

RUCSU POLLS Student orgs asked to submit details to proctor

The authorities of Rajshahi University (RU) asked student organisations to submit their constitutions and executive committee lists within the next seven days in order to hold discussions with them on Rajshahi University Central Students Union (Rucusu) election.

RU Vice Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan formed a four-member committee on Sunday to hold discussions with student organisations.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the committee, confirmed Prof Laila Arjuman Banu, a member of the committee.

The convener of the committee, Proctor Prof Lutfor Rahman said that only politically backed student organisations that are registered with Bangladesh Election Commission are allowed to submit their information to the proctor's office for the discussion.



Bedes (gypsies) have set up camp beside the river Kirtankhola in Char Aicha village of Barishal Sadar upazila. Around 50 to 60 families from the community are living there on a temporary basis. The photo was taken from Shaheed Abdur Rab Serniabat Bridge yesterday. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Reduce the gap between rich and poor

Rights activists urge government

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights activists yesterday urged the government to take effective measures to reduce the gap between poor and rich, which is growing at an alarming rate in the country.

Speaking at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the capital, they also made a call to develop an economic system that will be women-friendly and free of discrimination.

The Bangladesh chapter of South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE), a regional civil society network of eight South Asian countries, organised the conference on "ending inequality together" as part of a global campaign.

Women in this region generally face discrimination but when the women are poor, discrimination becomes more acute, said Afroza Banu, vice chairperson of Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS), a platform of women activists.

"The government is obliged to end such discrimination. We need effective measures and government must ensure accountability in this regard," said Afroza, who is also a noted cultural personality.

Rokeya Kabir, executive director of BNPS, said most women in the country are still not involved with income-generating activities. The government should provide more facilities for their livelihoods.

"If we remain a weaker section of the population and don't become self-reliant, the powerful quarter [men] will exploit us for their benefit. We have to be vocal," she said.

Dhaka University Professor MM Akash urged people to unite and resist discrimination.

Lack of coordination

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editor of Prothom Alo, rehabilitation professionals and high-ups from government and non-government organisations discussed the obstacles in ensuring inclusive health services in the country.

Speaking as the chief guest, Golam Rabbani, chairman of Neuro-Developmental Disability Protection Trust, informed that some 103 government service centers for disability-related issues were not included with the mainstream health centres, due to "unknown reasons".

"We have relevant acts as well as arrangements, but there is a gap in coordination. All of us have to be vocal about it," he added.

Valerie A Taylor, founder of Center for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP),

said professionals and students in rehabilitative healthcare feel that they are not being properly recognised in government hospitals.

Kamal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, an associate professor of Dhaka University, said, "People are being emotionally disabled nowadays. Counseling from family, friends and teachers are more important than counseling from professionals."

Sheikh Hameem Hossain, director of National Disability Development Foundation (NDDF); Razib Hossain, deputy director of NDDF; Majedul Haque, country operational coordinator of HIB; SM Farhan Bin Hossain, clinical occupational therapist of CRP-Mirpur; Debesh das and Shafiqul Islam apoke at the programme among others.

Medical board

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On May 26 to his village home in Khulna's Paikgachha after giving up hope of a full recovery, has gotten worse.

"I made a mistake at that time; I should have stayed at the hospital to continue my treatment and I am realising it now," said Bajandar.

Bajandar, 28, got the nickname for massive bark-like warts on his hands and feet as a result of an extremely rare skin disorder. He came under national spotlight when

media reports were published following his admission to DMCH on January 30, 2016. At the time, he was the fourth person recorded in the world to have the disease. He underwent 25 surgeries before leaving the hospital.

"I have come with my mother, hoping to be cured this time," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

His mother Amena Begum, 60, meanwhile expressed hopes that his son would be sent abroad for better treatment.

Customs official remanded again in bribery case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A court in Chattogram yesterday placed a customs official of Chattogram Customs House on a one-day remand in a case filed with Bandar Police Station. He was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) from his office on January 10 over an allegation of bribery.

The court of Metropolitan Magistrate Safi Uddin passed the order against Nazim Uddin Ahmed after he was produced before the court with a three-day remand prayer, said Advocate Mahmudul Haque, ACC's public prosecutor.

On January 19, he was remanded for two days and produced before a court on Monday, on completion of the first remand.

