

Farhana stays as Rabindra univ teacher

Asked to refrain from academic activities for 3 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Authorities of Rabindra University have decided to keep teacher Farhana Yasmin Baten -- accused of forcibly cutting students' hair -- away from the university's academic and administrative activities for three years.

However, she gets to stay in the post of teacher at the university.

The university's administration hoped that this decision will end the instability at the university, which has been going on for more than two months.

Farhana has been asked to refrain from all academic and administrative activities for 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 academic sessions, said a press release issued on Sunday night.

Registrar Md Sohrab Ali told The Daily Star, "The decision has been taken based on the opinions of the syndicate and academic committee."

Proctor Rawshan Alam said, "The academic activities of the university have been hampered due to the instability for the last two months. We hope the activities will start soon, after the final decision by authorities."

Farhana on September 29 stepped down from the posts of head of the Department of History, Culture and Bangladesh Studies, and member of proctorial body and syndicate.

The development came following the students' demonstration, demanding her termination, as she ordered haircuts for at least 13 students against their will. On September 26, Farhana asked the university staff to cut the hair of those who had long hair before entering the examination hall.

Buried in borrowings

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to borrow," he said, adding that he accumulated a debt of Tk 45,000, while another fisher he knows has debts amounting to Tk 2 lakh. "A rise in fishing expenditures only confirms that riverine fish have become posh dishes," said Prof ABM Mohsin of Department of Fisheries at Rajshahi University, implying that the price might go "beyond the reach of the middle and low-income group of people."

Alok Kumar Saha, deputy director of Department of Fisheries, said he has informed high officials regarding the fishers' plight.

According to the Department of Fisheries, eight districts of Rajshahi division have around 1.40 lakh fishers, and 70 percent of them catch fish from 33 rivers, supplying 20 percent of the division's total annual fish output of five lakh tonnes.



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e-Tender Notice-03/2021-22

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Package No.	e-Tender ID No.	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time	Opening date & time
01	Furniture supply for 118 Nos. Class Room and 13 Nos. Teachers Room of selected 29 Nos. of Govt. Primary School at different location of Thakurgaon District	e-Tender NBIDGPS-1/G1.0109	626683	21-Dec-2021 15:00	22-Dec-2021 15:00	22-Dec-2021 15:00
02	Furniture supply for 68 Nos. Class Room and 08 Nos. Teachers Room of selected 20 Nos. of Govt. Primary School at different location of Thakurgaon District	e-Tender NBIDGPS-1/G1.0110	627401	21-Dec-2021 15:00	22-Dec-2021 15:00	22-Dec-2021 15:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to 22-Dec-2021, 15:00.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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As prices of daily essentials keep going out of people's reach, the crowd in front of TCB trucks keep thickening. For many, TCB's subsidised rates determine how their next meal is going to be. With so much at stake, many ignore standing in queues and rush to the front to get their hands on desired items. This photo was taken from Sylhet city's Rikabi Bazar.

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Media's role imperative

Says Speaker Shirin Sharmin on strengthening democracy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury yesterday said the role of media in consolidating democracy is undeniable.

She called upon the media to work for building a better and prosperous Bangladesh by providing accurate information.

The speaker also urged the media to play a more effective role in sustaining the ongoing development of the country. She was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of the 26th Annual General Meeting 2021 of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU).

In her speech, she said since its inception, DRU has been working tirelessly for establishing rights, professional development and dignity of media personnel.

"DRU has been implementing various programmes and initiatives for developing objective, constructive journalism; welfare of journalists; enhancing mutual cooperation; and improving professionalism. The leaders of the organisation have been working very efficiently and smoothly," she added.

The speaker said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government has ensured different benefits for journalists, including enactment of the Journalist Welfare Trust Act.

"Under her able leadership, Bangladesh today is established as 'Digital Bangladesh'. Digital facilities have reached remote areas of the country. Due to the benefits, it has become possible to connect virtually," added the Speaker.

She said DRU sponsors male journalists and female journalists equally, which is commendable.

Presided over by DRU President Mursalin Nomani, the programme was conducted by DRU General Secretary Moshir Rahman Khan.

169 cops killed

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attended by SPs of all districts and other top officials.

According to meeting sources, Inspector General of Police Benazir Ahmed said, "We do not want this sort of deaths, and we need to stop such practices."

Contacted, Abdur Razzak, assistant inspector general of Planning and Research-2 at PHQ, said, "We have initiated a research, collecting data from all the police units, so that we can analyse the incidents to identify the causes and take measures to curb such accidents."

Nurul Islam Jihadi no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hefajat-e-Islam secretary-general Nurul Islam Jihadi died at a Dhaka hospital yesterday afternoon. He was 73.

He breathed his last at 12:04pm at the coronary care unit of Labaid Hospital, Chowdhury Meher-e-Khuda, public relations officer of the hospital, told The Daily Star.

Nurul Islam was admitted to the hospital after suffering a heart attack on Saturday. As his condition deteriorated, he was put on life support that night.

