



With no designated spot to park bicycles, the footpath near the capital's Gausia Market has transformed into one. While bikers may find it convenient, pedestrians are increasingly having a tougher time walking. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# Altercation over shoes leads to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Like any other day, Tanvir Hossain Tuhin, a student of Sylhet Technical Training Institute, went to class on Wednesday morning.

And like any other day, he took his shoes off before entering the class.

The computer course class lasted for an hour. Once it was over around 11am, Tanvir could not find his shoes. Instead, he found that someone has left another pair in front of the room.

Much to his surprise, Tanvir saw one Kamran Ahmed, his classmate, wearing his shoes. They locked into an altercation over the matter on the campus.

Around 11:30am, Kamran along with a group of students attacked Tanvir and beat him with sticks, leaving him critically injured, said witnesses.

Other students rushed him to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. As his condition started deteriorating, doctors suggested to take him to Dhaka. The family members rented an ambulance and headed out.

The 19-year-old died on the way. It was around evening and the ambulance had reached Bhaibarab.

Tanvir was a resident of Dakshin Palikapan village of Golapganj upazila.

His uncle Nazim Uddin filed a murder case with Moglabazar Police Station yesterday, accusing Kamran and nine other students of the institute, said Akhter Hossain, officer-in-charge of the police station.

He said police arrested one student in Kadamtali area of Sadar upazila in this connection.

Waliullah Mollah, principal of the institute in city's Alampur area, said, "I was in Dhaka when I heard about the incident. We want the perpetrators to be arrested and brought to book as soon as possible."

The OC said, "We are looking for the accused." Tanvir's body was handed over to his family after autopsy, he added.

His family members did not want to speak to this correspondent over the matter. The shocked family still could not believe that Tanvir was killed over such a trifle matter.



## FILMING MOB BEATING Ctg SP warns of stern action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Stern action will be taken against those who film incidents of a mob beating someone based on suspicion of being a child kidnapper, warned Noor-E-Alam Mina, superintendent of police in Chattogram, yesterday.

He issued the warning while addressing an event in the port city, to raise awareness against such incidents.

He said several cases were filed and over 100 people were arrested in this connection so far. "We've also called upon people not to take law in their own hand and inform police immediately upon suspicion."

"Lynching on suspicion is a criminal offence... and those who video the incident will also face music," he added.

The SP said police have taken various initiatives in this regard such as circulating leaflets and holding discussions with students, guardians, residents and local representatives.

## A planned Ctg in mind

CCC mayor hears from citizens on completion of four years in office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin yesterday said he has been working to develop Chattogram as a planned and beautiful city.

"I am not fully satisfied yet... I will be when the city will become a developed and planned one," he said.

Nasir was speaking at a programme titled "Janatar Mukhomukhi" (face to face with people) in the port city, marking completion of his four years in office.

Farjana Akter, a resident of Jamal Khan, said they still face waterlogging. She said when she asked her local councillor about improving the drainage system, he said it was the duty of Chattogram Development Authority as CDA has been implementing a mega project in this regard.

"But when I asked CDA officials, they said it was the duty of CCC," said Farjana.

Nasir, in reply, said as part of the project, CDA is supposed to expand and develop

around 302km drains but the organisation was yet to mark those.

"I wrote to the CDA chairman several times but to no avail," he said. "If CDA does not make it clear which drains they will expand, how can we proceed with our work?"

Munni Sengupta, a resident of Anderkilla, said it is hard to meet the mayor at his office. She asked Nasir to make the process easier.

The mayor said he is an easily accessible public leader.

In reply to another question, Nasir said he has completed many development works in the last four years. "I won't say all the works were done in a planned way... We are yet to implement a comprehensive drainage system but our efforts are on."

Nasir said he introduced door-to-door waste collection for city dwellers. Also, garbage is being collected at night and beautification works have been going on in the city to make the city a clean and green one.

## 9TH WAGE BOARD FOR JOURNOS Cabinet committee finalises report

BSS, Dhaka

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said a cabinet committee on Ninth Wage Board Award for newspaper and news agency journalists and employees has finalised its report for cabinet endorsement after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's return home.

"The cabinet committee today at its fourth meeting has finalised the report on ninth wage board award... We think the report is realistic and logical," Quader, who heads the seven-member cabinet committee, told newsmen at a press conference at the Information Ministry.

He added the committee decided to send its report to cabinet division to be placed before the full cabinet after the premier's return home from London on August 5, and "after the final approval (by the cabinet), a gazette will be published" for its implementation.

Other members of the committee, including Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud, attended the press conference.

## 52nd convocation of DU on Dec 9

DU CORRESPONDENT

The 52nd convocation of Dhaka University (DU) will be held on December 9 this year.

The decision was taken at a syndicate meeting presided over by DU Vice Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruazzaman, said a press release from the university's public relations office.

A preparatory meeting regarding arrangement of the convocation was held yesterday at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university, added the press release.

Presiding over the meeting, Vice Chancellor Prof Akhtaruazzaman called upon all concerned to celebrate the convocation in a befitting manner.

