

Protests continue

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a group of citizens tried to stage a peaceful protest against attacks on the students demanding quota reform in civil service. The detainees were released later.

Meanwhile, students of Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur were compelled to cut short a human chain yesterday, which was being held protesting the BCL attack on quota reformists across the country.

As the students formed a human chain in front of the university's Academic Building 3 around 11:00am, some other students came to the scene, hurled abuses at the protesters and intimidated them, reports our university correspondent.

The protesters alleged that leaders of the quota reform movement were being attacked to foil the movement, and some people were trying to label it as an anti-government movement.

A procession of the university's BCL unit was taking place nearby at the time.

In Narayanganj, police foiled human chain on the same grounds by Gonosonghori Andolon, which was scheduled to be formed in front of Narayanganj Press Club.

Law enforcers snatched the banner from the protesters, and dispersed them from the place citing that they were observing the programme "hampering public interest".

US embassy

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"... Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, anticipated our celebration today, writing, 'For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them,'" she said.

Those rights and founding principles, in many ways, connect the two countries and serve the common welfare of the citizens of both countries as well as the world, Marcia added.



A cluster of boats dredge up sand from the Dhalai river. Inset, locals form a human chain on the Dhalai bridge, demanding immediate stop to sand extraction around the bridge.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Illegal sand extraction rampant in Dhalai river

Posing serious threat to environment and Dhalai bridge

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

Illegal sand extraction, using heavy machineries at Dhalai river in Sylhet's Companiganj upazila is posing serious threat to the environment and Dhalai bridge over the river.

According to the "Sand Quarry and Soil Management Act 2010", no sand can be extracted from river within one kilometre of any important government infrastructure like a bridge.

Defying the law, some illegal sand traders are using heavy machineries like dredger and extracting sand from the river, too close to the bridge; they are even extracting sand from under it.

The 434.35 metre bridge was constructed in 2003-06 and it is the only road connection to hundreds of villages of three bordering unions of the upazila.

Babul Miah, chairman of Purbo Islampur Union Parishad, said the bridge is at high risk as sand is being extracted recklessly, breaking the law. He feared that the bridge might collapse anytime as the water flow of

the river is increasing.

On July 3, hundreds of locals formed a human chain near the bridge, demanding that the illegal sand extraction from near and under the bridge be stopped immediately.

Talking to locals, this correspondent learned that they had been extracting sand manually for decades but in recent years, some traders started using heavy machines to extract sand, driving the manual extractors out of business.

Local sand extractors on June 1 filed petition to divisional commissioner, deputy commissioner and several other government offices demanding that they take necessary actions to stop illegal sand extraction using dredging machines.

Abdus Sattar, president of Ekota Balu Uttron and Khudro Yabosayi Somobay Samity, said thousands of labourers, who used to extract sand manually, are now unemployed.

Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon's (Bapa) Sylhet chapter, said unplanned and illegal sand

extraction at Dhalai river is not only posing threat to the bridge but also causing severe damage to the river and the local biodiversity.

"Illegal sand and stone extraction has become a serious threat to the environment of Sylhet region and these must be regulated in stricter way, implementing all the existing laws effectively," he said.

Companiganj upazila administration has started a drive forming mobile courts against the illegal sand extraction but despite the drive, extraction continues, even in the night.

According to the administration, a total of Tk 1.60 lakh has been fined by the court and it also seized a boat and destroyed some sand extraction machines, locally called "Boma Machine".

Masud Rana, acting upazila nirbahi officer and assistant land commissioner of the upazila, said the administration recently put up "red flag", measuring the one kilometre restricted area of the bridge, and took strict measures to stop illegal sand extraction in the river and the surrounding areas.

SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES

Greater connectivity sought

UNB, Dhaka

Speakers at a programme yesterday stressed the importance of increased connectivity among the South Asian countries through implementing Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal (BBIN) Initiative.

The inaugural programme of COSATT Regional Conference on "Importance of BRI and BBIN for South Asia" was organised by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).

Kamrul Ahsan, secretary (bilateral and consular) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said regional connectivity has much importance for Bangladesh. "In the changing world, which is brought closer through various modes of connectivity, Bangladesh also seeks to connect with the region and the rest of the world through transportation network and other connectivity initiatives."

The secretary spoke as the chief guest on behalf of Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali.

He said there has been visible improvement of bilateral connectivity between Bangladesh and India in the recent time. "This connectivity can be utilised by other countries beyond India such as Bhutan and Nepal," he added.

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NEWS IN brief

CU admission test begins Oct 27

CU CORRESPONDENT

The honours admission tests for the 2018-2019 academic session of Chittagong University will begin from October 27, and continue till October 30.

The decision was taken at a meeting on Tuesday, said SM Akbar Hossain, head of academic section and member secretary of admission test committee.

Details are available at www.cu.ac.bd

Justice Md Ansar Ali's death anniversary today

CITY DESK

Today is the 23rd death anniversary of eminent lawyer and justice Md Ansar Ali, said a press release.



A doa-mahfil, qurankhwani and discussion have been arranged by his family in Badalgachhi village in Naogaon to pray for his departed soul.

Justice Md Ansar joined the then Dhaka High Court under Pakistan Supreme Court in 1962. During his student-life, he played an active role in the Language Movement.

The "Matrihasha Padak" was conferred on him in 2001, posthumously.

He was elected president of Rangpur High Court Bar Association twice and was elected vice-president of Bangladesh Legal Aid Society.

Gulshan Ara Rabbi passes away

CITY DESK

Gulshan Ara Rabbi, wife of retired director of National Book Centre Mr Fazle Rabbi, passed away at the Apollo Hospital in Dhaka on Saturday, aged 75, said a press release.

She left behind her husband, a son, two daughters and many relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death.

She was buried at the Banani Graveyard in Dhaka on Monday.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of her departed soul.

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