

BHASHANI SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY 'Stop chopping trees planted by Bhashani'

Demands human chain in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Protesting felling of trees on the Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University campus, people from all strata of life formed a human chain in Tangail town yesterday.

They said the trees were planted and looked after by Bhashani himself but the university authorities are felling those in name of road expansion.

Protesters brought out a procession in front of Tangail Press Club against alleged corruption by the university vice chancellor.

Family members of Bhasani; teachers and staffers of educational institutions and organisations established by him; leaders and activists of political parties, and locals participated in the events.

They said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked people not to cut trees and plant more to protect the environment, but the university authorities are doing the opposite.

Some 54 trees were being felled, they said. Laying the university's foundation stone in 1999, the PM had instructed to preserve the institutions established by Bhasani and his memorabilia, said participants.

However, the university authorities as per

the VC's direction are not following the PM's direction, they alleged.

The speakers also alleged that VC Dr Md Alauddin embezzled crores of taka from the university's development projects and through illegal recruitment.

They warned of tougher movement if tree felling is not stopped immediately and demanded proper investigation into the alleged corruption by the VC.

Moderated by Mahmudul Haque Shanu, grandson of Bhasani and general secretary of Bhashani Foundation; poet Bulbul Khan Mahub, president of Bhasani Parishad; Abdur Razzak and Waheduzzaman Moti, president and general secretary of district unit of Communist Party of Bangladesh respectively and Hasrat Khan Bhasani, another grandson of Bhasani and president of NAP (Bhasani), among others, attended the events.

Contacted, VC Alauddin said the trees were being felled to implement an approved masterplan on campus and widen its roads.

New trees will be planted on both sides of the roads, he said, denying the corruption allegations against him.



Trees that have given shade to the Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University for decades are being chopped down, supposedly for development works. Inset, protesting the move, locals formed a human chain in front of Tangail Press Club yesterday.

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US-Bangla to resume Dubai-Dhaka flights from June 18

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US-Bangla Airlines is going to resume flights on Dubai-Dhaka route from June 18.

Initially, one weekly flight will operate on this route due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, the airline said in a press release.

The flight will leave Dubai for Dhaka every Friday at 10:30pm local time, and land at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka at 5am Bangladesh time the next day.

The flight will use Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

Every passenger is mandated to travel with a negative Covid-19 test certificate.

In addition to the Dubai-Dhaka route, US-Bangla currently operates on Muscat-Dhaka, Doha-Dhaka, Kuala Lumpur-Dhaka, and Guangzhou-Dhaka routes.

Khulna's lone

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"My father had to wait outside the hospital for three hours while he was having breathing complications," said his son Rashedul. He was able to get admitted around 3:30pm.

Dr Mehedi Nawaz, vice principal of Khulna Medical College, said they do not have logistical support at the hospital to cope with the rush of

patients.

He said they would need another such unit there.

"Also, the number of doctors and nurses has to be increased. Otherwise, it will be difficult to handle the rush," he added.

So far, 294 people have died in the division from Covid-19.



People queue up in front of Khulna Medical College Hospital's 100-bed coronavirus hospital to get tested yesterday. Though meant for 100 people, till yesterday morning, 130 people were admitted at the unit, while several others were trying to get a bed.

PHOTO: STAR

Two teens raped in Narayanganj

Four of 5 accused arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'GANJ

Two teenage girls were raped in Bandar upazila of Narayanganj on Tuesday, said police.

Md Berek, sub-inspector of Bandar Police Station, said one of the victims filed a case with the police station early yesterday naming five accused.

Police arrested four yesterday from Islambagh area of the upazila, he added.

The arrestees are: Sifat Hossain (18) from Siddhirganj; Shakib Hossain (24) from Islambagh; Sifat Hossain (21) from Kushiara; and Naeem Mia (24) from Islampur.

Berek, also the case's investigating officer, told The Daily Star that the two girls went to hang out with the five accused on Tuesday afternoon.

