

# 275 univ teachers demand Maidul be granted leave

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 275 teachers from public and private universities yesterday in a statement condemned the incident of delay in granting leave to Chittagong University's assistant professor of sociology department Maidul Islam to attend a research scholarship abroad.

Demanding that Maidul be granted due leave, they also criticised the role of concerned authorities who are reportedly not cooperating with Maidul.

"We think the department's chairperson or the department has repealed Maidul Islam's rights to higher education and research by harassing him..." said the statement, adding that the act is contradictory to constitutional rights of a citizen, and against the spirit of an autonomous university.

The statement, signed -- among others -- by Anu Muhammad and Sayeed Ferdous of Jahangirnagar University; Gitiara Nasrin, Fahmidul Haq and Dr Md Kamrul Hasan of Dhaka University; and Khadiza Mitu of Chittagong University; also urged CU vice chancellor, registrar and sociology department chairperson to take immediate steps to grant Maidul necessary leave.

On September 4, Maidul applied for "Extra Ordinary Leave" for one year starting September 15 -- to work as a researcher at Leiden University, Netherlands.

Although 12 days have elapsed, he was yet to get any response from the department or the registrar's office, which should take no more than seven working days as per university rules.

Maidul Islam was sued in July last year under section 57 of the ICT Act, for making "defamatory remarks on social media against the prime minister". He was sent to jail in the case on September 24, 2018, and was freed on bail more than a month later. Last month, the High Court stayed the trial proceedings of the case.

## Chamber judge passes

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is the authority to appoint its principal as per relevant regulations, while the government has authority to appoint teachers.

But the government illegally appointed Fouzia as principal of the institution on September 15, although it has no jurisdiction to do so, Akond said in the petition.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam appeared for the government.

Following a writ petition filed by him, the HC on September 17 issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks why the appointment of Prof Fouzia as principal of VNSC should not be declared illegal.

The HC also cleared the way for Fouzia to join her post by lifting its earlier stay order.

Nazneen Ferdous, the previous principal of VNSC, and two other teachers of the institution were removed last year over the death of Arity Adhikari, a student of the school.

## Sir Fazle awarded

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## Four held with arms

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enmity with the family, according to the case document.

The next day, the man filed the case against 12 -- seven named and five unnamed -- with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal in Patuakhali.

The named accused were sent to jail after they had surrendered before the court. They, however, secured bail recently, said the family members of the victims.

## JUBO LEAGUE MAN ARRESTED IN ANOTHER INCIDENT

Police arrested a Jubo League man with three sharp weapons in Londa bridge area of Kalapara upazila early yesterday.

Jakaria Pado, 40, is an activist of Jubo League's Kalapara unit, said Jahurul Islam, sub-inspector of Kalapara Police Station.

He along with another youth was going to Kalapara from Chapli Bazar, said the SI, adding that the other managed to flee.

A court sent the arrestee to jail when he was produced before it, said the police officer.

## Daily admission

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Since starting the combined operation against Aedes on September 15, mobile courts of DNCC have visited 51,311 houses and structures, and found Aedes mosquito larvae at 177 of those.

The team also found Aedes mosquito-breeding places at 30,133 houses and structures during their drives.

## Cop jailed

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along with his other associates managed to flee the scene.

Later, investigators found out that Alamgir was the mastermind of the incident. Investigating officer of the case Sub-Inspector Nur-E-Alam Siddique of Detective Branch of police submitted the charge sheet against them in May 2017. The charges were framed in June that year.

In a separate development, another Dhaka court placed two people -- including an assistant sub-inspector of Shabbagh Police Station -- on three-day remand each, in a case filed over snatching 125 tola (around 1.25kg) of gold in Dhaka's Shabbagh area.

## More

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should continue, and I offer heartiest congratulations to the hospital for doing so."

Among others, IIEI&H Director (Medical Affairs) Dr Mostafizur Rahman, and Ispahani Eye Bank Manager Md Musa Mansury were also present.

A total of 26 people yesterday registered to donate their cornea after death.

## PM flies to NY today

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Airport in New York at 4:25pm (local time) the same day. Bangladesh Ambassador to USA Mohammad Ziauddin and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN Masud Bin Momen will receive her.

On September 23, Hasina along with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez will co-chair the multi-stakeholder panel, to be held in parallel to the high-level meeting on universal health coverage at UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Besides, the PM is expected to present the national statement at the plenary session of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage at Trusteeship Council.

She will also deliver a statement at the climate action summit in the UN General Assembly Hall and attend an event on "Recognizing political leadership for immunization in Bangladesh".

On September 24, the prime minister will hold a bilateral meeting with her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi at the Kennedy Room, Lotte New York Palace Hotel.

She will also have a meeting with Queen Maxima, the UN secretary-general's special advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development, at the UN Headquarters Booth.

The PM will attend a side event to be hosted by Global Commission on Adaptation at Conference Room-7, UNHQ, and a state luncheon to be hosted by the UN secretary general at North Delegates Lounge.

Hasina will also join a high-level side-event on the situation of Rohingya in Myanmar to be organised by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh and the OIC Secretariat at Conference Room 11, UNHQ.

The prime minister will attend an event on "Leadership Matters -- Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the Contemporary World" at ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, and a reception to be hosted by US President Donald J Trump at Lotte New York Palace.

On September 25, the premier will co-moderate a leadership dialogue on "Localizing the SDGs" at a high-level political forum on sustainable development (SDG summit) at the Trusteeship Council.

