was forced by transport workers to stop at Jhalmalia, some 30 km away from the city. Finding no other vehicle to go to Rajshahi, she hired an auto-rickshaw-van.

"Who cares for our suffering? How can they stop movement of coaches whenever they want?" she asked.

Like Jarina, hundreds of home-bound passengers from Dhaka and other parts of the country had to find alternative vehicles to reach Rajshahi as the transport owners of Rajshahi and Natore districts went on a wildcat strike on Wednesday noon following an internal feud among them.

The feud began when Natore transport owners shut down two counters of Dhaka coaches of National Travels and Desh Travels on Wednesday, and asked Rajshahi bus owners not to let their buses enter Natore before noon every day until Eid day, said Nuruzzaman Pitar, general secretary of Rajshahi Bus Owners' Association.

The bus owners, however, called-off the strike yesterday.

Some local buses are introduced on Dhaka-Rajshahi route ahead of Eid, and their owners make extra profit, disrupting the services of regular Dhaka coaches, he added.

Shakil Hosain of Durgapur in Rajshahi reached Natore by train from Sayedpur at noon. Finding no bus for Rajshahi from Natore, he hired an auto-rickshaw. "I had to unnecessarily spend some extra money for the journey," he said.

Ahead of Eid, the Rajshahi-Natore highway should be busy with movement of transports. But the highway was almost vacant with stray movement of trucks, private vehicles, human haulers and auto-rickshaws.

"Although three-wheelers are banned on the highway, we are plying considering the sufferings of people," said an auto-rickshaw-puller.

**Delayed trial turns 'patience test' for justice seekers**

66,049 cases are pending with Cox's Bazar courts

MUHAMMAD ZINNAT ALI, Cox's Bazar

A staggering 66,049 cases are waiting for trial in different courts of the district, causing immense sufferings for the justice seekers.

The perennial problem persists as the number of courts and judges is too inadequate to deal with the situation, said stakeholders.

Five key posts of judges, including the positions of district and sessions judge, joint district judge and three assistant judges are vacant, said a source in the Cox's Bazar District and Sessions Judge's office.

Of the 66,049 civil and criminal

cases that are pending, 3187 cases are under trial in the District and Sessions Judge's Court, 6359 cases in Women and Children Repression Prevention Special Tribunal, and 26,175 cases in the courts of chief judicial magistrate, additional chief judicial magistrate and judicial magistrates, said official sources of the District and Sessions Judge's Court.

The rest 29,528 cases are in the courts of additional district and sessions judge, joint district and sessions judge, senior assistant judges and assistant judges.

Amid the situation, justice seekers are suffering much.

Cox's Bazar District Lawyer's Association has pleaded to the Ministry of Law several times to fill up the posts of district and sessions judge and other vacant posts of judges, said AZM Moinuddin, general secretary of the association.

Law ministry sources said about 27 lakh cases are pending and 400 posts of judges are vacant in the lower courts of the country.

The government recently gave appointment to 53 judges and recruitment of another 215 judges for the lower courts are on the way, informed law ministry sources.

**Erosion threatens Majher Char**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Majher Char, an island in the river Baleshwar of the district, is under serious threat of being washed away due to continuous erosion.

The char is under Betmore Razpara union in Mathbaria upazila, with a population of 1,100 and an area of 750 acres.

Locals said the south-west corner of the char has been undergoing erosion for the last ten years, making it difficult for the people to live there.

"Erosion began in our char from 2001," said 70-year-old Nurul Amin, a resident of the char.

"Because of erosion, the river has come to very close to my house," said

**No step has been taken for protecting Majher Char**

Hazrat Ali, another villager.

Villagers said that though erosion has been going on for a long time, no step has been taken for protecting the char from being damaged.

"Sometimes, officials come to our char and visit the erosion affected area. But the situation has not changed," said Abdus Salam Jomadder, 76.

Delwar Hossain, newly elected chairman of Betmore Razpara union,

said it is necessary to take initiative to save the char as the people will be homeless if it vanishes. "I have informed the authorities concerned about the erosion of Majher Char," he added.

Sayed Ahmed, executive engineer of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) in Pirojpur, said they have no project in Majher Char, so they cannot do anything there.

Majher Char, which is adjacent to the Sundarbans, was created inside the river Baleshwar in around 1950. In 1965, the then Pakistan government distributed the land among the homeless people.

**'Musa was arrested a week ago'**

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father-in-law's home in the capital and was interrogated for 15 hours by three officers of the rank of deputy inspector general, police and family sources said.

During interrogation he was reportedly given two options; Face trial for his alleged link in the murder or resign.

He signed his resignation letter but it is yet to be submitted to the police headquarters, the sources added.

Musa's wife Panna Akter yesterday went to Rangunia Police Station to file a general diary about her "missing" husband, but the police officer on duty there advised her to go to another police station.

