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## DISMAL PICTURE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

# 37pc teachers rely on 'guidebooks'

Study reveals lack of subject-based training of teachers badly affecting classroom teaching

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

About 55 percent of English and mathematics teachers in secondary schools have not been trained specifically to teach the two key subjects. This has been affecting the quality of education.

Moreover, about 75 percent of physics teachers, 78 percent chemistry teachers and 64 percent general science teachers do not have the necessary training, according to the Education Watch Report 2018-19.

The report of Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) also shows that 37.1 percent of the teachers use unauthorised "guidebooks" sold in the market.

"The lack of subject-specific training is definitely affecting the quality of education. At the secondary level, teachers are supposed to be experts on the subjects they teach," CAMPE Executive Director Rasheda K Choudhury told The Daily Star.

Teachers without subject-specific training usually fail to give proper instruction to students. If the teachers are bad at solving the tasks, the students get deprived of knowledge, said the eminent educationist.

**SUBJECT-SPECIFIC TRAINING**

The latest report focusing on Secondary School Teachers in Bangladesh in the Light of SDG 4, shows that less than half the

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A comparison of the actual time and the time being showed by this clock put up by the DSCC around four years ago on Ramna Road. The clock stopped working six months into operation and it serves as a reminder that many projects are undertaken but little to no effort is given to their maintenance. The photo was taken yesterday.

## BNP leader Maj Hafiz gets bail

Court rejects remand prayer of cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Vice-chairman Maj (ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed was granted bail yesterday, a day after his arrest under the Digital Security Act.

Metropolitan Magistrate Atiqul Islam passed the order, rejecting a seven-day remand prayer filed by police.

Hafiz was arrested at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport when he arrived from Singapore on Saturday.

He was accused of being involved in the "sending of false, misleading, fabricated, and ill-motivated information

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**BUSINESS**



**STANDARD MATERIALS FOR SAFE CONSTRUCTION**

The provisions of the building code must be strictly enforced throughout the whole country. Ensuring that structures remain safe throughout the whole lifecycle via regular maintenance and continuous inspection is not being practised in Bangladesh. This has been a major cause for tragic failures leading to loss of human lives.

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## DSW AT BUET

# Whose welfare is it anyway?

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The name describes the role it is assigned.

But in reality, the Directorate of Students' Welfare at Bu et seems to have nothing to do with the welfare of students.

The DSW hardly took any action against errant BCL leaders and activists for unleashing a reign of terror at the country's premier engineer university.

It has long been turning a blind eye to the mindless torture and harassment of general students at the Bu et halls, thus making the members of the pro-government student body more and more ruthless and desperate.

The DSW director is the member-secretary of the Board of Residence and Discipline, the highest body to supervise

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## ABRAR MURDER

# 'No link with freedom of expression'

Foreign ministry tells UN's Mia Seppo

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has told the UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Mia Seppo that the killing of Bu et student Abrar Fahad had nothing to do with freedom of expression.

"We explained to her the position of the government and the actions taken after Abrar killing, which was not linked to

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## Charge sheet next month

DMP official says; another accused BCL man confesses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bu et student and BCL activist Mujahidur Rahman Mujahid, an accused in Abrar Fahad murder case, yesterday confessed to a magistrate that he along with several others hit Abrar with a skipping rope.

Mujahid in his confessional statement named several Chhatra League leaders and activists who beat Abrar indiscriminately with cricket stumps and skipping ropes leading to his death, said a police official involved in the murder investigation.

Meanwhile, DMP Deputy Commissioner (Media and Public Relations) Md Masudur Rahman told The Daily Star that the charge sheet in Abrar murder case would be submitted to a court in the first week of next month.