He was a Deobandi Islamic scholar. He was made the secretary-general of Hefajat following the demise of Nur Hossain Kasemi in December 2020.

He was born in 1948 in Fatikchhari upazila of Chattogram.



Amtali mayor sued over graft charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed two cases against the incumbent mayor of Amtali municipality in Barguna, Matiar Rahman, and his wife Nusrat Jahan for amassing about Tk 4.28 crore illegally.

ACC assistant director Omar Faruk filed the cases yesterday.

The ACC asked the couple to submit their wealth statement on August 22, 2019. They submitted the statement on November 28.

Matiar declared owning movable property worth Tk 7.9 lakh and immovable property worth Tk 2.58 crore, while Nusrat declared having movable property of Tk 83.75 lakh and immovable property worth Tk 1.33 crore.

During the inquiry, the ACC found that the couple bought two plots at Eastern Housing in Aftabnagar at about Tk 4.56 crore.

But they showed investments of only about Tk 28 lakh in the plots in their wealth statements and concealed information of about Tk 4.28 crore.

The ACC has already seized the pay-orders and cheques as evidence of the payment.

The FIR reads that while Matiar earned the money illegally, Nusrat bought the plots with his husband's dirty money.

However, Matiar Rahman commented that this was a vested group's conspiracy against him. "There has been a mistake while filing my wealth statement, which I corrected at first chance and did everything by the book," he told this correspondent.

4th death anniversary of Annisul Huq today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the fourth death anniversary of former Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq.



On this day in 2017, Huq lost the battle for life in a London hospital after nearly three months' treatment there. He was 65.

From an ordinary middle-class man, Annisul turned himself into one of the leading businesspersons of the country.

With a fairytale success story to his name, he took up the challenge to give Dhaka a complete facelift, to make it green, clean and healthy by contesting the mayoral election.

He came out victorious in the elections held in 2015, and was in the middle of his mission to bring about qualitative changes in delivering civic services with the slogan "Clean Dhaka, Green Dhaka".

Anisul, who led apex trade bodies like BGMEA and FBCCI, was also a popular TV show host.

To mark the day, a doa mahfil and distribution of cloths will be held at city's Korail slum. Besides, wreaths will be placed at his grave at Banani graveyard at 8:00am.

22nd death anniv of Syed Mahbubul Haque today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 22nd death anniversary of Syed Mahbubul Haque (Benu Mia), a prominent freedom fighter in Magura, will be observed today.



Mahbubul, who was also a leading businessman in the district, passed away at the age of 72.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to pray for eternal peace of all departed souls including Mahbub.

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Neuro-Developmental Disability Protection Trust

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Invitation of Tender for Expression of Interest

Neuro Developmental Disorder Protection Trust (NDDPT) is hereby invited Technical and Financial Proposal from interested experienced bona fide person(s)/ firms/ organisations for conduction Midterm Evaluation on Training Programmes of Neuro Developmental Disorders (Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down syndrome, Intellectual Disability and Cerebral Palsy). For details, please find the Terms of Reference (ToR) which is available at office of NDDPT Office at Padma Life Insurance Tower (14th floor), 115, Kazi Nazrul Islam Road, Banglamotor, Dhaka-1215 and NDDPT website: www.nddtrust.gov.bd

Award Criteria: NDDPT is committed to running a fair and transparent tender process, and ensuring that all bidders are treated and assessed equally during this tender process. Bidder responses will be evaluated against three categories of criteria: Essential Criteria, Capability Criteria, and Financial Offer Criteria.


SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bids will be submitted by hard copy:

- Hard copies of bid submitted on headed paper: Technical Proposal Original-1(One), Duplicate- 1(One) Copies and Financial Proposal Original -1(One), Duplicate- 1(One) Copies;
- 1. Bids must be submitted to NDDPT, Padma Life Insurance Tower (14th floor), 115, Kazi Nazrul Islam Road, Banglamotor, Dhaka-1215, Tel: 02-48322674.
- 2. Bids should be submitted in single sealed envelope addressed to The Managing Director, NDDPT; Ministry of Social Welfare, Bangladesh.
- 3. All documentation submitted should be done in their own clearly labelled envelopes (e.g. technical offer in one envelope and Financial Proposal in another envelope.), which are then submitted in one single envelope as detailed in serial no- 2 above.
- 4. The score of Technical Proposal evaluation less than 70% will be rejected.
- 5. The study must be conducted as per the list of training imparted in Parents'/Guardians' Training Program for the FY 2020-21 to be provided by the NDDP Trust authority.
- 6. At least one or two years of experience will be needed with work completion certificate in working with Autism and NDDs related study covering not less than BDT 5 lac as the value of contract.
- 7. The authority reserves the right to cancel the Bid at any circumstances.

CLOSING DATE FOR BID SUBMISSION

Bid must be submitted at the specific address, no later than **12:00 Hrs. of 19 December 2021 during the office time** (All the date & times are in Bangladesh Standard Time). Failure to submit your bid prior to the Closing time and Date may result in your quote being void and rejected.



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