Besides, an executive committee, a managing committee and 26 sub-committees were formed during the meeting in order to arrange the ceremony properly.

Nobel laureate in physics Prof Dr Takaaki Kajita, also director of the Institute for Cosmic Ray Research of Tokyo University in Japan, has been proposed to be invited as the convocation speaker.

The press release also confirmed that a proposal has been made to confer honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Dr Kajita at the convocation ceremony.

## CU BCL men beat up student

CU CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) unit of Chittagong University allegedly beat up a student on the campus yesterday, suspecting him to be a Chhatra Shibir activist.

The injured student is Nurul Islam, a fourth-year student of Islamic Studies department, said police.

Witnesses said a group of 10 to 12 BCL activists launched the attack on Nurul while he went to a photocopy shop in front of Shahjalal Hall around 2:30pm.

"Branding me as a Shibir activist, they started hitting me with rods," said Nurul, adding that the beating continued until police rushed to the spot. He added that he was never involved with politics.

Police sent Nurul to CU Medical Centre. He was later referred to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

CU BCL general secretary Iqbal Tipu said Nurul was involved in shibir politics. "Those who beat him up have evidence against him," he said, adding that they were trying to settle the matter.

CU acting proctor Pranab Mitra Chowdhury said action will be taken against those who carried out the attack after investigation.

## AFFILIATION WITH SEVEN COLLEGES DU students halt demo

DU CORRESPONDENT

After demonstrating for six consecutive days, agitating students of Dhaka University yesterday declared to resume classes and examinations, following assurance from the university authorities.

Shakil Mia, spokesperson of the movement, made the announcement at a press conference held at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla.

"We welcome the decision of forming a committee to resolve the crisis that was created centring the affiliation of seven colleges. We decided to withdraw class boycotting programme following their assurance," Shakil Mia told journalists.

He said other agitation programmes will continue and they will determine the next course of action considering authorities' steps.

The demonstrators will submit a memorandum to President Abdul Hamid, also chancellor of the university, on Sunday to press home their demands.

The students boycotted academic activities till Tuesday by padlocking all academic and administrative buildings.

On Wednesday, the university authority formed an 11-member committee to resolve the problems created centring the affiliation and demands of students.

The committee, headed by pro-vice chancellor (administration) Muhammad Samad, was asked to submit their recommendation in 10 working days.

On February 17, 2017, the government affiliated Dhaka College, Eden Mohila College, Government Shaheed Suhrawardy College, Kabi Nazrul Government College, Begum Badrunnesa Government Mohila College, Mirpur Government Bangla College and Government Titumir College with Dhaka University.



BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir addressed party's divisional rally at Shaheed Hadis Park in Khulna city yesterday, demanding release of its Chairperson Khaleda Zia and restoration of democracy in the country. PHOTO: STAR



A polling agent helping an elderly woman cast vote using the Electronic Voting Machine at Birabo Government Primary School. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## AL candidate wins Kanchan polls

Allegations of rigging, irregularities run rife

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid allegations of rigging and irregularities, Awami League candidate Rafiqul Islam won the election to the Kanchan municipality in Narayanganj yesterday.

Rafiqul became the municipality mayor by bagging 16,282 votes while his nearest contestant BNP-linked independent candidate Dewan Abul Bashar got 6,947 votes, said Assistant Returning Officer Mahubur Rahman.

Around 35,680 voters exercised their franchise to elect mayor of the municipality and nine ward councillors, he added. Four candidates contested for the mayor position.

Though the election was held peacefully, it was marked by irregularities such as polling officials and agents instructing voters to vote for the AL candidate in the name of helping voters.

Many elderly, women and lower-educated people alleged that they faced difficulties in using Electronic Voting Machine although the Election Commission held mock voting ahead of the election.

Dewan Abul Bashar alleged that the election was marked by rigging. Assistant Returning officer Mahubur, however, refuted the allegations saying the election was held in a free and fair manner.

Four correspondents of this newspaper visited 16 out of 18 polling centres. In all centres, supporters of AL's Rafiqul Islam were seen showing their supremacy. They also distributed leaflets and sought vote for him. Voters alleged that these activities created a sense of insecurity among them. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

## Six held with illegal foreign currency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday filed a case with Boalia Police Station against six businesspersons of Sona Mosque land port for possessing illegal foreign currency.

The case was recorded at 5pm, 18 hours after police detained seven people in possession of Tk 8.30 lakh and USD 7,000 from a customs official's house in Rajshahi's Uposhohor area.

One of the detained, Abdul Malek, who the police found possessing a revolver, was released upon showing valid documents of the firearm, said Abdullah Al Mamun, deputy commissioner of Detective Branch of police.

The six accused are Monirul Islam Jewel, Abu Sayeed Nayan, Ahsan Kabir Mithu, Bayazid Hossain, Abdul Mannan and Abu Hasan Rubel.

Police detained them at 11pm on Wednesday acting on information that some people were visiting the customs. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4