



This Tk 700 crore project to construct a highway from Sylhet to Companyganj uses Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC), for the first time in Bangladesh. Work hasn't finished yet, but cracks have already appeared on the road. The construction company attempted to cover the cracks with dirt near Sylhet Hi-tech Park, according to locals. The photos were taken on Monday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

JU teachers, students on strike for 2nd day

Demand removal of VC

JU CORRESPONDENT

Protesting teachers and students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) continued all-out strike programme for the second day demanding Vice Chancellor Farzana Islam's removal from her post.

Classes and examinations of different departments were barely held, as protesters took position in front of the buildings.

A section of the protesters sat under a marquee with a banner that read "VC removal platform."

A procession was brought out from administrative building, which ended at Shaheed Minar premises after parading the main streets of the campus.

Meanwhile, a three-member body of JU Teachers Association (Juta) yesterday sat with protesting students to resolve the ongoing crisis.

Protesters also vowed to continue their programme today. A concert and rally will be held today at the transport area in the evening while distinguished personalities will express solidarity with the protest, said the protesters.

Prof Rayhan Rhyne, spokesperson of the movement, announced the programme at a press briefing in front of JU old administrative building around 4pm.

Man gets life term for murdering wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A Khulna court yesterday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for killing his wife on August 13, 2014, at a rented house in Boyra Cross area of Khulna city.

The convict is Kalidas Adhikari, from Jashore. The court also fined him Tk 5,000.

Judge Md Mohiduzzaman of Khulna Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-3 gave the verdict in presence of Kalidas, after cross-examining all evidence and witnesses.

Victim's brother Kalayan Adhikari filed a case with Sonadanga Police Station on August 17, 2014.

Special Public Prosecutor Farid Ahmed, on behalf of the state, handled the case.

According to the case statement, Kalidas killed his wife Dipali Adhikari and went to India with his 14-year-old son. He then phoned his brother-in-law Kalayan two days later, informing him that Dipali could not be reached over phone.

The next morning, Kalayan went to the rented house and broke the door-lock in the presence of police and locals. After breaking in, they found Dipali's body with stab marks on her neck.

A total of 12 witnesses gave statements in the case. After the verdict, Kalidas' lawyer Md Khorshed Alom said they would appeal to the High Court.

3 girls rescued from traffickers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police yesterday arrested a member of a human-trafficking syndicate and rescued three teenage sisters from Narayanganj.

The arrestee, Jeba Begum, 45, used to live at a rented house at Jhalkuri area.

Police said the girls were locked up in Jeba's house; traffickers were planning to send them to Middle East.

After the rescue, elder sister of the victims filed a case with Siddhirganj Police Station, accusing three people, including Jeba, said Kamrul Faruk, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station.

The other accused are Murad Hossain, 54, and Shahdat Hossain, 53, who work at a travel agency in Dhaka, the OC said.

ACC appeals to SC seeking stay on Harun's bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed a petition with the Supreme Court seeking a stay on the High Court order that granted bail to BNP lawmaker Harunur Rashid in a corruption case in which he was jailed for five years.

Earlier on October 28, the HC granted six months' bail to Harunur Rashid in the corruption case, clearing the way for him to walk out of jail.

The HC also stayed the part of the lower court verdict that fined the Chapainawabganj-3 lawmaker Tk 50 lakh.

The bench of Justice Md Shaukat Hossain passed the order following an appeal filed by Harunur Rashid challenging the trial court verdict.

A Dhaka court on October 21 sentenced Harun to five years' imprisonment and fined him Tk 50 lakh in the case filed for tax evasion while importing a luxury car.

The tax was dodged by abusing the MP's duty-free car import facility, according to the case statement.

Hajee Danesh University 10 injured in BCL infighting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least 10 students of Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) of Dinajpur were injured during Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) infighting at the campus on Monday night.

They injured are Rahat Ali, 23; Abu Sayed, 22; Sagir Ahmed, 21; Riad Hossain, 21; Mithu, 21; Sabbir Hossain, 26; Sayeed Hossain, 25; Atiqur Rahman, 21; Tanmoy, 21, and Imran Hossain, 21.

They were students of different departments of the university.

According to campus sources, there was tension between BCL leaders of Sheikh Russel and Zia dormitories of HSTU for the last couple of days over establishing supremacy. On Monday, the clash erupted at the campus at around 8:30pm, which continued for an hour. Later, resident teachers of the university brought the situation under control.

Police tried to get to the campus but failed, as they could not get permission

from the HSTU authorities immediately.

The injured were taken to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital in Dinajpur around 10pm. Fazlul Haque, registrar of HSTU, visited the injured students.

A tense environment prevailed in the campus yesterday.

Talking to The Daily Star, the registrar said a five-member probe body, led by Prof Bhabotosh Chandra Roy, was formed to investigate the incident.

The committee was asked to submit its report within a week.

On the other hand, a number of students, mostly BCL activists, yesterday confined the registrar in his room for an hour demanding that he publishes a recruitment circular for teachers and employees.

They locked the registrar in his room around 12pm, which was later opened after the registrar managed to convince the students.

The registrar, however, denied to provide names of the students.

Kamrul Ahsan new BRTA chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Kamrul Ahsan, an additional secretary to Road Transport and Highways Division, has been appointed as the chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

The Ministry of Public Administration yesterday issued a gazette in this regard.

