

Bhashani university without VC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The academic and administrative activities at Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University here are being severely hampered in absence of vice chancellor for the last two and a half months.

The four-year tenure of VC Mohammad Alauddin ended on May 3 and the post remained vacant since then.

Besides, the posts of province chancellor and treasurer have remained vacant for the last three years while the tenure of the proctor ended on June 18, sources at the university said.

Different academic and administrative activities including holding examinations, academic meetings, promotion of the teachers and visit of teachers and students' abroad for higher education, remained suspended due to delay in appointment of the VC, said several teachers of the university.

Surprisingly, the university is running without VC, Pro-VC, treasurer, proctor, liberian and also provost of a hall simultaneously, said Sajib Talukder, a masters student of food technology and nutritional science department.

As a result, the academic life of over 5,500 students of the institution remains in grave uncertainty, he said.

"I have taken admission for a masters' course at a university in Finland. However, the admission will be cancelled if I fail to submit my necessary certificates and documents to the university authorities by July 28," said Saiful Islam, a student of textile engineering department.

"We hope the honorable chancellor will appoint an honest and competent VC immediately for the greater interest of the university," said Prof Sirajul Islam, proctor of the university, who completed his tenure on June 18 but has continued performing his duties still now.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Encroachment on the Khowai river at Rampur in Habiganj Sadar upazila narrows down the water body, mindless garbage dumping near Khowai bridge in Habiganj municipality area adds to the river pollution, and Tofazzal Sohel, an activist of Khowai River Waterkeeper, swims in the river with a message urging steps for keeping it clean and flowing throughout the year.

PHOTO: STAR

Khowai under threat

Environmentalists demand steps to save the river from mindless encroachment and pollution

MINTU DESHWARA, back from Habiganj

Environmentalists and civil society members at a rally in Khowaimukh area of Habiganj district town on Friday demanded immediate steps to save the Khowai river from mindless encroachment and pollution.

At the programme organised by Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon's (BAPA) Habiganj unit, Merchants' Association of Habiganj and Khowai River Waterkeeper, they placed five-point demand including punishment of those responsible for grabbing the river land and polluting it.

Some influential people grabbed land on the riverbanks during the last few years while lack of garbage management system in Habiganj town has led to serious pollution of the river, Ekrumul Wadud, president of BAPA's Habiganj unit.

Human wastes from open toilets on the riverbanks and others across the town find their ways into the river through drains and canals, he said.

Due to irrigation problem, farmers in the nearby villages have abandoned paddy farming and switched to vegetable cultivation but it is also hampered in the dry session due to lack of water, Tofazzal Sohel of Khowai River Waterkeeper said in his keynote presented at the rally.

Pollution has taken a serious turn as chemical wastes from small factories, on or near the banks of the Khowai, are left to the water body, he said.

Siddique Harun, a social activist of Habiganj, said setting of suitable garbage dumping spots and action against land grabbing are essential to save the precious water body and protect the town from waterlogging.

During this correspondent's visit to the banks of the river in Habiganj Sadar upazila, several farmers, mostly marginal and landless ones, said the river contains very little water in the dry season and they face problems in cultivating crops.

Shafiul Alam, 42, an inhabitant of Alampur

village on the Old Khowai river in Habiganj Sadar upazila, said, "My grandfather told stories of the days when he regularly swam in this river that was wide and contained clean water."

"But now we don't like to even walk beside the river as its water is too dirty and garbage dumped on its bank spread strong stench," he said.

Tahsin Bilwal Ariyan, a Class III student of Habiganj Government High School said he was amused to see old photos of the river collected by his uncle.

"Earlier the Khowai river was so nice, but now its looks dirty," he said.

Contacted, Touhidul Islam, executive engineer of WDB in Habiganj, said, "We are preparing a list of grabbed lands on the Khowai river to take initiative for recovering the lands."



Swimming for survival

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

An online youth group in Chatmohar upazila has taken up an initiative to teach children how to swim.

The group called Chetonai Chatmohar got the idea after the 11-year-old son of a local police officer drowned in a pond recently.

A seven-day swimming training programme organised by the group kicked off at a pond in an agricultural farm in Bhadunagar area on Friday.

A total of 110 children aged six to 12 years, get swimming lesson without any fee in the seven-day programme, the organisers said. The training is conducted by fire-fighters of the upazila.

