

# ‘Reopen universities immediately’

*Demand echoes in DU, RU; students in Barishal city want removal of ‘unfair’ fees*

STAR REPORT

In a day marked by sudden student protests, Dhaka University, Rajshahi University, and Barishal city saw demonstrations, protesting several issues related to campus reopening and session charges.

In Dhaka University, Pragatishil Chattrajote, an alliance of leftist student organisations, brought out a rally and announced their plans for symbolic classes on August 22.

The rally was held at DU’s Raju Memorial Sculpture, reports our DU correspondent.

“The symbolic class programme will be held with teachers and students across the country on August 22 at 11am. Centrally, it will be held at Dhaka University campus,” said Rashed Shahriar, co-ordinator of the alliance.

“Educational institutions have been closed for almost a year and a half. About 50 million students are living in extreme uncertainty. They are facing various financial-academic-psychological and family crises,” he said.

“About 30 percent of them have already dropped out. But surprisingly, we noticed the government and the educational institutions are not standing by these students,” he added.

Along with this announcement, they demanded ensuring vaccination for all and ending “corruption” in coronavirus vaccine purchase, mismanagement in the mass vaccination programme, reopening of educational institutions with vaccination for students, and waiver of all fees.

Nasir Uddin Prince, general secretary of Somajtantrik Chattrajote Front, and Mohammad Faizullah, president of Bangladesh Students’ Union, also spoke at the event.

After the rally, a procession went around the university campus and ended at TSC.

In Rajshahi University, an associate professor of mass communication and journalism department held a symbolic class under a campus tree in protest of the prolonged Covid-induced closure of educational institutions.

Following the programme, left leaning student organisations announced to organise symbolic classes on August 22 across the country, demanding reopening

of all educational institutions, reports our RU correspondent.

Earlier on Friday, Prof Abdullah Al Mamun declared on social media of his plans to meet students in front of the Rabindranath Tagore academic building for a week if classes don’t resume immediately.

A total of 15 students from different departments were present during his symbolic class, maintaining health guidelines. The class was also attended by other teachers who spoke to the attendance after the session, criticising the government decision to keep universities closed for so long.

Over at Barishal city, a group of intermediate and honours level students held demonstrations and blockaded roads yesterday, protesting session charges and demanding waiver.

The protesters said although no classes are being held, educational institutions are asking them for session charges, reports our Barishal correspondent

In the morning, agitated students of Government Women’s College and City College blocked the Sadar Road in front of Ashwini Kumar Hall from 11am to 1pm.

They staged a sit-in there with various banners outlining their demands, which primarily focused on waiving “unfair” and exorbitant session charges.

The students said if the authorities do not accept their demands, they will go for stronger movements.

An agitating student of Barishal City College said some of them have been charged with up to Tk 15,000, which is impossible for them to pay given the current circumstances.

Principal of Barishal City College Sujit Hawlader said, “The instructions were handed down by the National University following approval of the governing body. We have very little to do with this, so we will convey the students’ demands to the higher authorities.”

On March 17, 2020, the government closed all educational institutions to check the spread of coronavirus. The closure -- recently extended till August 31 -- has led to cancellation of exams and left academic calendars in disarray.



Students blocked the road in front of Barishal city's Ashwini Kumar Hall and staged a sit-in there yesterday. Labelling session charges imposed on them “unfair”, they called for waiver, holding up banners emblazoned with their demands. In RU, *bottom right*, a teacher held a symbolic class and demanded the reopening of the campus, while in DU, students brought out a procession with the same demand. PHOTOS: TITU DAS, COLLECTED

## She got

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homes in Satkhira before being sent across the border. The gang had been trafficking victims to India for the last eight to 10 years, the official said.

The three were earlier arrested for the same offense, he said, adding that families of many victims have contacted Rab to file cases against them.

## Why it should

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the reports, the media has been flooded with comments that blame the victim.

BTRC and Bangladesh Press Council, however, have not taken any steps to stop their operation, said the petitioners.

They also stated in the petition that there are provisions under the Press Council Act, 1974 and National Broadcasting Policy, 2014 for formulating an ethical code of conduct and a broadcasting commission for the media, but those were not implemented.

Deputy Attorney General Nawroz MR Chowdhury represented the state during hearing of the petition yesterday.

## Dr Latif passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

Dr Abu Hamid Latif, former professor of Education and Research Institute of Dhaka University, passed away at a hospital in Dhaka yesterday. He was 86.

He left behind his wife, two daughters, three grandsons and numerous friends and well-wishers.

