



Sheets and pillow covers of hospitals in Sylhet are being dried on the Kazir Bazar field where the city's biggest cattle market sits. This highly unhygienic practice may harm patients. The photo was taken yesterday.

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69 allegations against CCC at public hearing

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People attending a public hearing yesterday raised 69 complaints against Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) including nepotism, embezzlement, encroachment by councilors, and promoting officers violating seniors.

The public hearing was organised by Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in collaboration with Chattogram city unit of Transparency International, at Shah Alam Bir Uttam Auditorium of Chattogram Medical College Hospital. The hearing, held in presence of ACC commissioner AFM Aminul Islam, continued from 10am to 2pm.

ACC had hanged banners at various spots of the port city a week ago, asking residents to join the hearing to share any allegations they had about CCC.

Jahir Ahmed, a landlord at Chandgaon Residential Area, alleged that in 2015 he paid a total of Tk 1,43,000 as holding tax to the revenue section of CCC, but was given

a slip where the amount was shown as Tk 55,000. He sought solution at various offices of the revenue department, but to no avail, he complained at the hearing.

The ACC commissioner issued seven days to CCC officials to resolve the problem.

Abdul Matin, a businessman, alleged that revenue officer (revenue circle-5) Jane Alam -- who has since been suspended -- had embezzled Tk 33 lakh that he deposited for a plot being sold by CCC.

"He gave me some documents against my deposit, that later turned out to be fake. Thus, he robbed me of my money," Matin alleged at the hearing.

The ACC commissioner issued ultimatum to CEO of CCC to address the issue and take necessary steps to return his money.

Samsul Huda, a contractor, alleged that superintendent engineer Sudip Bosak of the revenue section of CCC, but was given

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9 get death, 4 life sentences for murder

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A Chattogram court yesterday sentenced nine persons to death and four to life term imprisonment for killing a man in Cumilla six years ago.

The death row convicts are Sajib, Rajib, their father Harun Mia, Shaon, Amin, Rabu, Momin, Mohsin and Abu Taher, while the life-terms convicts are Matin, Shah Paran, Shamim and Khokon, said court sources.

Acting Judge Md Abdul Halim of Chattogram Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal delivered the verdict, said public prosecutor Ayub Khan.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 1 lakh each, in default of which they will have to suffer two more years in jail, said the PP.

The court acquitted three persons -- Nayan Mia, Moslem Mia, and Billal Mia -- as their involvement in the crime could not be proved, said Advocate Ayub

According to the prosecution, one Jahangir Alam was hacked by criminals following a dispute over a fish enclosure at Gouripur's Dakhsin Para in Cumilla on December 1, 2013. He succumbed to his injuries at Gouripur Upazila Health Complex later in the day.

The victim's father filed a case with Daudkandi Police Station the next day. The case was transferred to Chattogram Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal on November 11, 2015. The court framed charges against the accused on December 12, 2015.

Man held for raping four children in Dhamrai

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Police on Sunday arrested a man from Dhaka's Dhamrai upazila on charge of raping four children.

The arrestee is Afshar Uddin, 55. One of the victims' family members filed a case against Afshar on Sunday, said Dipok Saha, officer-in-charge (OC) of Dhamrai Police Station.

Law enforcers arrested Afshar from his residence and produced him before a Dhaka court yesterday, seeking a seven-day remand prayer, he said.

The hearing did not take place, however, and he was sent to jail.

The children, aged from five to nine, were sent to the One-Stop Crisis Centre of Dhaka Medical College Hospital for medical examination.

Quoting victims' families, OC Dipok

said on Thursday evening, accused Afshar first took the children in a room of his house, luring them with candy. He then raped the children after taking them to the rooftop one by one. As the children started crying, the accused fled the scene.

Later, some neighbours and family members of the victims rushed to the spot and rescued the children, he said.

The incident came to light so late because the victims' family members at first did not disclose the matter to protect their social image, he added.

Later, the family members went to one Washer Ali, a village arbiter and disclosed the matter to him. Washer then informed Dhamrai municipality councillor Shaheb Ali, said police.

On information from Ali, police arrested the accused.

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CU to form anti-ragging, anti-drug cell

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University authorities are going to form an anti-ragging and anti-drug cell at the university soon.

Apart from that, the authorities have decided to form a vigilance team in an attempt to monitor the halls regularly to avert unwanted incidents.

CU acting Vice Chancellor Prof Shireen Akhter made the announcement at a views-exchange meeting with campus-based journalists yesterday at her office.

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BU admission test postponed VC and treasurer posts still vacant

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

The admission tests for 2019-20 undergraduate session at Barishal University (BU) have been postponed from October 18-19, as the posts of vice chancellor and treasurer are still empty.

Prof Muhsinuddin, dean of arts faculty and member of the core committee for conducting admission test, signed a notice on Sunday (October 13) postponing the tests.

The notice stated that the rescheduled date will be announced as soon as possible through the BU website.

Prof Muhsinuddin said, "For conducting the admission tests, a treasurer is needed as financial transactions have to be handled urgently. As the posts of VC and treasurer are vacant, the process of holding admission tests has stagnated. There is no one to manage the funds for holding admission tests."

In the face of heavy protest from students, former VC SM Imamul Huq was

sent on leave from April 11. His tenure ended on May 26.

Prof Arif Hossain, former president of BU teachers' association, spoke with this correspondent after attending a meeting of the admission test committee. "BU treasurer Prof AKM Mahbub Hasan was appointed as acting VC after Prof Imamul's tenure ended, but his [Prof Mahbub] tenure as treasurer also ended on October 8," said Prof Arif.

"The post of registrar has also been vacant for a year. About Tk 2.5 crore was collected from admission candidates and deposited in the university's account," said Prof Abu Zafar Mia, secretary of BU teachers' association.

"Some necessary processes for holding admission tests cannot be carried out without a VC," he added.

Total 36,685 students have registered to appear at the ninth admission test of BU for 1,440 seats in 24 subjects under six faculties, he added. The faculties are divided into three units.

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