She will also participate in an event -- "A conversation with Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina: Interactive Dialogue" -- at the Council on Foreign Relations.

## China making

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meeting is planned with Bangladesh and Myanmar on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York next week -- where Bangladesh is likely to seek stronger global support in addressing the crisis.

Over 730,000 Rohingyas fled a military crackdown in Rakhine state of Myanmar since August, 2017. Two attempts of repatriation failed despite mediation of China -- a close ally of Myanmar -- over the last two years.

The Chinese government has provided 2,000 tents, 3,000 blankets and 20 million RMB worth of rice to Bangladesh to help the Rohingyas.

During his trip, Ambassador Li Jiming went to camps in Teknaf and Ukhia upzilas in Cox's Bazar, visited terrestrial and waterside transit centres, and listened to Rohingyas' concerns and demands.

Ambassador Li said, "The Rakhine state issue is a long-standing one with complicated dimensions of history, ethnicity, and religion; it is China's firm belief that dialogue and negotiation between Bangladesh and Myanmar is the only way forward, while the international community should play a constructive role as per the wishes of the two countries."

## Dhaka, the new

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He alleged that the government has fooled people with its false and deceitful remarks about the country's development.

Stating that Bangladesh was liberated mainly for two reasons -- establishment of democracy and attainment of people's economic emancipation, Dr Moyeen said instead of democracy, a "one-party autocratic rule" has been established while the capital has become the "Sin City".

## Inequality a major

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set for the period of 2016-2030, with the key principle -- none should be left behind.

The recommendations came at a conference on "Partnership with UN in achieving the SDGs in Bangladesh", organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the UN at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.

"We have high GDP growth [more than 8 percent in 2018-19]. However, on average 21 percent people live under the poverty line. The figure is 60 percent in some areas," said Prof Mustafizur Rahman, distinguished fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD).

Inequality in terms of income and wealth too is quite high, he said at a panel discussion. He recommended mobilising more domestic resources and improving business competitiveness, as Bangladesh may lose preferential market access with the country moving from the least developed status to lower middle income one.

UN Resident Coordinator Mia Seppo recommended engaging members of parliament and elected representative in the process of planning and implementing the programmes related to SDGs.

She stressed on effective inter-ministerial coordination to address the climate change impacts and concerns on human rights. Also, violence against women requires more focus and attention, she said. "If women are left behind, 50 percent people are left behind," Mia Seppo said.

Abul Kalam Azad, principal coordinator (SDGs) of the Prime Minister's Office, said MPs and local elected representatives have already been engaged in identifying the priority areas of work.

He said the government will start allocating district budget from next fiscal year for effective implementation of various projects. Abul Kalam said about US \$1 trillion extra will be required to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque said geopolitics has changed since 2015, especially from the perspectives of climate change, refugee crisis and migration. Despite challenges, Bangladesh will do its best in achieving the SDGs -- reducing inequality and creating decent jobs, he said.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam, representatives from the government, UN agencies, development partners and civil society were also present at the event.

## JOURNALIST SHIMUL MURDER CASE

# Supreme Court clears the way to resume trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for the lower court concerned to resume the trial proceedings of journalist Abdul Hakim Shimul murder case in Sirajganj.

Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division of the SC Justice Hasan Foez Siddique stayed a High Court order that halted the trial proceedings of the case.

The apex court chamber judge passed the order following a petition filed by the government, seeking stay on the HC order.

Justice Siddique also sent the government petition to the full bench of the apex court for hearing on October 14.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told reporters there is no legal bar for the lower court concerned to resume the trial proceedings of Shimul murder case.

Shimul, Shahzadpur correspondent of the daily Samakal was hit when Halimul Haque Miru, the suspended mayor of Shahzadpur municipality in Sirajganj, allegedly opened fire during a factional clash on February 2, 2017. He died the next day. The following day, Shimul's wife Nurunnahar filed a murder case with Shahzadpur Police Station against Miru, his two brothers and 15 others.

Following a writ petition filed by some accused, the HC on August 29 this year stayed the trial proceedings of the case for six months.

The government recently filed a petition with the SC seeking stay on the HC order.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and Deputy Attorney General Bishwajit Debnath appeared for the government while Advocate Abdul Alim Jewel argued for the writ petitioners.

## Unfinished business

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demographic dividend, gender-based violence, girls' access to education and employment, and informed choice of contraceptives.

As of 2017, the net enrolment ratio in primary education is 98 percent, compared to 60 percent in 1990.

However, child marriage, which is now around 59 percent, has not declined as expected, he said, adding, "We want to believe that ICPD has provided an impetus to change things."

But child marriage remained a challenge despite progress in ensuring gender equality and women's education, he said.

"ICPD is one of our biggest programmes globally... Bangladesh is very important for UNFPA [in this case]," he said. The ICPD programme moved away from traditional population control towards a human-centred and rights-based approach to development.

It generated a new narrative in the development discourse on an individual's freedom to decide about their reproductive life -- putting people at the heart of sustainable development. The quality of reproductive health services and respect for women's rights were placed firmly at the centre.

Andersson also lauded the commissioning of 1,200 trained midwives in upazila-level hospitals across the country.

"Midwifery profession has really been strengthened in Bangladesh and we are proud as UNFPA supported the government to increase the number of midwives and the access to trained, skilled birth attendance," he said.

He stressed on more investment in the social sector.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been invited to the upcoming ICPD summit, according to UNFPA officials.

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