

Autocracy

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alleged that some speakers at talkshows while discussing the mass upsurge have discussed various aspects of the movement without mentioning the contribution of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani.

Kabir said the 1969 movement aimed to ensure people's rights, and people of the country will one day wage a similar movement.

Ahmed Kamal, a history department professor at Dhaka University, alleged that the last election was "between people and state machineries".

Ganasamhati Andolon Chief Coordinator Zonayed Saki said people of the region had ousted many autocratic rulers and "the incumbent government will be ousted soon".

Among others, Shaheed Asad's brother engineer Rashid and Ganasamhati member Firoz Ahmed spoke at the discussion.

Hartal: From pro

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She said that strikes around the world are an instrument of labour movement, but in the third world they are being used as a political tool.

The daily Samakal's publisher and former FBCCI president AK Azad said that businesses are the main victims of hartals.

National University Vice Chancellor Professor Harun-or-Rashid, former State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan, The Daily Observer Editor Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and others also spoke at the book launch.

Speakers were of the view that hartals have long been a means to protest and realise democratic demands in the subcontinent and Bangladesh, in particular, during the struggle for independence. But while hartals used to be enforced peacefully and observed spontaneously in the past, they mostly turn violent now.

In pre-independent Bangladesh, hartals used to be called over pro-people issues and people observed those willingly because they could connect with the call. But now, on most occasions, political parties have to carry out subversive activities to create panic among people, they added.

Commonwealth secy

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House on Thursday.

The Bangladesh high commissioner, also a member of the governing board of the Commonwealth, was briefing the secretary-general about the social innovation initiatives undertaken by the prime minister over 10 years that have placed Bangladesh in the top brackets of social indicators in South Asia.

The Commonwealth secretary general lauded Hasina for championing gender equality and creating equal opportunity for all, according to a press release received from Bangladesh High Commission in London.



Moving is never easy, and needs a lot of planning and coordination. With the month approaching its end, many in the capital are seen shifting houses. The photo of two families -- one carrying furniture and appliances in five rickshaw-vans and the other in a truck -- was taken near Mirpur Bangla College yesterday, the last Friday of the month.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

4 'JMB operatives' sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A court in Jamalpur yesterday sent four Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) members, arrested by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Mymensingh on Wednesday, to jail.

The arrestees -- college student Siam Al Mahmud, 19, Nasreen Akter alias Joaira, 21, Md Shaheen Islam alias Mahbub Islam, 22, and Md Shakhwat Karim, 36 -- were produced before the Jamalpur Sadar Court with a seven-day remand prayer, said Taposh Chandra Pandit, officer-in-charge of Government Railway Police in Jamalpur.

The court sent them to jail after no hearing on the remand prayer was held, he added.

The four met through Facebook and were planning to travel to another country for training. Rab-14 Commanding Officer Lt Col Md Afteker Uddin said at a press briefing on Thursday.

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Child among

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the loose, he also said.

Meanwhile, in the afternoon the same day, a helper of a tractor was killed after the vehicle fell in a roadside ditch in Thakurgaon.

The incident took place in Hariharpur village of Sadar upazila, reports our correspondent in Thakurgaon.

The deceased is Dusal Hossain, 30, from the same village.

Dusal died on the spot after the driver of the tractor, transporting earth to Thakurgaon, lost control over the vehicle and it fell in a roadside ditch, said police.

A case of unnatural death was filed with Thakurgaon Police Station in this connection.

EU awards Erasmus grant to three univs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The European Union has awarded its prestigious "ERASMUS+ Capacity Building in Higher Education" grant of USD 1 million to three universities in Bangladesh.

The institutions are Brac James P Grant School of Public Health, Brac University; International Centre for Climate Change & Development, Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB), and Asian University for Women (AUW).

A signing ceremony was held in this regard at Brac Centre Inn in Dhaka on Wednesday, said a press release.

The tripartite partnership will implement the "Transformative Competency-Based Public Health Education for Professional Employability in Bangladesh's Health Sector" project, from 2019 to 2021.

The universities will design and offer competency-based public health curricula to ensure professional skills development and address the skilled-workforce shortage in the health sector.

The technical partners are Maastricht University, Netherlands, and Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK.

Physical education limping

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of the university. Instead, it was assigned only two small rooms, which can accommodate 60 students in total, at RU Central Stadium.

Those rooms are inadequate for the number of students enrolled in the department and the location is not suitable for conducting classes or examinations, complained many students.

Third-year student Biplob said the two rooms cannot fit all students. Every day, when a class is in operation for one batch, another batch has to wait outside.

With an additional 30 students, who started their class under 2018-19 session, the total enrolment at the PESS department will reach 120. And this is likely to worsen the situation, he also said.

Rayhan Ahmed, another PESS student, said, "It's really difficult for us to continue our classes and exams in a noisy environment right beside the stadium where different sports activities are held all year round. We suffer the most during our final exams."

Contacted, M Shahidul Alam, chairman of the department and also a guest teacher, said many times in the past, he had informed the university authorities of the department's issues related to resources shortage. But they paid no heed.

After the correspondent reached RU Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof M Abdus Sobhan for his comment over the difficulties faced by students of the PESS department, he said, "We have to fulfil some basic criteria, including [ensuring adequate] classrooms and teachers, before opening any new department. However, the past administration launched the department without [completing] these things."

"As a result, students are suffering now," he added.

When asked how he plans to resolve the situation, the VC said the RU planning committee has submitted a report, recommending recruitment of teachers for the department. The authorities will soon publish advertisements, seeking applications from prospective teachers.