Later, they all went to Shakib's house in the evening, where the teenagers were raped by two of the accused, he added.

Both the girls informed their family members about the incident later that night and one of them filed a case against the five accused around 2am yesterday, he said.

Dipak Chandra Saha, officer-in-charge of Bandar Police Station, said the two victims have been sent to Narayanganj General Hospital for medical examination.

After the arrestees admitted to the crime during initial interrogation by police, they were sent to the court yesterday afternoon for recording confessional statements under Section 164, the OC added.

Publish gender

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BMP president Dr Fauzia Moslem presided over the event.

She urged the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs to be more proactive in preventing gender-based violence and called upon the Ministry of Education to work in a more coordinated manner to curb girls' dropout rate and prevent child marriage.

Speakers also said although the price of sanitary napkins has been reduced, still marginalised women require those at a subsidised price, which can be provided through public-private partnerships.

They also said priority should be given to organisations that are working on combatting gender-based violence, ensure skill development training for transgender people, and children under school feeding programmes of the government must receive dry foods to meet their nutrition demands.

The event was moderated by BMP central committee vice-president Rekha Chowdhury, also its acting movement secretary.

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"I've been in this business since I was 10 years old. I accompanied my father to his business during the British period, and after independence, I took the helm. Those were the rosy days of our lives," he said.

According to him, the frequent changes in curriculum puts a negative impact on his business. "On top of that, the closure [of educational institutions] has completely destroyed me. My brothers are helping me with money to run my family," said Monirul, his voice choking as he spoke.

The prolonged closure is also devastating age-old publishers.

Many grew up reading "Adarsha Lipi" of Dhakaswari Library, which has been in business since independence while many have graduated reading the publisher's books at intermediate and honours levels.

Talking to this correspondent on May 6, Shambhu Nath Ghosh, director of Dhakaswari Library, said it has become difficult to take home Tk 1,500 a week. "Today, I sold a book at Tk 680; the order was placed online. Yesterday [May 05], I sold books worth only Tk 200."

Books worth lakhs were stacked up in his library. "I cannot go for publication unless these are sold," he said. Kazal Book Depot's supervisor Sanjoy Sarker said their daily sales have dropped to Tk 10,000 from Tk 1 lakh.

Asked, Bangladesh Publishers and Booksellers Association vice president Shamal Paul said they have 26,000 members across the country. "If we suppose that each member's daily sales are Tk 10,000 [during the pandemic], then business worth around Tk 11,000 crore was disrupted in the last 14 months."

"It's a huge loss. We could neither ask the government to open educational institutions, nor bear the sufferings," he said.

Not only the publishers or book sellers, but workers at binding houses, those involved in printing, inking and composing, and marketing officers are also going through tough times, he added.

39 beds

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20-bed Rangpur Chest Disease Hospital, 31-bed Haragach hospital), 50 in Kurigram (Modern Sadar Hospital), 96 in Lalmonirhat (12-bed Nursing Institution, 64-bed Lalmonirhat Govt College Hostel, 20-bed Railway Hospital, Lalmonirhat), 50 in Dinajpur (M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital), 50 in Panchagarh (Sadar Hospital in Panchagarh), 100 in Thakurgaon (Sadar Hospital), 80 in Gaibandha (Sadar Hospital) and 100 beds in Nilphamari (new building of 250-bed Sadar Hospital).

Of them, M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital in Dinajpur has 16 ICU beds while Children Hospital in Rangpur has 10 ICU beds.

Talking to this correspondent, civil surgeons of these districts urged the health ministry to set up ICUs in their areas.

Dr AM Aktaruzzaman, civil surgeon of Gaibandha, said his office wrote a letter to the authorities concerned to allocate ICU beds in the district.

He, however, said they also need logistical and manpower support to make the ICU functional.

Dr Fazlur Rahman, civil surgeon of Panchagarh, echoed him.

