

Action against lawmakers

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Education Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury Nowfel, off the stage at the programme.

The incident happened during the representatives' meeting of six district units of Chattogram division at a port city community centre.

Obaidul Quader was the chief guest at the programme, organised by Chattogram city AL. He had not reached the venue at the time of the incident.

Quader said no one mentioned the incident when he was at the event; he came to know about it on his way back to Dhaka.

The minister said he has already spoken to Nasir, who told him that they had earlier selected who would be on the stage, and Hasina Mohiuddin was not on the list.

"This is the mayor's version. But had I been aware, I would've shown her the respect the widow of Mohiuddin Chowdhury deserves," said Quader.

Meanwhile, several hundred leaders and activists of different associate organisations of Awami League yesterday formed a human chain in front of Chattogram Press Club around 3pm, protesting the incident.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) city unit vice presidents Ekramul Hoque Rashel and Rahul Barua, and former general secretary Nurul Azim Roni, spoke at the human chain, among others.

They said if the city mayor does not offer an apology in 24 hours, they will launch a demonstration.

A group of BCL leaders and activists brought out a procession from GEC intersection, protesting the incident, which ended at Sholoshahar Gate No 2 area in the afternoon.



Several hundred leaders and activists of different AL associate organisations yesterday protested the incident of "forcing" Hasina Mohiuddin off stage at a programme on Sunday. The photo was taken near Chattogram Press Club.

7,000 tonnes of onion to arrive by early Nov

Says commerce minister

UNB, Dhaka

Mentioning that 7,000-8,000 tonnes of onion will be brought from Egypt by the first week of November, Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi yesterday said there is no scope for its price to come down until the consignments arrive.

Talking to reporters after attending the launching event of Business Confidence Survey 2019 arranged by Business Initiative Leading Development (BUILD) at a Dhaka hotel, the minister further said, "Hopefully, there will be a positive impact on the market when the new consignments of onion arrive."

He said the landing cost of onion imported from Myanmar jumped to Tk 70 per kg yesterday, which was Tk 42 about 15 days ago.

Mentioning that they had to depend on the onion import from India to meet the deficit of 7-8 lakh tonnes in the country, Tipu Munshi said they are thinking of increasing local production to prevent such a crisis in future.

He, however, claimed that a group of unscrupulous businessmen is behind the artificial crisis of onion, saying some 2,000 businessmen have so far been fined across the country.

Meanwhile, the commerce ministry yesterday said onion market is expected to cool down within the next couple of days, when big consignments of onions enter the country.

Gazipur city set to get dev authority

Cabinet okays bill

UNB, Dhaka

The cabinet yesterday approved the draft of the Gazipur Development Authority (GDA) Bill 2019, with a view to making the fast-growing Gazipur city a planned, liveable and environment-friendly urban area.

The approval came from the weekly cabinet meeting held with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair at her office.

Outgoing Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiqul Alam briefed reporters at the Secretariat after the meeting.

The main job of GDA will be to formulate a mega-plan for city development and approve structural designs, he said.

There will be a 22-member board headed by a chairperson to run the GDA, he added.

Its jurisdiction will be Gazipur City Corporation as well as adjoining areas, to be fixed by government gazettes from time to time, said Shafiqul Alam.

Besides, the cabinet endorsed the draft of an agreement to be signed between Bangladesh and South Africa, regarding waiver of visa requirements for diplomatic and official passport holders.

The cabinet extended thanks to Shafiqul Alam for his services, as the cabinet secretary is going to join as alternative executive director of the World Bank for the next three years.

'COLONEL COMMANDANT' Army chief adorned with rank badge

BSS, Dhaka

Chief of Army Staff General Aziz Ahmed was adorned with the rank badge of 7th Colonel Commandant of the Corps of Engineers at Qadirabad Cantonment in Natore yesterday.

Senior Commanding Officer of the Corps of Engineers Lt Col Faruq and Senior Subedar (honorary captain) Maj Rashid adorned the army chief with the rank badge, said an ISPR press release.

Speaking at the event, Gen Aziz Ahmed urged all members of the Corps of Engineers to be prepared to cope with challenges, by acquiring skills through modern and time-befitting trainings.