Kamrul Ahsan has additionally been serving as the BRTA chairman since the then chairman Moshir Rahman was released from his post on October 22.

Established in 1987, BRTA deals with vehicle registrations, issuance and renewal of driving licences, fitness of vehicles, and route permit for commercial vehicles through its 57 district and five metro offices.

'PRESSURE ON MYANMAR FOR ROHINGYA REPATRIATION' Momen seeks Italy's support

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has sought a stronger pressure to be put on Myanmar by the international community to make sure that Myanmar takes the Rohingyas back in a "safe, dignified and sustainable" manner on an urgent basis.

Bangladesh is now hosting over 1.1 million Rohingyas who have fled their homeland in Rakhine State of Myanmar after being persecuted by their own state.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, during his visit to Italy on Monday, discussed the issue and stressed that the international community needs to take urgent steps to resolve the crisis, said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangladesh yesterday.

Two attempts of Rohingya repatriation went unsuccessful as Myanmar "failed to remove trust deficit" among Rohingyas and "lack of conducive environment" in Rakhine State for their return.

On October 24, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Yanghee Lee called for sanctions on Myanmar military-run companies and commanders responsible for serious rights violations.

Dr Momen, who is on an official trip to Europe, met Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy Manlio De Stefano

Manlio at the Italian Foreign Ministry and World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director David Beasley in Rome on Monday and raised the issue.

The foreign minister also briefed Manlio De Stefano on the Rohingya crisis, and emphasised that the international community needs to put strong pressure on Myanmar for taking back the Rohingyas from Bangladesh in a safe, dignified and sustainable manner on an urgent basis.

The Italian undersecretary of state commended the humanitarian role of Bangladesh in providing shelter to Rohingyas, and informed that the government of Italy strongly supports the cause of Rohingyas.

He assured that Italy, both within the EU and also separately, will keep pursuing for early resolution of Rohingya crisis.

At a separate meeting, Foreign Minister Dr Momen said the WFP needs to do more for "voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable" return of Rohingyas to their homeland in Myanmar.

Dr Momen appreciated the longstanding relationship between Bangladesh and the WFP involved in humanitarian assistance to Rohingyas in the camps in Cox's Bazar.

President of the WFP Executive Board

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PHOTO OF THE DAY

SHEIKH NASIR



A white-breasted waterhen (dahuk) is put in a cage for sale at Dirai Bazar in Sunamganj. The native bird was poached from its natural habitat, although it is a punishable offence to buy and sell wild birds. The photo was taken recently.



DEATH BY GARBAGE... These trees in Bamoil area of the capital's Demra have died in the last one year due to dumping of waste, locals say. Conservancy workers of Dhaka South City Corporation have been using this government property as a landfill, piling up all kinds of rubbish including a large volume of plastic and polythene, they added. The stench spreading from the spot also fouls up the area far and wide. The photo was taken earlier this week.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Seven sued over medicine shop owner's death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Seven people including a ward councillor have been sued on charge of killing a medicine shop owner in Barishal.

Shirin Begum, 30, was declared dead at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH) on early Monday, hours after she had fallen sick at her medicine shop in the city's Steamer Ghat area, said police.

Later in the day, her brother Yousuf Ali Mridha filed the case with Kotwali Police Station accusing ATM Shahidullah Kabir, councillor of ward-10; and Moshir Rahman Maruf, Shelly, Rony, Kayes, Alo, and Jony, who also run a pharmacy in the area, said Officer-in-Charge Nurul Islam.

The body of Shirin, a divorcee and mother of a son, was brought to SBMCH morgue for autopsy, said Rashedul Islam, a ward master of the hospital.

OC (investigation) Asaduzzaman said, two hours before her death, she said don Facebook live that the seven persons conspired to grab her shop.

The police officer said she had been frustrated since she was jailed by a mobile court that found expired medicine at her shop.

On Facebook live, the woman also said the seven hatched conspiracy behind her imprisonment, said the OC.

No arrest was made till yesterday.

PUST students continue protest

Demand scrapping of show-cause notice to teachers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Students of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) continued protesting for the second consecutive day yesterday over show-cause notice to three teachers for "raising voice against corruption and irregularities by the authorities."

Agitated students placed 12-point demand to the university authorities seeking proper investigation into the viral audio clip where allegedly a job seeker demands his bribe money be returned.

Angry students besieged the PUST administrative building yesterday morning and locked the main gate of the university. They demanded that an investigation committee be formed over the incident.

"There are many problems in the university. We want proper investigation in connection with the audio clip that has been circulating," said Mahamud Chowdhury Asif, president of PUST unit BCL.

However, vice chancellor of PUST told journalists that he did not take any bribe and this is nothing but a conspiracy.

Asked about the students' protest, the VC said the university authorities will take necessary steps to fulfill the logical demands.

Farmuzul Huq's 57th death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 57th death anniversary of Farmuzul Huq, a dedicated soul against foreign rule in undivided India, and later the repressive rule of Pakistan.

After obtaining his bachelor's degree from BM College in 1925, Farmuzul undertook a daring solo trek (without a single penny in his pocket) from Chattogram to Kolkata.

With the political tempo in India coming to a boil, he worked with a number of leading personalities of Bengal, like AK Fazlul Huq, Hussain Shahid Suhrawardy, Maulana Akram Khan, Abul Hashem and others to form the Bengal Provincial Muslim League and took up responsibilities first as its office secretary, later concurrently as



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