"We refer the critical Covid patients to M Abdur Rahim Hospital in Dinajpur for ICU support," he added.

Hospitals in the districts also need steady oxygen supply, the civil surgeons said.

At least 419 people have died till Wednesday, since March last year, in the division.

Three killed, five injured in road crashes

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed in separate road accidents across three districts yesterday, report our correspondents.

In Mymensingh Sadar upazila, at least two passengers of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw were killed and three others were injured in a road accident at Shambhuganj Rashidpur area on the Mymensingh-Netrakona road.

The deceased were identified as Babul Mia (42), of Darampasha in Sunamganj, and Ripon Mia (30) of Mohanganj upazila in Netrakona.

Quoting locals, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station Md Firoz Talukder said the accident took place around 3pm when a Netrakona-bound bus collided head-on with the auto-rickshaw, killing two passengers on the spot and injuring three others.

The injured passengers were immediately taken to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH), said the OC.

Police have seized the bus but its driver managed to flee the scene. A case has been lodged in this regard.

In Sirajganj, a van puller was killed when a speeding bus hit his van at the Hatikumrul intersection in Ullapara upazila.

Deceased Md Ashraful Islam (38) hailed from the upazila's Amdanga village.

Officer-in-Charge of Hatikumrul highway police Md Shajahan said the accident took place around 10am when Ashraful was crossing the Bonpara-Hatikumrul highway with his three wheeler. He died on the spot after the bus hit him.

The driver of the bus fled the scene with the vehicle, he added.

In Munshiganj, four people, including a pedestrian, were critically injured when a covered van fell off Muktarpur Bridge breaking its railing.

The injured have been admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Md Bazlur Rahman, inspector of Munshiganj Sadar Traffic Police.

The covered van fell from the bridge as its driver was trying to avoid an oncoming auto-rickshaw which suddenly changed its lane. The accident occurred around 10am, the official said.

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The crewmembers left the trawler sometime before midnight, and the trawler sank later, he said.

There was no report of collision at the area, and the weather was calm that night, he said.

Mohammad Mominul Islam Bhuiyan, superintendent of police (SP) of River Police, Chattogram region, who visited the area in the afternoon, said they would investigate into the incident.

Bangladesh Coast Guard East Zone Staff Officer (Operation) Habibur Rahman said on information, a Coast Guard team went to the spot at 6am, but the trawler completely capsized before the team reached there.

The spot is in the territory of Chattogram Port.

Chattogram Port Authority Secretary Md Omar Faruk said they would demarcate the area with floating buoys.

They already informed Mercantile Marine Department to investigate into the matter.

Three arrested with cannabis edibles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday seized a consignment of cannabis brownies and arrested three youths for selling, preparing, and consuming those from the capital's Mohammadpur.

A team of Dhaka Metropolitan Police's Detective Branch seized 40 marijuana brownies weighing 1.5kg and arrested Kafil Wara Rafid, Risalat Hossain, and delivery worker Saif.

DB officials said they found out about it while investigating the ongoing LSD case. The arrested youths are involved in selling the edibles through social media, said Mishu Biswas, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of DB, who led the arrest operation.

Recently, while investigating the death of DU student Hafizur Rahman, DB police found a LSD-trade circle, who sold LSD through a closed group on Facebook.

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in United States of America continues to be at the top spot, 10th year in a row, followed by the University of Oxford, Stanford University, University of Cambridge, and Harvard University, in the top five.

Twenty-six Asian universities were named in the global top 100 in the latest ranking like the previous year, the highest number from this continent till date.

In Asia, the top two universities are National University of Singapore and

Nanyang Technological University, also in Singapore, at the 11th and 12th spots in the global rankings respectively.

Eight Indian and three Pakistani institutes have made it to the top 500 in the latest rankings.

The QS ranking is the only international ranking to have received the International Ranking Expert Group (IREG) approval, and is viewed as one of the three most widely read university rankings in the world, along with the Academic Ranking of World Universities and Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

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