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## Samrat victim of political, personal vengeance

His family claims

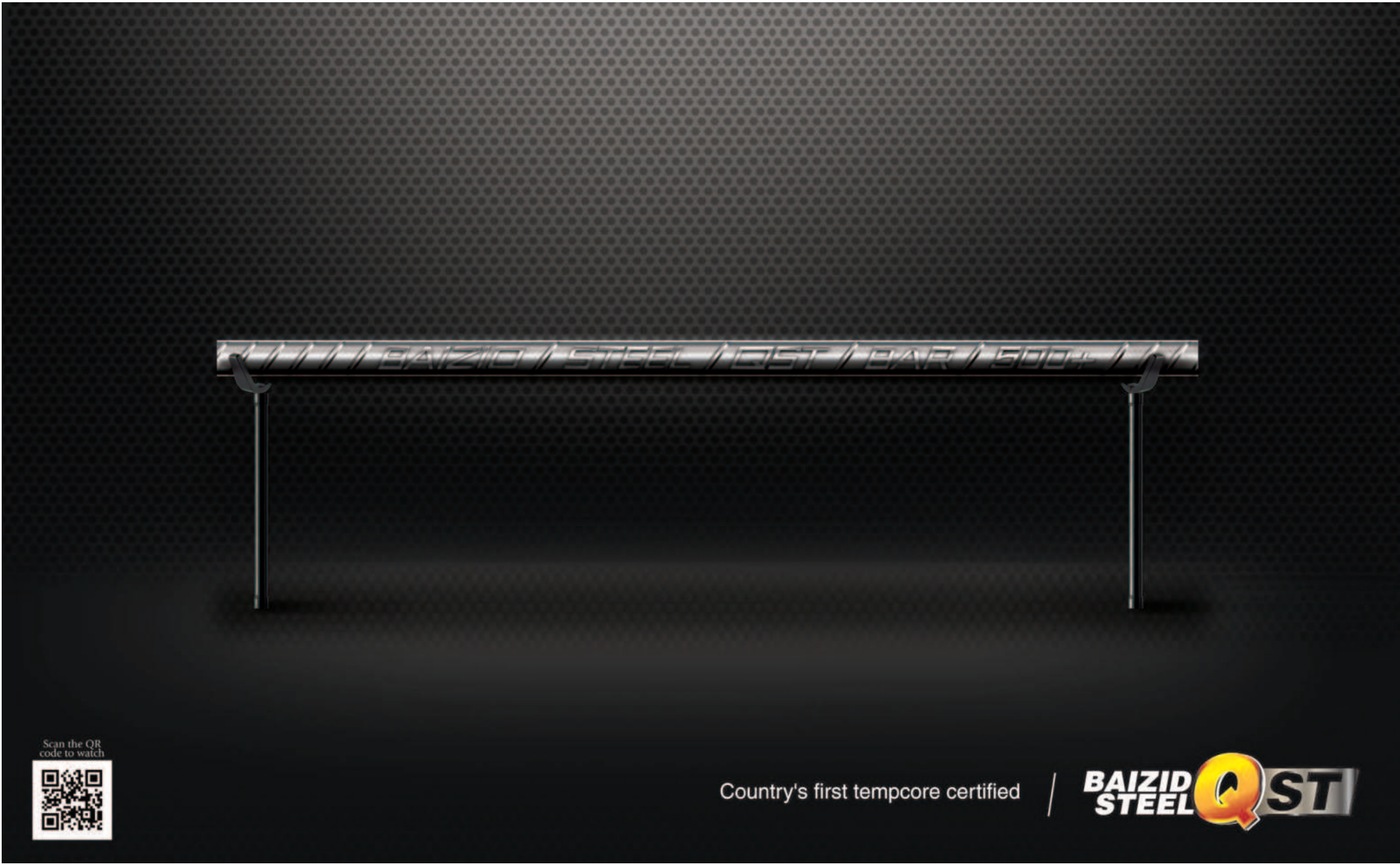
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Jubo League leader Ismail Hossain Chowdhury Samrat was implicated in cases due to political and personal vengeance, his family members claimed yesterday.

They, however, did not go into detail about their allegations.

Saying that Samrat was very sick, they also

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