

QUOTA REFORM Pvt univ student demo adds to sufferings on roads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commuters yesterday suffered hours of traffic jam as students of several private universities in the capital demonstrated on different city roads, demanding reforms in the quota system.

Hundreds of students blocked important thoroughfares causing severe gridlock.

Several hundred students of Daffodil International University (DIU) took to Mirpur Road at Sukrabad, in front of Rapa Plaza, around 11:00am. They demonstrated till 5:00pm, blocking one side of the busy road and its link roads.

Rokibul Alam Lipton, a student at DIU, told The Daily Star that they called off their demonstration at 5:00pm. He said they will resume today morning.

"The existing quota system is illogical. We will continue demonstrating until the system is reformed," said Atiqul Islam, another DIU student.

Students of State University of Bangladesh and University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh blocked Satmasjid Road near Dhanmondi 27 at the same time. Police were present there.

Due to the blockade, traffic came to a standstill. Students left the area vowing to take to the street at 10:00am today to realise their demands.

Severe gridlocks were also created on Pragati Sarani and in Gulshan-Banani areas as students of North South University, American International University of Bangladesh, East West University and University of Information Technology and Sciences took position in front of Jamuna

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With private university students taking to the streets yesterday expressing solidarity to the ongoing movement for quota reformation, the movement spread out on various parts of the capital, causing severe gridlocks. Clockwise from top left, Students of private universities gather at the entrance of Bashundhara Residential Area on Pragati Sarani. The students -- from several universities including North South University, American International University-Bangladesh, East West University and University of Information Technology and Sciences -- took position on different parts of the road. Traffic snarl-up on and around a U-loop near Pragati Sarani as a result of the road blockade. Dhaka University students barricade the road in front of Fine Arts Institute on the campus near Shahbagh intersection to press home their demand. Dhaka University Teachers' Association forms a human chain at the Aparajeyo Bangla, protesting the vandalism at the vice chancellor's residence.



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1971 WAR CRIMES

Evidence found against five Jessore men

Says ICT probe agency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency of International Crimes Tribunal yesterday said to have found evidence against five Jessore men over their alleged involvement in crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

They were allegedly involved with Razakar Bahini, an auxiliary force of the Pakistan army, and committed crimes including killing and raping in Monirampur upazila of the district, said agency officials.

Agency Coordinator Abdul Hannan Khan said the investigators found involvement of at least 13 people who abducted, tortured and killed 11 people

and raped four women.

But, eight of them have died already, so they will ask the prosecution to press charges against the five accused who are still alive, Hannan said.

Of the accused, Siddiqur Rahman Gazi, 70, sub-commander of Razakar Bahini's Monirampur upazila unit, is now in jail.

Sanaul Haq, co-coordinator of the agency, said Siddiqur was involved with Muslim League, an anti-liberation party during the Liberation War, and later got affiliated with the BNP.

The agency officials did not reveal the names of other accused as they were not arrested yet.

Abdur Razzak Khan, the case's investigation officer, said he will hand over the report to the chief prosecutor's office with a request to take necessary steps to secure arrest of the four accused.

The six incidents they were allegedly involved in are: abducting, torturing and killing Mokshed Biswas of Bhojgati village; abducting, torturing and killing Mojam Morol of Bijoyrampur; raping three women, and killing a two-year-old while raping in Dikdana and Noali villages; raping wife of a freedom fighter of Durbadanga for three days; killing three freedom fighters of Saraskata village and killing five other freedom fighters of Chinatola village.

GANG RAPE IN BUS 5 transport workers remanded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed five transport workers on a three-day remand each in a case filed over a gang-rape incident in a moving bus on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Dhamrai on Sunday night.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Atiqur Rahman gave the order after Inspector Zakaria Hossain of Dhamrai Police Station, also the case's investigation officer, produced them before the court seeking a seven-day remand for each.

The accused are bus driver Babu Mollik, 24, his two assistants Abdul Aziz, 25, and Bol Ram, 20, and two other transport workers Shohel Rana, 20, and Mokbul Hossen, 40.

On Sunday, the 24-year-old garment factory worker boarded the bus around 10:00pm to go home after work.

She told police that the suspects locked the door and closed the windows

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TACKLING GROWING RAPE INCIDENTS JP's Firoz Rashid for extrajudicial killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party lawmaker Kazi Firoz Rashid in parliament yesterday recommended extrajudicial killing as a means to tackle the growing incidents of rape across the country.

Citing a recent incident when a nine-year-old girl was killed in a "gun fight" with members of Rapid Action Battalion in Ashulia, Kazi Firoz said, "People want to see such incidents [killings of rapists]. The Rab members concerned should be awarded."

The senior lawmaker from the opposition bench made the remarks as he spoke on a point of order.

"We cannot accept the recurrence of rape incidents and rape victims' going to court. People want to see immediate action against the rapists."

Referring to the incident of Zakia Sultana Rupa, who was killed after being raped in a bus in Tangail, Kazi Firoz said the lower court has handed down death sentences to the ones who raped her. But, the offenders will have the option to go to the higher court, then to the Appellate Division and finally to the president.

"We aren't sure whether their death sentences will remain upheld by the higher court. If we could ensure immediate and exemplary punishment to those culprits, we would've been able to avoid the recurrence of rape incidents in other places," he argued.

The country cannot sit idle if women do not feel safe on their way to and from their workplaces and any other destinations, the parliament member said, adding that since the extrajudicial killings have proved to be successful

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HC questions govt inaction to save Surma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday questioned the government's failure to take steps to protect and preserve Surma River in Sylhet from constant garbage dumping and pollution.

