

Section of teachers back JU VC

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front of the administrative building followed by a rally.

"The allegation brought against the JU VC and her family members are nothing but a false and fabricated one, in a bid to halt the implementation of mega development plan of the university," claimed Prof Ajit Kumar Majumder, also president of JU Teachers' Association, while addressing the rally.

"If they [protesters] have objections, it can be solved through talks. But, it's unexpected that they are trying to protest," he added.

On the other hand, students agitating since last month against alleged corruption and unplanned development work on campus, yesterday held a gathering under the banner of "Jahangirnagar Against Corruption", where they sang protest songs.

PROBE BODIES FORMED OVER ASSAULT ON STUDENTS

Meanwhile, two separate probe committees

have been formed to investigate the allegation of assault on two students, who were demonstrating on the campus since August 23 to press home their three-point demands.

Demonstrators alleged that two of their fellows, Sohaib Ibn Masud and Nurul Islam Saimum, were assaulted by BCL leaders and activists on August 27 and September 7.

Prof Rasheda Akhter of Anthropology department will lead the three-member committee to probe into the attack on Nurul Islam allegedly by BCL leader Abhishek. The other three-member committee, to look into the alleged attack on Sohaib, was formed with Prof Mujibur Rahman of Statistics as its chief. Both the committees have been asked to submit reports within seven working days.

However, Mohammad Dider, one of the demonstrators, said, "We don't any eyewash probe body. The authorities should bring the culprits to book within the shortest possible time."

HC orders

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disabilities, was an SSC candidate from Mohammadpur Government High School this year.

Advocate Mostafizur Rahman stated in the petition that his son performed well in the SSC examination this year.

However, the result sheet showed that he failed in two subjects -- Mathematics, and Bangladesh and Global Studies.

The HC -- in the full text of the verdict -- also ordered the respondents to reassess Masud's answer scripts with due care, and publish his result within one month.

Footbridge

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people will be able to avail the facility," he said adding that there is another bridge within 300-400 metres which people can use.

TRAFFIC JAM RETURNS ON PRAGATI SARANI

After the foot-bridge was closed on Sunday, traffic police reopened the zebra crossing for people to cross the road. Swarms of people were seen using the zebra crossing, slowing down traffic.

According to traffic officials, hundreds of people cross the road in every hour. Therefore, the natural flow of vehicles gets hampered frequently. The bridge helped them a lot in controlling the chaotic situation, but as the bridge was closed, the scenario returned to its previous state.

"When the bridge was open, we stopped the zebra crossing for smooth flow of vehicles, but now as the bridge is closed, we are allowing pedestrians to cross them through the median.

People are crossing the road so frequently that officials like me do not even get the time to relieve ourselves," said Hamza, an on-duty traffic policeman on Sunday.

Applications open

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access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences.

The call for new applicants follows the selection of 13 scholars from Bangladesh, who won an award to study at a UK university this year. Two of this year's awardees are from The Daily Star.

Successful applicants have been sharing their stories on Twitter and Instagram.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert Chatterton Dickson held a reception on September 8 to award certificates to 15 scholars who completed their studies in the UK last year. So far, around 300 scholars from Bangladesh have completed their studies in the UK under the Chevening Scholarships.

Robert Chatterton Dickson said, "We are looking for ambitious, professional, and innovative future leaders from any walk of life, who will study hard in the UK, and immerse themselves in the opportunities."

Head of Scholarships at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Ben Coates, said, "Since the programme started in 1983, many of those selected for this scholarship have gone on to become respected leaders across a range of sectors."

Chevening's Head of Programme Management Louise Thomson said, "Chevening puts you in control of your experience. You can choose from over 12,000 master's courses at over 150 different higher education institutions."

Details on eligibility criteria and scholarship specifications are available on chevening.org/scholarships.

Police

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where he identified the spot, added the SI.

Driver Saju was shot inside a motor garage in Sitakunda upazila, allegedly by Masum. With a bullet wound to the abdomen, he was first taken to a local hospital and then to Chattogram Medical College Hospital where he died.

Victim's wife Shahida Akhter filed a case accusing Masum. The accused later surrendered before a court of Chattogram after fellow drivers called on strike protesting the murder.

SI Saiful said during interrogation, the accused said he collected the foreign-made pistol from a person and used to keep it with him to intimidate others. Police are looking for the arms supplier in this connection.

The pistol will be sent to the lab of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for examination, he added.

Swiss

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Narsingdi on September 12 to visit the Return and Reintegration Project of Migrant Workers in Bangladesh, which is implemented by Brac and co-funded by Switzerland and Denmark.

9TH WAGE BOARD FOR JOURNOS

Noab files petition with SC to vacate its earlier order

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The Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh (Noab) yesterday filed a petition with the Supreme Court, praying to it to vacate its earlier order that cleared the way for the government to publish the gazette notification on implementing the recommendation of ninth wage board for journalists.

After holding a brief hearing, Justice Hasan Foez Siddique, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC, sent the petition to its full bench and set October 20 for hearing the petition.

Noab said in the petition that the apex court on August 20 stayed for eight weeks the High Court order that issued status quo on publication of the gazette following a misleading argument placed by Attorney General Mahbubey Alam.