Panna told The Daily Star over the phone that after staying a couple of weeks at her father's home in Rangunia, she returned home in the port city's Kala Mia Bazar area on June 21. Some neighbours then told her about police officials visiting her home.

She said she then called her husband over the phone and after consulting with him, she along with her two sons and a brother-in-law went to the home of her husband's friend Nur Nabi in Kathgar area.

"On that night my husband called Nabi over the phone and then told me on his phone that he would visit me a day later," she said.

The following morning, a group of plain-clothes policemen went to the house and asked Nabi and Panna to call Musa over the phone and ask him to come over, she claimed.

"They asked us to talk to Musa in such a manner that he did not suspect that policemen were with us," said Panna.

When Nabi called Musa, Musa told him that he was near his house and at that moment the "policemen instructed other law enforcers" outside to arrest Musa, she claimed.

When asked, Panna

said her husband went to Anwara on June 4 and returned home the following morning, the day Mitu was killed.

She claimed Musa was not involved in the killing. "My husband is a sand trader who also sells bricks," said Panna, adding that her husband had no case filed against him earlier.

But she could not give any details about his work as an informant.

Investigation officer of the case Md Kamruzzaman, assistant commissioner of CMP Detective Branch, refuted Panna's allegations that police had arrested Musa.

"They can make any claim they want but actually they are not telling the truth. May be [they are saying this] to save the criminals..." said the IO.

Additional Operation and Crime Devdas Bhattacharya said they are still looking for five people, including Musa, in connection with the mur-

der.

Police are going to produce one of the two suspects they arrested before a court for recording his confessional statement, said sources in the CMP. The two suspects -- Anwar and Wasim -- had made contradictory statements about the killing.

In his statement, Anwar said Wasim shot Mitu while Wasim said he fired shots in the air and that Mitu was killed by Musa's bullet.

Wasim has eight other cases filed against him, including one for murder, said a CMP official. During police interrogation Wasim admitted that he killed Mitu but before the court he switched his story, the official said.

Two eyewitnesses would be taken to court for recording their statements, which would help verify their claims, the official added.

One of the witnesses is the driver of a microbus while the other is a staff of a nearby hotel.

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**Invitation for Tender**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport & Bridges/Bridges Division.			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA).			
3	Procuring entity name	Chief Engineer, Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA).			
4	Procuring entity code	Not available.			
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
6	Invitation for	Beautification around the Portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Construction of Food Corner and Wash Room at both sides of Bangabandhu Bridge, Bhuapur, Tangail/Sirajganj.			
7	Invitation Ref. No.	50.01.0000.146.00.012(Part-1).11-372.			
8	Date	June 28, 2016			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method (OTM).			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
10	Budget and source of funds	BBA/GoB.			
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
14	Tender package No.	01 (One).			
15	Tender package name	Beautification around the Portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Construction of Food Corner and Wash Room at both sides of Bangabandhu Bridge, Bhuapur, Tangail/Sirajganj.			
16	Tender publication date	July 05, 2016.			
17	Tender last selling date	Date	August 01, 2016	Time:	During office hours
18	Tender closing date and time	Date	August 02, 2016	Time:	12:00 noon
19	Tender opening date and time	Date	August 02, 2016	Time:	3:30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Accounts Section, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka - 1212.			
	Selling tender document (principal)	Not applicable.			
	Selling tender document (others)	Not applicable.			
	Receiving tender document	i) Conference Room (2nd Floor), BBA, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212. ii) BBA Site Office, Bhuapur, Tangail. iii) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.			
	Opening tender document	Conference Room (2nd Floor), BBA, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212.			
21	Pre-tender meeting	None			
	Place of pre-tender meeting	None.			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
22	Eligibility of tenderer	(i) The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in the civil construction works shall be 05 (five) years. (ii) The minimum specific experience in civil construction works (building construction) of at least 01 (one) No. of contract with minimum contract value of Tk 40 (forty) lac in a single contract, completed over a period of last 10 (ten) years. (iii) The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 01 (one) crore of the best 03 (three) years in the last 05 (five) years. (iv) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be minimum Tk 20 (twenty) lac. (v) The work experience of the said work should be certified by designated officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer of the concerned authority/department.			
23	Brief description of works	Beautification around the Portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Construction of Food Corner and Wash Room at both sides of Bangabandhu Bridge, Bhuapur, Tangail/Sirajganj.			
24	Brief description of related services	None.			
25	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document (BDT)	Tender security amount (BDT)
	1	Beautification around the Portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Construction of Food Corner and Wash Room at both sides of Bangabandhu Bridge, Bhuapur, Tangail/Sirajganj	Sirajganj & Tangail	2,000.00	1,50,000.00 (one lac fifty thousand)
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
26	Name of official inviting tender	Kabir Ahmed.			
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Engineer.			
28	Address of official inviting tender	Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka -1212.			
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No. 55040313 Email: dir-tech@bba.gov.bd		Fax No. 55040331	
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				

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