The anti corruption watchdog arrested Nazim Uddin, a revenue officer, after receiving a tip on ACC hotline 106. He was accused of demanding bribe. ACC found Tk 6 lakh in cash stashed in his office. ACC's Deputy Director SMM Akhter Hamid Bhuiyan is investigating the case.

BANANI DOUBLE RAPE CASE

Shafat's bail cancellation hearing Feb 13

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday adjourned till February 13 the hearing on a petition, filed by the prosecution, seeking cancellation of bail of Banani double rape case's prime accused Ahmed Shafat.

Judge Khademul Kayes of the 7th Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression of Dhaka passed the order as a lawyer for another accused, Nayem Ashraf, remained absent before the court.

The petitioner, Dhaka Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Abdullah Abu, was present for the hearing.

On January 15, Abdullah Abu filed the petition, saying that Shafat, son of Dildar Hossain Selim, one of the owners of Apan Jewellers, secured an ad-interim bail on November 29 last year on health grounds.

The defence have failed to submit any medical certificates in this regard and Shafat is in good health now, he said, adding that

Shafat's bail should be cancelled because if he stays on bail, he might influence or manipulate witnesses in the case.

Shafat's lawyer, however, said his client is still sick and the petition was filed to harass his client. Among five accused in the case, only Shafat's friend Nayem Ashraf is currently in jail, while others are on bail.

On July 13, 2017, charges were framed against the five accused for raping two university students at a Banani hotel where the two women went to attend Shafat's birthday party on March 28, 2017.

In a case filed with Banani Police Station on May 6 the same year, one of the invited women alleged that after the party ended around midnight, Shafat and Nayem raped the two invited women in two different rooms.

All the five accused were drunk during the crime, she said, adding that Billal filmed the raping of the two women while Rahmat intimidated them. Sakif did not inform the hotel authorities and police about the incident.

Woman found dead in Dhaka

Husband on the run

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman's body was recovered from her home in Bhasantek area of Dhaka yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Sonia Parvin, 33, from Faridpur, Sub-Inspector Mahesh Chandra Singh of Bhasantek Police Station told The Daily Star.

Police are suspecting that Parvin's husband murdered her as he has been on the run since the incident.

Upon information from neighbours, the body was recovered at around 8am from the tin-shed house, said Mahesh. Police are suspecting that she was strangled to death.

The victim used to live with her husband and son in the rented house in Tonartek area of West Bhasantek where they moved in about three months ago, neighbours said.

At the beginning of this month, Sonia went to her village home in Boalmari, Faridpur with her son. But yesterday she returned to Dhaka alone, neighbours added.

KITCHEN MARKET ON ROAD

ACC sues DSCC ward councillor, ex-administrator

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed a case against Sarwar Hasan Aho, ward-41 councillor of Dhaka South City Corporation's (DSCC); former DSCC administrator Khalilur Rahman and 46 others for their alleged involvement in allocating a kitchen market on a road near Baldha Garden in the capital's Wari in August, 2015.

ACC Deputy Director Suvas Chandra Dutta filed the case with Shahbagh Police Station.

As per the case statement, the accused applied to DSCC to lease out a public road near Baldha Garden to Awami League men, who then set up a kitchen market there. The accused did it to "gain financial benefits", reads the FIR.

SC affirms

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Special Court-10 convicted Osman and sentenced him to 12 years in jail, for amassing wealth worth Tk 4.97 crore illegally.

The court also handed down three years' imprisonment to Gani's fugitive wife Mohsenara Gani for aiding and abetting her husband.

Gani and his wife were fined Tk 10 lakh and Tk 100,000 respectively.

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MJF concerned

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times, an eighth grader girl in Barguna, a four-year-old girl in Sunamganj, a physically challenged woman in Bishwamvapur, another four-year-old child in Feni, a 22-old-year woman in Dinajpur, a 14-year-old girl in Faridpur and a 13-year-old girl in Barishal were raped. We are urging the government to ensure that the people convicted of rape are punished, following legal procedure."

Lengthy legal process, immoral intervention of the plaintiff, intimidation, apathy of a faction of law enforcers, and unethical exercise of influence have made the situation alarming, added the statement.

MJF also stressed on organising awareness programmes to create public opinion against rape across the country.

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