The court issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks why inaction to stop dumping of garbage in and around the Surma River would not be declared illegal.

The court also asked the government why it should not be directed to take immediate steps to stop garbage dumping in the river, and instructed to protect it from pollution and to preserve its beauty.

The bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice AKM Zahurul Hoque issued the order with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Barrister Fazlur Rahman Milon, executive director of Justice Watch Foundation, a rights organisation. He submitted the petition on April 8 as a public interest litigation.

BNP Standing Committee member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain addresses the rally organised by BNP's Sylhet metropolitan and district units under Sylhet division at the city's Registry Field in Bandarbarazar.



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Admission Announcement
Department of Banking and Insurance
Faculty of Business Studies
University of Dhaka

Master of Tax Management (MTM) Program

The Department of Banking and Insurance, University of Dhaka and National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh jointly offering Master of Tax Management Program to provide students and professionals with the skills to understand tax compliance along with relevant tax accounting issues, compute tax liabilities as well as tax reliefs, and prepare tax returns. This program is supported by comprehensive learning materials to guide, explain and test your understanding of tax issues. In addition, it will offer courses on transfer pricing which will enable the participants to seek job at international companies.

Program Features:

- Graduates from MTM Program can directly apply for ITP examination recognized by NBR.
- Two-year duration with 51 credit hours to complete the program
- Evening and weekend classes of small size with individual care
- Highly qualified and experienced faculties from Universities, NBR (National Board of Revenue) and other Corporate Bodies

Minimum Eligibility for Admission:

- A bachelor degree in any discipline
- Candidates having two years working experience will be given preference.
- Candidates working in institutions especially relating to tax, export-import, VAT and income tax profession are strongly recommended for this Program.

Admission Form:

Prescribed application form for admission to this program will be available at the Department of Banking and Insurance, University of Dhaka from 10.00am to 9.00pm

Last Date of Application : May 12, 2018 (Saturday)
Admission Test Schedule : May 18, 2018 (Friday) at 3.30 pm to 4.30pm
Commencement of Program : July 2018
Class Time: Weekends - Morning, Afternoon and Evening

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AL brought dictatorship title for country

Mosharraf tells Sylhet rally

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

BNP Standing Committee member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain at a huge rally in Sylhet city yesterday said, "The country had a corrupt title before. Now they've brought a dictatorship title [for it]."

BNP's Sylhet metropolitan and district units under Sylhet division organised the rally at the city's Registry Field in Bandarbarazar to press home their demand of party chief Khaleda Zia's release from jail.

The present government is not an elected one as she (Sheikh Hasina) cheated the people in the name of national election in 2014, Mosharraf said.

People's right to vote has been taken away in that eyewash election and "we have to bring back that right," he added.

Demanding Khaleda Zia's prompt release from Jail, Mosharraf said, "They tried to weaken BNP, but they failed. BNP is now united and organised."

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Admission to Master of Accountancy in Taxation Program [July-December Semester, 2018]

Program Description:

The 'Master of Accountancy in Taxation' is a specialist degree program in the Department of Accounting & Information Systems of the University of Dhaka. The MAT program is offered in collaboration with the National Board of Revenue (NBR), the Government of Bangladesh. It will impart fundamental knowledge of the major technical, conceptual, and research issues in the areas of taxation and public finance, and provide training in the practical and procedural aspects of taxation. The program will thus produce a set of relevant and transferrable skills for the job market.

Target Group

The program is flexibly tailored for taxation professionals, tax practitioners and those who are planning corporate jobs after graduation. Corporate tax planners, notably including professional accountants, will find the program strongly relevant for their professional development.

Program Features:

- The 'Master of Accountancy in Taxation' is a 51 credit-hour graduate program designed for catering into global job markets.
- A flexible curriculum comprised of 5 foundation courses, 6 core courses, an elective component (5 out of 25 course units) and a master thesis in areas of taxation and public finance.
- Senior faculties bearing Ph.D. and/or professional degrees, prominent NBR officials, senior corporate lawyers, and professional accountants offer lectures, seminars and workshops in the program. Classes are held in the weekends and in the evening of weekdays.
- International faculties from top-ranking global universities offer intensive course(s) and distinguished seminar series in the program.
- A number of academic exchanges are in-progress with professional bodies and foreign universities for credit transfers to respective partnering institutions.

Admission Requirements:

- A recognized bachelor degree (or equivalent qualification) in any discipline is the basic entry requirement.
- Candidates bearing a third class or CGPA<2.50 in any degree program are not eligible for application.
- Applicants shall be subject to a written test worth 70 points. Previous academic attainment and an interview shall account for 10 points each. Valid work experience (of more than 2 years) is entitled to a maximum 10 points.
- A final list of selected candidates will be published in the notice board of the program office.

Further Information:

- Application form, program brochure and other program details are available from the Program Office, Room#3003, MBA Building, Faculty of Business Studies, University of Dhaka, from 10:00AM to 09:00PM. Applicants shall deposit Taka 2,000/= as application processing fee to a specified bank account and attach a copy of the payslip with the application.
- Application form and program brochure can also be downloaded from www.duais.ac.bd.

Last Date of Application:
Saturday, 5 May 2018

Admission Test:
04:00PM, Friday, 11 May 2018

For further details, please visit www.duais.ac.bd or contact us at 01778-674-425 or mat@du.ac.bd.
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