Regarding allocation of classrooms, he said within two to three months, the PESS department will be relocated to Fourth Science Building on the campus.

Shahidul Islam's 10th death anniv

CITY DESK



Today marks the 10th death anniversary of Shahidul Islam Pannu, director of Sara Advertising Ltd, according a press release.

Shahidul's family members have requested all to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Brick kiln fined for burning wood

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court in a drive yesterday fined a brick kiln in Chattogram's Hathazari upazila Tk 1 lakh for burning wood as fuel.

The court also confiscated 500 maunds of wood from the site of KBC Brickfield.

Hathazari Upazila Nirbahi Officer Ruhul Amin led the drive in Charia area of the upazila.

No initiative

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secretary of CU unit of BCL, said due to absence of Cucusu representatives in the Senate, the authorities deprive students of their basic rights. It is high time for holding Cucusu election, he added.

Contacted, Mainul Islam, a former professor of CU economics department, said it is very disappointing that Cucusu election has not taken place for 29 years.

Students' representation has to be ensured in decision-making process, he said, emphasising that the Cucusu election should be held on a regular basis.

CU Vice Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury said they are thinking about Cucusu election. He did not elaborate further.

The Cucusu election was held only six times since the university's inception in 1966.

The university authorities suspended the election in 1990 after Sarbodolio Chhatra Oikya leader Farukuzzaman was killed in a clash with Islami Chhatra Shibir. Since then, the Cucusu has remained inoperative.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Principal
Tangail Technical Training Center
Nagor Jalfai, Tangail

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment.			
2	Agency	Directorate of Technical Education.			
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Tangail Technical Training Centre.			
4	Procuring entity district	Tangail			
5	Invitation for	Tender (Goods).			
6	Invitation Ref. No.	49.01.9395.003.14.035.19.58			
7	Date	Date: 24.01.2019			
KEY INFORMATION					
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)/National Competitive Bidding (NCB).			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
9	Budget and source of funds	International Development Association (IDA).			
10	Development partners	IDA (World Bank).			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
11	Project/program code	IDA-57360			
12	Project/program name	Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP).			
13	Tender package No.	(1) TTC/TNG/STEP/A.F/GD-02 & (2) TTC/TNG/STEP/A.F/GD-03			
14	Tender package name	(1) Supply and Installation of Training Materials & Equipment. (2) Supply and Installation of Computer & IT Goods.			
15	Tender last selling date and time	19.02.2019; up to 05:00pm.			
16	Tender closing date and time	20.02.2019 at 12:00 noon.			
17	Tender opening date and time	20.02.2019; 12:30pm.			
18. 1	Selling tender document	Tangail Technical Training Centre.			
18. 2	Receiving tender document	Tangail Technical Training Centre.			
18. 3	Place of opening tender document	Tangail Technical Training Centre.			
19	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Office of the Principal, Tangail Technical Training Centre on 10.02.2019 at 11:00am.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
20	Qualification criteria of bidders	(a) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall and 3 (three) years specific experience in the supply of goods and related services. (b) The tenderer shall have experience of satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum BDT 30.00 (thirty) lac only for Package No. TTC/TNG/STEP/A.F/GD-02 & BDT 16.00 (sixteen) lac only for Package No. TTC/TNG/STEP/A.F/GD-03 for single contract within last 05 (five) years, i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. (c) Certificate of liquid assets/working capital/Credit facility indicating the amount of BDT 30 (thirty) lac only for Package No. TTC/TNG/STEP/A.F/GD-02 & BDT 16.00 (sixteen) lac only for Package No. TTC/TNG/STEP/A.F/GD-03 within selling tender document & dropping date. (d) Others mentioned in the tender document.			
21	Price of tender document	BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand) only (non-refundable) each tender document.			
22	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time after contract signing
	TTC/TNG/STEP/A.F/GD-02	Supply and Installation of Training Materials & Equipment	Tangail Technical Training Center, Nagor Jalfai, Tangail.	100000.00 (one lac)	06 (six) weeks
	TTC/TNG/STEP/A.F/GD-03	Supply and Installation of Computer & IT Goods	Tangail Technical Training Center, Nagor Jalfai, Tangail.	50000.00 (fifty thousand)	06 (six) weeks

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

25	Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Kamruzzaman.
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Principal
27	Address of official inviting tender	Tangail Technical Training Center, Nagor Jalfai, Tangail.
28	Contact details of office	Telephone: 0921-62925; E-mail: tangailttc@gmail.com

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Engr. Kamruzzaman
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Nagor Jalfai, Tangail

Field Epidemiology Training Program, Bangladesh (FETP,B) Advanced (2019-2021)
The Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC) jointly invite application from the prospective government medical doctors and government veterinarians for the 6th batch Field Epidemiology Training Program, Bangladesh (FETP,B)-Advanced. The FETP,B is a 2-year, hands-on, intensive training program in applied epidemiology and public health leadership taught by national and international experts. Since 1980, US CDC has partnered with Ministries of Health to establish 54 Field Epidemiology Training Programs worldwide. These programs have produced more than 3,100 graduates from 72 countries. Many graduates obtain high-level leadership positions within the health system. After successful completion of 2 year course, fellow will be awarded **MSc. in Applied Epidemiology**. For detailed information on the program, application requirements, participant number, selection process, and application instructions. Please log on to: www.iedcr.gov.bd

Prospective government applicants should apply through proper channel to the Office of Director, IEDCR, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212 by February 28, 2019 (9:00am-5:00pm-Office days).

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