Dr Latif was the introducer of the country's non-formal education. He wrote several books on the issue. He was son-in-law of educationist Abul Fazle. He was buried in Mirpur Intellectuals' Graveyard after namaz-e-janaza.



## SERVING JAIL TIME BY PROXY

# HC seeks inquest, post-mortem reports on Minu Akhter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday wanted to examine the inquest and post-mortem reports of Minu Akhter -- who had been serving a jail sentence in place of convicted Kulsuma Akhter in connection with a murder case -- along with the confessional statement of Kulsuma.

After spending three years in jail, Minu died in a road crash on June 28 this year, 10 days after her release from Chattogram Central Jail, following an order issued by this court on June 7.

The HC also summoned the investigation officers (IO) of the cases yesterday. One of the cases was filed over the death of Minu, while

the other was filed against Kulsuma Akhter for killing apparel worker Kohinur Begum.

Kohinur was killed in her rented house in port city's Rahmatganj area on July 9, 2006.

The HC bench of Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim and Justice Md Atoar Rahman passed the order during the hearing of an appeal filed by Kulsuma and a petition filed seeking necessary directives on behalf of Minu Akhter.

The HC bench also summoned three lawyers from Chattogram's Nari o Shishu Nirjaton Daman Tribunal and a lawyer-assistant (clerk) to appear before this court on September 1 to explain whether there was any fraudulent practice or whether they

had any involvement in sending Minu to jail instead of Kulsuma.

The three lawyers are -- public prosecutor of Chattogram Nari o Shishu Nirjaton Daman Tribunal MA Naser and his junior lawyers Nurul Anwar and Bibekananda. The lawyer assistant is Md Saurav.

During hearing yesterday, Minu's lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir told the HC that he has doubt regarding the death of his client after police refused to give him the inquest and post-mortem reports.

Lawyer Montaz Uddin Ahmed Mehedi appeared for the Chattogram lawyers while Deputy Attorney General Sarwar Hossain Bappi represented the state.

## Stop the blame game

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“They are supposed to be cleaned by the city corporations, but they are not doing their job.”

“There's no other place in the world that's having such a difficult time with mosquitoes. But instead of effective control measures, our city corporations are bringing out rallies. Let alone helping with dengue-control, this is a waste of precious public money,” he said.

“Sure, people have their part to play as well, but only indoors. That they're not doing that effectively is also a failure of the city corporation's awareness programmes.”

Entomologist Prof Kabirul Bashir of Jahangirnagar University said, “If the city corporations managed to clean the containers and tyres lying inside the nooks and crannies of the city, while citizens took care of their own premises, the dengue threat wouldn't have become so massive.”

Despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not get in touch with the DSCC mayor.

However, when asked, DSCC public relations officer and spokesperson Md Abu Naser said, “People with this kind of opinions either do not know about the reality or are denying it willfully. Experts will provide different interpretations during different times, we cannot listen to everything they say.”

When asked about the efforts that have been taken in order to clean government establishments, he said, “We cannot clean every single place. This is why we called upon people to keep their own establishments clean.”

When DNCC mayor Md Atiqul Islam was asked whether the areas in question go through effective cleaning regularly, he said, “We are putting in all our effort, but we also need people's support. If they could even identify one unattended tyre or container lying around and inform us, we would take action right away.”

(Translated from Bangla by Mohammed Ishiaque Khan)

## HC questions earth

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The company has no environmental clearance certificates from the DC or the Department of Environment for establishing the housing project at the area, he said.

Citing a report published on The Daily Star on August 5, lawyer Shanjid said Dhamrai police have arrested 11 officials and employees of the housing project on various charges including land grabbing in Dhamrai.

The arrestees are Sohag Mia (23), Aminul Islam (38), Sujon Hossain (22), Nasir Uddin (37), Shafiqul Islam (28), Russell (22), Saiful Islam (34), Alamgir Hawlader (31), Nannu Sheikh (23), Masud Rana (18), and Md Hossain (33).

Locals claimed that officials of the project were forcibly filling up lands that had already been purchased by others, said the inspector, adding that the housing project officials have harassed local protesters, including landowners, according to The Daily Star report.

## Biman offered

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“The latest talks between an air-charter company and I took place on August 14. But nothing was finalised,” said a Biman official.

The Biman official also said around 180 Afghan students studying at different educational institutions in Bangladesh are also trying to come to Dhaka.

## Raushan

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the past several months, Mamun said.

In separate statements, Raushan's son Rahgir Almahe Ershad and Deputy Leader of the Opposition GM Quader requested the country's people to pray for Raushan's recovery.

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