Assistant Commissioner (land) Mizanur Rahman, Chatmohar Fire Station Officer Md Nazrul Islam, farm owner Abdul Jalil and journalist Rakibur Rahman Tukun were present at the inaugural programme.

"Our Facebook group arranged the training for the children as they do not have any facility for learning how to swim. The death of the police officer's son has opened our eyes and so we came up with this programme," said Jeman Asad, an organiser of the event.

"We hope to continue the programme and raise social awareness on the necessity of learning swimming," Jeman added.

Tengragiri forest losing beauty

About 10,000 trees uprooted by cyclones, tidal surges

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Tengragiri forest, also known as Fatrarban reserve forest in Kalapara beach area of Patuakhali, is gradually losing its natural beauty due to repeated onslaught of natural disasters like cyclones and tidal surges.

The 17-kilometre-long and 11-kilometre-wide forest stretches from Kuakata sea beach area in Kalapara upazila in Patuakhali to Sakhina canal in Taltoli upazila of Barguna.

Around 2,000 acres of forest land and over one lakh trees of the picturesque mangrove forest, set up in 1960 covering around 10,000 acres of land near the Bay, were washed away due to onslaught of cyclones and tidal surges in the last five decades.

Repeated natural disasters at different times like super cyclone 'Sidr' in 2007, 'Aila' in 2009, 'Mahasen' in 2013, 'Roanu' in 2016 and finally cyclone 'Mora' this year caused serious damage to the scenic forest which is gradually losing tourists' attraction.

Tourists from home and abroad, who come to Kuakata beach, visit the forest by engine-driven trawlers as there are few picnic spots inside the forest where they can walk easily.

Every year some portion of the reserve forest gets eroded gradually into the Bay due to seasonal erosion, storm and tidal surges.

Siraj Mia, a resident of Sakhina village, said due to removal of soil from the roots many trees are uprooted every year even in a light

wind.

In recent times erosion took a serious turn in the 21-kilometre area from Sakhina village to Andhamanik river mouth, he said.

"We can't walk freely in the beach area as many broken or uprooted trees are lying scattered everywhere," Siraj added.

Bit officer Kumar Majumder of the forest department said at least 10,000 trees were uprooted in the last two

years due to seasonal erosion and heavy tidal surges.

"There is no alternative to protect the forest from erosion apart from dumping concrete blocks in the 21-kilometre area, said the officer.

Patuakhali Divisional Forest Officer Ajit Kumar Rudra said after discussing with the higher authorities they will take step to save the forest from erosion and bring back its beauty.



Due to frequent onslaught of natural disasters like cyclones and tidal surges for the last couple of decades, over one lakh such trees of Tengragiri reserve forest in Patuakhali's Kalapara beach area were washed away.

PHOTO: STAR

BCL leader arrested for rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Banaripara upazila BCL president was arrested yesterday on charge of raping a woman on Saturday night.

The alleged rapist, Sumon Molla was arrested from Banaripara yesterday, police said.

The woman, wife of three-wheeler driver Selim Howlader, said they went to her maternal uncle's house at Batal village on Saturday and then to her grandmother's home in Saliabakpur.

While they were returning to Batal at night, Sumon Molla and his four to five accomplices stopped them.

The housewife was taken back to her uncle's house by Sumon, while Selim was taken to one Anwara Begum's house. Sumon told the woman that they would come back later to check her marriage document.

Sumon went back alone at midnight, took her to an empty room and raped her, the woman alleged.

Police rescued the woman from her uncle's house and Selim from Anwara's house, police said.

Barisal district BCL President Abdur Razzak said Sumon Molla is the upazila president of their organisation.



Facebook group Chetonai Chatmohar organises swimming training for children.



