



Road digging work on Singapore Road in East Madartek has left locals in a fix. Residents say some have had their utility lines disrupted due to the work, while a transformer pole has begun to tilt. Locals have used bamboo to keep it in place. The photo was taken yesterday.

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## Serve people

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“Well-off individuals and organisations should contribute in meeting basic rights of underprivileged people alongside the government,” Malek said. “People will smile only when they get their five basic rights fulfilled,” she added.  
MA Malek, editor of leading local daily Dainik Azadi, said members of Lion’s Club have been working in the country to serve the distressed since 1962.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, was present as chief guest at the event.

“One should not serve people for receiving rewards, nor for recognition, power or honour,” he said. “Service should be delivered in such a way that the person receiving it feels dignified.”

He said Bangladesh survives because of rivers. “As a matter of fact, the land of the country is a result of the alluvial of the river through thousands of years, but we are polluting our rivers everyday,” he said, adding that polluting rivers is equal to polluting one’s blood vessel.

## Don’t compromise

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on institutions or students,” he said.  
Terming graduates worthy human resources, the president said development and progress of Bangladesh depend on them. “Your knowledge, talent and wisdom will be the main driving force in this regard,” Hamid told new graduates.  
He asked them to uphold truth and justice. Describing graduates as conscious citizens of the state, he called on them to remain alert.

He also reminded them that the country’s people paid for their education and therefore, they owe them a debt of gratitude. “It’s time to clear that debt. If you can benefit the country and people with your talents and honesty, that debt will be paid off,” he said.

A total of 3,432 graduates registered their names in the convocation. Of them, 666 are from 10 departments under arts

faculty; 89 from law department under law faculty; 377 from eight departments under science faculty; 505 from four departments under business studies and 582 from nine departments under social sciences.

Besides, 310 graduates are from six departments under life and earth sciences faculty; 85 from four departments under agriculture; 135 from five departments under engineering and 43 are from two departments under fine arts.

At the convocation, six other graduates also registered their names for post-graduation, MPhil and PhD degrees, while 511 for MBBS and 123 for BDS degrees.

West Bengal’s Vidyasagar University Vice Chancellor Prof Ranjan Chakrabarti attended the event as the convocation speaker, where Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni was special guest. RU VC M Abdus Sobhan and Rajshahi city Mayor Khairuzzaman Liton were also present.

## DRU elects new leaders

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vice-president with 488 votes, while his nearest rival Rashedul Haq bagged 441 votes. Habibur Rahman of Shomoyer Alo was elected organising secretary with 648 votes, and his nearest rival was Mainul Hossain with 626 votes.

Other elected office bearers are financial secretary Ziaul Haque Sabuz (unopposed), office secretary Zafar Iqbal (645 votes), women affairs secretary Rita Nahar (unopposed), publicity and publications secretary Maidur Rahman Rubel (643), ICT and training secretary Shakhawat Hossain Sumon (696), sports secretary Mujibur

Rahman (703), cultural secretary Mizan Chowdhury (665), reception secretary HM Akter (unopposed) and welfare secretary Khalid Saifullah (unopposed).

Mainul Ahsan, SM Mizan, Ahmed Mushfika Naznin, Kamruzzaman Bablu, Imam Hossain Maujinder, M Murad Hossain and Sayeed Abdul Malik, were elected members of the new committee.

Amid huge enthusiasm and festivity, 1,329 voters out of 1,635 cast votes to elect DRU’s executive committee for 2020.

The election was held at the Sagar-Runi auditorium of DRU from 9am to 5pm without any break.

## 1 killed

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at the intensive care unit (ICU), said Shajahan Mia, sub-inspector of Hasara Police Outpost on Dhaka-Mawa highway.

He succumbed to his injuries at around 4pm yesterday. He left behind his wife and three daughters, said the police officer.

Earlier on November 22, at least nine people, including six members of a family, were killed and three others injured as a wedding party’s vehicle collided with a bus at Shoalghar area under Sreenagar upazila in Munshiganj.

Jahangir was a cousin of the bridegroom.

## 32 lakh tonnes of goods

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Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) President Mahbubul Alam said importers would have to bear huge financial losses as they would have to count demurrage for overstay of the lighter vessels and mother vessels.

Besides, there is a risk of damage of the goods for not being unloaded timely, said Alam adding that the delay would also hamper the supply chain of transport as well as production at the industries.

Abul Bashar Chowdhury, chairman of leading port-city based commodity importer BSM Group, said 15 lighter vessels containing their goods were stuck at jetties across the country, and they had to pay Tk 25,000 per lighter vessel for one day’s overstay till yesterday.

Biswajit Saha, director of Dhaka-based

## Displaced by

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an evicted woman from Gabindaganj, said the government wanted to give them houses under a shelter project away from their ancestral land. “But we don’t want to go there. We want our ancestral land back,” she said.

Addressing the programme, economist Prof Anu Muhammad said people living in other ongoing development project areas taken by the government have been facing similar challenges.

He said the way the government was implementing the projects would only help increase the number of displaced people due to development.

Transparency International Bangladesh Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said while undertaking development projects, the government has to make sure that affected people are getting due compensation.

On Matarbari project, Supreme Court lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua said development project there put locals in identity crisis as they lost their traditional occupations while their life has also been hampered.

Decision regarding development projects has to be taken through discussion with those for who the purpose of development is, said noted rights activist Sultana Kamal.

She said locals’ accounts reflected that this was not being followed in Matarbari project.

Environmental lawyer Syeda Rizwana Hasan said land acquisition for Rampal power plant was completed before conducting an environmental impact assessment. She urged the government to cancel the coal-based project to save the world’s largest mangrove forest.

Rights activist Khushi Kabir and Prof CR Abrar were also present, among others.



A bus overturned yesterday on Dhaka-Khulna highway after the driver lost control of the vehicle and hit a motorbike, killing one and injuring 11. Story on page 5.

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## Final exam postponed

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alleged that Yasin Mia gave directives to halt the scheduled examinations. Headteacher of the school Saidur Rahman told The Daily Star, “The exams scheduled for the morning were held. Only examinations to be held at noon were rescheduled for December 12.”

Asked about the cancellation of exams without notice, he claimed that students were informed on November 28 about the postponement of the exam.

Asked why he had allowed the event to be held, he said “We did not tell them [organisers] anything as they told us that a doa mahfil would be held for Bangabandu and his family members.”

Yasin Mia could not be reached over phone despite repeated attempts via phone calls and text messages. At one point, an unknown woman identifying herself as a daughter of Yasin Mia picked up the phone. “I’m outside now and have my father’s phone with me,” she told this correspondent before hanging up.

## A first-time

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Milan Debnath, a private service holder, with a kilo of onions and a big smile on his face. “I wanted to buy two kgs, but they gave me only one. But I am still happy, as I bought one kilo of onion from a grocery shop near my house for Tk 180 on Friday,” said Milan.

Milan said he had to wait for half an hour in the queue before he could reach the salesperson. “This is for the first time that I stood in the queue on the road to buy daily essentials at a cheaper rate,” he said.

Milan said at first, he was a little hesitant, but seeing a number of his neighbours in the queue made it easier. This correspondent found the onions sold by TCB trucks to be larger than usual.

Jamal Uddin Ahmed, regional head of TCB in Chattogram, said a total of 10 trucks were selling onion in 10 points of the city yesterday, with each truck selling one tonne a day. Asked about the size of onions, he said those were imported from Turkey.

“Our open market selling operations will continue until further notice,” he said.

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