In the petition, Noab said it could not sufficiently respond to the "volte-face" (a sudden change from one set of beliefs or plan of action to the opposite) stance of the attorney general on the day the order of stay was granted by the apex court.

The applicability of the rule 128 of the Bangladesh Labour Rules, 2015 was never challenged in the application

of the petitioner neither argued at the time of hearing on August 19. On that day the learned attorney general sought adjournment to take instruction from his client as to whether they have already complied with the provisions of rule 128 of the rules of 2015. Suddenly on the next morning the attorney general abruptly changed his stance and argued that the very rule 128 is not applicable as the term 'board' in the rules does not include the 'News Paper Wage Board' in question," Noab said in the petition.

The respondent instantly responded in terms of the section 351 (2) (d) and argued that the rules are applicable for all the wage board constituted under chapter XI of the Act," it added.

"But the learned attorney general then argued that unless the rules expressly include the News Paper Wage Board in its scope, the honourable court could not make that applicable for the same and upon such submission the honourable court was convinced to pass the instant order of stay for a period of eight weeks from August 20," the petition further said.

Advocate AM Aminuddin and Advocate Md Yousuf Ali appeared for Noab.

Rajhangsha

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All the aircrafts were named by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. A delegation

-- comprising officials of Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) and Biman Bangladesh Airlines -- has already reached Seattle to receive the aircraft, Tahera, said. Four Biman pilots led by its Chief of Flight Safety Captain Shoeb Chowdhury will bring the aircraft to Dhaka.

In 2008, Biman Bangladesh Airlines signed a US\$2.1 billion agreement with Boeing to purchase 10 new aircrafts.

Of those, Boeing has already delivered four 777-300ERs, two 737-800s and three 787-8s to Biman.

Rajhangsha, the 271-seat Boeing 787-8, has been designed to be 20 percent more fuel efficient compared to other aircrafts.

The airliner has the capacity to fly 16 hours nonstop with an average speed of 650 miles per hour.

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Medical students take

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ideal academic environment at the upazila health complexes compared to any tertiary level hospital.

"The health complexes lack expert doctors under whom the intern doctors can get proper education," said Kazi Shaimur Reza, another fifth year student at DMC.

They also said they are sceptical about security for the interns, especially for females, at the upazila level healthcare facilities.

Following the press conference, the students submitted a memorandum to the president of Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council.

Failed to meet expectations

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minister for environment, forest and climate change.

Lawmaker Hasanul Haq Inu said plans are being prepared and budget is being allocated for climate change adaptation, but big gap and absence of people's participation are found in terms of implementation.

These are happening due to lack of good governance in the relevant institutions, he added.

"No corruption will be tolerated in construction of embankments,"

said Inu, also president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Jasad).

He also said it is time to reveal and punish the people who are responsible for irregularities and corruption.

Eminent water resources expert Prof Ainun Nishat said the embankments that have been built so far are based on a plan which was prepared several decades ago; hence the initiatives are not that fruitful.

The professor emeritus of Brac University recommended that the government prepare new designs

and plans for the embankments and ensure timely maintenance of the infrastructures.

Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, chairman of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF); Saber Hossain Chowdhury, chairman of parliamentary standing committee on the environment ministry; Dipak Kanti Paul, managing director of Bangladesh Climate Change Trust; and Ziaul Hoque Mukta, general secretary of CSRL, also spoke at the programme.

and Civil Defense will be included in the surveillance team.

In reply to another query, Quader informed the House that the government has a plan to eventually upgrade all regional and district highways into four lanes.

"The government's first priority is to upgrade national highways into four lanes... then regional and district highways will be upgraded into four lanes in phases," he said.

A total of 3,906.03 kilometres of national highways, 4,766.91 kilometres of regional and 13,423.36

kilometres of district highways are under the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in sixty-four districts, said the minister.

Dhaka-Chittagong and Dhaka-Mymensingh national highways have already been upgraded into four lanes, he said, adding that up-gradation work of the Dhaka-Tangail national highway into four lanes is now at the final stage.

The work to upgrade the Dhaka-Sylhet national highway will begin soon at the field level, the minister added.

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Ministry of Commerce

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

For Selection of Firm for Offering Hotline Services through Call Center for DNCRP

01.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce
02.	Agency	Directorate of National Consumers' Right Protection (DNCRP)
03.	Name of Procuring Entity	Director General, DNCRP
04.	Procuring Entity Code	Not Applicable
05.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
06.	EOI for Selection of	Firm for offering Hotline Services through Call Center for DNCRP
07.	EOI Ref. No.	26.04.0000.108.36.264.19.667
08.	Date	09 September 2019

KEY INFORMATION

09.	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10.	Budget & Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GoB)
11.	Development Partner	Not applicable

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Project/Program Code	Not Applicable
13.	Project Name	Not Applicable
14.	EOI Publication Date	10 September 2019
15.	EOI Dropping Location	Head Office, Directorate of National Consumers' Right Protection (DNCRP), 1 Karwan Bazar (TCB Building - 7th Floor), Dhaka 1215

16.	EOI Closing Date and Time	24 September 2019, 12:00 Noon
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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

17.	Brief description of Assignment	The Consultant's duties and responsibilities will include but not necessarily be limited to the following (Details are specified in TOR): (a) Hotline service through call center is to address consumer complaints about their
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