Senior military officials of the army, civil dignitaries, as well as military and civil members of the corps were present on the occasion, the release added.

Child dies after fall from human haulier

3 killed, 2 hurt in other accidents

STAR REPORT

A seven-year-old girl died after she fell off a human haulier in Dhulihor area in Hossainpur upazila of Kishoreganj yesterday noon.

The deceased is Sahara Khatun, a first-grader. She was traveling with her uncle, said Sheikh Mustafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Hossainpur Police Station.

Locals rescued critically injured Sahara and took her to the upazila health complex. She was later referred to Kishoreganj General Hospital, but she died on the way.

Meanwhile, at least three people were killed and two injured in two districts during the last two days, our correspondents and a news agency report.

In Chattogram, night guard Md Azam, 35, was killed and two were injured after a truck overturned and fell off Dhaka-Chattogram highway at Foudjarhat of Sitakunda around 3:30am yesterday, said police.

Locals rushed the victims to Chattogram Medical College Hospital where doctors declared Azam dead.

In Rangpur, two people were killed after a bus hit their truck at Boldipukur Point in Mithapukur upazila on Sunday, said police.

The deceased are truck driver Rafikul Islam, 27, and his helper Shamu, 18.

On information, highway police rushed to the spot, recovered the bodies and seized the truck, but the bus driver fled the scene.

After completing necessary legal procedure, police handed the bodies over to their relatives.

Pabna univ students

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planning department; Kamal Hossain of BBA faculty and Yeahia Bepari of Economics -- recently commented on Facebook about a job aspirant at the university's history department.

On October 24, a conversation allegedly between the VC and job aspirant Monirul Islam went viral, where Monirul was heard asking back Tk 8 lakh from the VC as he did not pass the recruitment test.

During yesterday's demonstration, students also brought allegations of irregularities against the VC. They [three teachers] were show-caused for raising voice against corruption. Such irregularities will not be tolerated, said students.

Contacted, Kamrul Hasan, one of the teachers, said though he did not defame the VC, he would answer the notice.

"I just criticised the proctorial body as they failed to handle the issue properly considering the aspirant misbehaved with the VC."

When asked, VC Rostom Ali rejected the allegation of taking money from anyone. "It's a pre-planned conspiracy to tarnish my image" he said.

He termed the students' agitation an outcome of instigation by the three teachers. "They are creating such unrest to hide their faults," the vice chancellor added.

The VC also mentioned that teachers' recruitment process of the history department had been cancelled and a fresh circular in this regard will be published soon.

Meanwhile, Monirul claimed that he gave the money in two phases. He did not elaborate any further or want to continue the conversation.

'MARKET GRABBING, LOOTING' Jubo League leader among 13 sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A case was filed against a Jubo League leader and 13 others on Sunday for allegedly trying to grab a market and looting goods worth around Tk 77 lakh in Ashulia's Baipal area.

Market owner Alamgir Khan filed the case against four named and 10/12 unnamed people. Moinul Islam Bhuiyan, joint convener of Ashulia thana unit of Jubo League, was made prime accused, said police.

According to case statement, Alamgir built some 68 shops on his 39-decimal land and rented those out. On September 6, brandishing sharp weapons, the accused led by Moinul tried to take over the market and stole products worth Tk 76.92 lakh. They also threatened shop owners to leave.

Contacted, Moinul denied the allegations. He said he did not attack anyone and the case was filed to tarnish his image.

Rejaul Haque, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station, said they are looking into the matter.

Moinul was arrested on October 21 after another market owner filed a case against him with the police station over similar charges. He is now out on bail.

Contact

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The CAAB chief said, "We have installed CCTV camera at different points of the airport for monitoring."

He also said, in recent times passengers are getting their luggage within 25-45 minutes.

"We have installed complaint boxes at different corners of the airport, and we take immediate measures on the basis of complaints received in the boxes," he also said.

Biman spreads its

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Middle East, as there are significant prospects there.

Biman Board Chairman Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) Muhammad Enamul Bari, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Chairman Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman, and Biman Managing Director and CEO Mokabbir Hossain, among others, also spoke at the programme.

