



Rain again submerged most of the capital yesterday, causing untold sufferings to the city dwellers. Clockwise from top left, a man wades through murky water in Karwan Bazar area. A waterlogged Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue riddled with traffic congestion. Commuters brave a flooded portion of the avenue. A vehicle being pushed after it got stuck in water near Karwan Bazar. A rickshaw moves through waist-deep water in Tejguri Bazar while its passenger sitting on the back-rest holds onto his belongings. A driver tries to make a U-turn fearing condition of the road ahead near Karwan Bazar.

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Step down, hold election under 'supportive govt'

Demands BNP referring to full SC verdict on scrapping of 16th amendment; AL, BNP welcome move for new political alliance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Referring to the full verdict that scrapped the 16th amendment by the Supreme Court, BNP yesterday demanded that the government should step down immediately and hold the general election under a 'supportive government'.

The incumbent government is now in power unethically. If it were a democratic and civilised country, the government would resign after the release of the Appellate Division's full verdict.

The full verdict of the SC highlighted that in Bangladesh, human rights are at stake, corruption is rampant, parliament is dysfunctional, crores of people are deprived of basic healthcare, and mismanagement

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80 JU students face enquiry for trolling on Facebook about teachers

JU CORRESPONDENT

A probe body on Wednesday issued show cause notices to around 80 students of a department at Jahangirnagar University (JU) for 'criticising' teachers of JU on a Facebook page.

The probe body, headed by Associate Prof Abdullah Mohammad Shohael of biotechnology and genetic engineering department (BGE), was formed on Tuesday to enquire about activities of the students from the same department, who were active on a closed group on Facebook.

The probe body asked the recipients of the notices to appear before it yesterday morning (Thursday).

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Brac students end hunger strike on assurance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The six Brac University students on hunger strike ended their protest last night after the authorities 'assured them of actions' against those responsible for 'assaulting' a teacher and 'manhandling' students protesting the incident.

Eight hours into the hunger strike, they ended it around 8:00pm when Proctor Samia Hq convinced them of necessary steps the authorities would take against the perpetrators, said Noman Parvez, one of the six students on hunger strike.

Their demands to the proctor included removal of the registrar and the other two administrative officials who assaulted the teacher and action against the security guards who assaulted female students during the protests, he said.

We also requested the authorities not to take disciplinary action against the students who took part in the protests. We ended our hunger strike on getting assurance,' Noman added.

However, he said they had given a timeline of three workdays, till next Tuesday, to the authorities for meeting their demands. Otherwise, they would announce fresh agitation programmes.

The students also backed out on their previous decision of boycotting examinations scheduled for Sunday.

Samia Hq told The Daily Star that the students wanted to continue their hunger strike until they get a resolution of an alleged assault on a teacher on August 1. 'As the exams are knocking at the door, we requested them to get back to their studies until the committee come up with its report. They agreed to it.' The sexual

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DU admission test starts on Sept 15

DU CORRESPONDENT

The first-year honours admission test for the 2017-18 academic session of Dhaka University (DU) will begin from September 15.

The decision was taken at a meeting with its Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique in the chair, said a press release.

According to the schedule, the admission tests of 'Ga' (C) unit will be held on September 15, 'Kha' (B) unit on September 22, 'Gha' (D) unit on October 20 and 'Ka' (A) unit on October 23.

Admission test for 'Gha' unit (Faculty of Fine Arts) will be held in two parts. The general knowledge part will be held on September 16 and the drawing part on September 20, reads the release. The online admission process will continue till August 29.

The details of the admission will be published on www.du.ac.bd soon.

TEACHER APPOINTMENT DU not in line with tradition: CJ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday said Dhaka University has a tradition, but its teachers are not being appointed now in line with the tradition.

Earlier, the students, who had secured first, second and third positions in the departments of the university, used to be appointed as teachers; but it is not taking place now, which is alarming, he said.

The chief justice said this while presiding over a three-member bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court during hearing two petitions regarding the appointment of a teacher of Dhaka University.

After hearing the petitions, the SC upheld a High Court verdict that declared the appointment of Khandier Tofail Ahmed as teacher of philosophy department of Dhaka University illegal.

The apex court passed no order on the petitions filed by Tofail and Dhaka University authorities seeking stay of the HC verdict.

The bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Abu Taber Md Saifur Rahman delivered the verdict after hearing the writ petition filed by MH Miral Sourav, who was candidate for the post, challenging legality of the appointment of Tofail.

Attorney General Mahabub Alam earlier told The Daily Star that the HC declared the appointment of Tofail as a DU teacher illegal, as his qualification was lesser than that of the writ petitioner.

JHC grants bail to 'militant' Golam Sarwar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to alleged militant Golam Sarwar Rahat in a case filed for granting three convicted militants from a prison van in Mymensingh in 2014.

The HC granted him bail until the trial court finishes the trial proceedings of the case.

The bench of Justice Mifrah Uddin Chowdhury and Justice AMN Bashir Ullah delivered the verdict after holding hearing on a petition filed by Golam Sarwar seeking bail in the case.

Deputy Attorney General Shakh AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir told The Daily Star that the HC granted bail to Golam Sarwar, an alleged financier of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), as the trial court was yet to record statement from any witness of the case and he has been in the custody for a long time.

An appeal will be moved

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Green activists form a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Park yesterday protesting felling of around 500 fruit-bearing and medicinal trees in Chandrakanti area of Sadullapur under Matlab (north) upazila of Chandpur on July 31.

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Bad weather? Trump aide postpones Dhaka trip but visits New Delhi

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Turmoil in the White House stopped Lisa Curtis, deputy assistant to US President Donald Trump, from visiting Dhaka but not New Delhi.

The original proposal was that she would visit Dhaka on July 30 and New Delhi on July 31-August 1. But she postponed her trip to Bangladesh at the last moment.

Dhaka was fully prepared to welcome Lisa and set her government officials.

But the sudden communication surprised Dhaka when the US side cited 'bad weather' in Washington as reason behind the postponement.

'The proposal was to visit [Bangladesh and India] together,' diplomatic sources confirmed. The real reason why Lisa avoided Bangladesh still remains a mystery.

Diplomatic sources in Washington confirmed that weather was not bad in Bangladesh when Lisa, also the senior director for South and Central Asia of the National Security Council in the White House, was scheduled to fly for Bangladesh.

A diplomat however questioned this correspondent, 'Have you reported that bad weather in DC prevents her from flying?' He said, 'Outside weather was pleasant in Washington when Lisa was scheduled to leave US for Bangladesh.'

'American people usually blame weather to cover up something. The diplomat who did not want to be named.

He said they (US) are plagued with their own problems because of some important elections in the White House. 'There is a lot of chaos in the White House and thus the current Trump administration may not have head-ache about Bangladesh.'

Meanwhile in New Delhi, Lisa met India's National

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