Meghna Petroleum Limited

(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)

58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong

Tender Notice

1.	Name of the procuring entity				Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.	
2.	Invitation of tender for	Tender No.	Description	Cost of tender documents	Earnest money	
		Lot-01; PUR: 005 Date: 13-07-2017	Repair/Maintenance Work of BPC Bungalow No. 7 at Joyphar Estate, Zamalkhan, Chittagong.	Tk. 1,000/- (non-refundable)	Tk. 40,000/-	
		Lot-02; PUR: 006 Date: 13-07-2017	Repair/Maintenance Work of BPC Bungalow No. 5 & 6 at Joyphar Estate, Zamalkhan, Chittagong.	Tk. 1,000/- (non-refundable)	Tk. 18,000/-	
		Lot-03; PUR: 007 Date: 13-07-2017	Repair and Painting of Jetty, Painting of Storage Tank, Product Pipeline, Office Building, Boundary Wall and other related works at Barisal Depot, Barisal.	Tk. 1,000/- (non-refundable)	Tk. 40,000/-	
3.	Procurement method					
4.	Last selling date of tender document				August 07, 2017	15.30 hrs.
5.	Tender closing time and date				August 08, 2017	15.00 hrs.
6.	Tender opening time & date				August 08, 2017	15.15 hrs.
7.	Name & address of the offices for:					
8.	Qualification of tenderer	Selling of tender documents				1. Purchase Section, Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. 2. Meghna Petroleum Limited, Meghna Bhaban, 131, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
		Receiving of tender documents				1. Purchase Section, Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. 2. Meghna Petroleum Limited, Meghna Bhaban, 131, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
		Opening of tender documents				1. Purchase Section, Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. 2. Meghna Petroleum Limited, Meghna Bhaban, 131, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
9.	Special instruction	a.				The bidder must be 1st Class Civil/Mechanical contractor enlisted with any Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous Bodies.
		b.				The tenderer must have minimum 5 (five) years of general experience in Civil Works (For Lot-01 & Lot-02) and Civil/Mechanical Fabrication Works (For Lot-03).
		c.				Interested contractor must have successfully completed Civil Works of at least a value of Tk. 10.00 (ten) lac for Lot-01 & Lot-03 and 05 (five) lac for Lot-02 in a single order as a prime contractor in any Government/Semi-government/Autonomous bodies including supply of all necessary men and materials within last 05 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.
		d.				Average annual construction turnover of Tk 12.00 (twelve) lac for Lot-01 & Lot-03 and 05 (five) lac for Lot-02 during the period of last 03 (three) financial year.
0.	Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or part of any tender without showing any reason whatsoever.	e.				The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk 12.00 (twelve) lac for Lot-01 & Lot-03 and 05 (five) lac for Lot-02.
		f.				Offer must contain the under noted documents:
		a.				Work order with completion certificate for successfully completion of Civil works at least a value of Tk. 10.00 (ten) lac for Lot-01 & Lot-03 and 05 (five) lac for Lot-02 in a single order as a prime contractor in any Government/Semi-government/Autonomous bodies including supply of all necessary men and materials within last 05 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.
		b.				Enlistment certificate of 1st Class Civil/Mechanical contractor from any Govt./Semi-government/Autonomous Bodies.
1.	Note: If the tender cannot be received/opened on the date of schedule due to any uncontrollable reason, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at same time and same place.	c.				Certified copy of up-to-date bank solvency certificate or credit facilities as specified above.
		d.				Certified copy of Income Tax/TIN certificate, up-to-date trade license & VAT registration certificate.
		e.				Original tender schedule duly seal & signed by the person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the tenderer.
		f.				Original copy of money receipt against purchase of tender documents.
2.	GD-1435	g.				Earnest money as mentioned above & any other information/documents as specified in the tender schedule.
		0.				Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or part of any tender without showing any reason whatsoever.
		1.				Note: If the tender cannot be received/opened on the date of schedule due to any uncontrollable reason, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at same time and same place.
		2.				GD-1435



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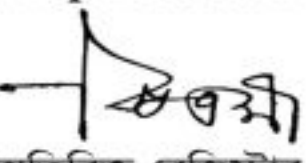
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Bus helper killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A transport worker was stabbed to death and his two friends sustained stab injuries in an attack by a group of unidentified criminals at Narail Bus Stand area in Jessore Sadar upazila on Saturday night.

The deceased, Imran Hossain, 22, son of Taijul Hossain, was a helper of a passenger bus.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) AKM Ajmol Huda of Kotwali Police Station said a group of four unidentified criminals swooped on Imran and his two friends Al-Amin and Sazzad Hossain while they were gossiping in Narail Bus Stand area.

The gang stabbed the three with sharp weapons and left the place around 10:30pm, the OC said.

Local people rescued the trio and took them to Jessore Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared Imran dead.