The national flag carrier will operate flights on Dhaka-Madina-Dhaka route three days a week -- Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Additionally, it will ply on the Chattogram-Madina-Chattogram route every Thursday.

Biman deployed its newly purchased Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner with a capacity of 271 seats, including 24 business and 247 economy, to operate the flights to Madina.

DAMAGING ENVIRONMENT

Karnaphuli Drydock fined Tk 50 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Department of Environment (DoE) in Chattogram yesterday fined Karnaphuli Drydock Tk 50 lakh for damaging the environment by building vessels at its dockyard at Anwara upazila without any approval.

According to the DoE, they slapped the dockyard with a fine of Tk one crore in a hearing held on June 22 this year but re-set the fine to Tk 50 lakh after an appeal from the drydock owner.

Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, regional director of Chattogram DoE told The Daily Star that Karnaphuli Drydock has been building vessels for the last one and a half years.

They did not obtain necessary permit from the DoE for doing so, he added.

According to a press release, the dockyard used at least 10,000 square feet of space to build at least 29 vessels, damaging life in the river close to the yard.

'Greta Green Global Day' at IUB

CITY DESK

A daylong event titled "Greta Green Global Day" was recently held at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on the university campus in Dhaka's Bashundhara residential area, said a press release.

The event was organised by Global Studies and Governance (GSG) programme of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at IUB.

The main focuses of the event were environmental and developmental issues.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) Program
Mobile Medical Units in Rural Areas in Bangladesh

Phase-II: Operation of Road based 05 MMUs in Bangladesh

A philanthropist (FAEL KHAIR) has entrusted to the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) a generous donation towards the program to supply and operate 75 Medical Mobile Units (MMUs) for Health Care in Rural Areas of Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Kirgizstan, Yemen and India. Ten (10) MMUs were assigned for Bangladesh. Among them, 5 of the Water based MMUs are under implementation and to be operated in various river routes in the rural areas. Phase-II will be for the implementation of the remaining 05 Road based MMUs.

The main objectives of the Phase-II of the MMUs in Bangladesh is to:

1. Provide essential quality of Primary, Preventive, Curative, Promotive and referral health services to the needy people in the designated rural areas.
2. Co-ordinate with the District Public Health Systems
3. Leverage synergies to achieve coherence in SDG strategy as applicable
4. Prevention and Control of communicable diseases.

The Fael Khair Program (FKP) of IsDB would like to invite eligible Service Providers (local or international NGOs) to indicate their interest in the implementation of Phase-II. Interested Service Providers must provide specific information which demonstrate that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The Service Provider should have at least an experience to fully manage/supervise the operation of health sector interventions in rural areas, preferably in Mobile Medical Clinics or medical campaign. This should include clinical & drug management, lab & equipment management, supply chain management, supervisions of manpower and resources and frequent reporting as well as support in selection of the MMUs supplier for Phase-II. The Operation of the MMUs will be for up to five years depending on the performance of the service provider. Phase-II will be implemented in rural areas of Bangladesh.

Service Providers may express interests in the forms of association, validated by an agreement among members of the association which clearly specifies the type of association, i.e. a joint-venture, intermediate forms of association, etc. The Service Providers will be shortlisted in accordance to the relevance of the task mentioned above. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below within 13 November 2019.

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ICT Carnival concludes at Daffodil univ

CITY DESK

The "2nd Daffodil ICT Carnival 2019" ended on Saturday on Daffodil International University's (DIU) permanent campus in Ashulia, said a press release.

Students of DIU and Daffodil Education Network participated in the carnival.

The first winning project was "Smart Home Automation System" by Abdullah Al Yamin, Samsuzzaman Mia and Prosenjit Bairagi.

The second winning project was "School 360" by Sazzadur Rahman, Rakibul Islam and Borhan Uddin.

Prof Sazzad Hossain -- member of information management of communication and training, University Grants Commission -- was present as the chief guest and distributed prizes among winners.

Dr Md Sabur Khan, chairman of DIU's Board of Trustees, was present as the guest of honour, and Prof Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, vice chancellor of DIU, presided over the event.

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