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## Dignitaries stroll through DU's 'Walking Museum'

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of international dignitaries, including diplomats and military officials, have visited the Dhaka University "Walking Museum", which consists of historical installations and memorials of the 1971 genocide.

Guided by Rear Admiral Mohammad Moyeenul Haque, senior directing staff of Bangladesh Navy, the dignitaries visited the site on foot yesterday.

The Center for Genocide Studies (CGS) of DU established the museum in 2016.

CGS sources said they began the initiative with the aim to introduce the university's historical sites to the new generation.

Among others, British High Commissioner Robert Chatterton Dickinson, US Ambassador Earl R Miller, UN Resident Coordinator Mia Seppo, Turkish Ambassador Mustafa Osman Turan and Resident Representative (Asia and Pacific Department) of International Monetary Fund (IMF) Jayendu De visited the museum.

Talking to The Daily Star, GM Arifuzzaman, a research associate at CGS, said the centre is working to raise awareness over the extent of the atrocities committed by Pakistani aggressors during the Liberation War through the walking tour.

Freedom fighter and Ekushey Medal winning journalist Ajay Dasgupta also briefed the foreign officials about the various events and places of historical significance of DU, which are associated with the memory of the war.

The tour consisted of stops at Shikha Chirantan, British Council, Salimullah Muslim Hall, Central Shaheed Minar, Jagannath Hall, Suhrawardy Udyan, Ducsu Museum and more.

## Abandoned staff

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months ago, this has not been enough to keep out the shadowy figures.

Contacted, Omar Faruk, deputy post master general in Tangail division, told The Daily Star that no one has lodged any complaint to him in this regard after he joined the office a couple of years ago.

However, he said he's aware that police and Rab teams have visited the place, while also

confirming the fencing of the boundary walls.

"We have plans to demolish the worn out buildings and construct new ones in their place. But we are yet to take up any project in this regard," he added. Meanwhile, several staffers of the office told The Daily Star that they have rent out houses in the neighbourhood for higher costs than they would have to if they could live at the staff quarter buildings.

## Pay annual

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Club, trade union leaders alleged that at present, the annual increment is not paid to the workers as per the country's labour law.

Besides, there is clear discrimination between the cited increment mentioned in the law and the scheme followed by the

EPZ authorities.

They also demanded wage adjustment and dearness allowance for the workers.

BGSS chief Taslima Akhter, general secretary Zulhasnain Babu and finance secretary Prabir Saha, among others, spoke at the rally.

## A decade of

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Contacted, councillor of Ward 9, under whose domain the market falls, Mahafuzur Rahman Liton said they have visited the market recently and have decided to launch it as soon as possible.

He told this correspondent that the market could not be launched in the past due to political troubles. He said a lot of those who applied for shop space are in fact non-traders, who managed to file their applications using their political influence.

He also cited the market's location, which is at the edge of the city, as a problem, saying not many locals want to go there for groceries.

"But we're still trying to get the market up and running, because if we can

do that, at least the city corporation will get some revenue," Liton said.

Md Mazed Mollah, market superintendent of KCC, confirmed the market is in the process of being fully operational.

"We have taken various initiatives to open the market, such as setting up mobile courts to evict illegal occupiers and calling for applications for shop space all over again."

However, he cited some difficulties with this. "Not many traders are willing to come here," he said. "It seems like they're more comfortable setting up shop around the market area but not inside it."

"We collect Tk 250 to Tk 300 per day from some of the shops that come and run their trade inside the market. This is quite low compared to the standard market rate for shop space," he said.

He also said a project worth around Tk 49 crore is underway to construct new markets, including this one, soon.

## To the sky

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Literary editor Mohammad Nasiruddin's house is one of the most famous establishments of Narinda. His great-granddaughter, Priota Itekhhar, arranged festivities on the rooftop, in association with organisations The Flag Girl and Dutch Club.

"We arrange this festival every year to brand Bangladesh's traditional cultural events. When we were children, we celebrated these festivals with our families. Now the expats living in Dhaka will get to enjoy them too," Priota told The Daily Star.

European Union Ambassador Charles Whiteley, Dutch

Ambassador Anne van Leeuwen and Turkish Ambassador Mustafa Osman Turan were also present at the festival as guests. The bonus of the festival is undoubtedly the traditional old-town food served at every household on the day of the festival. With the passage of time, concerts and DJ parties also made their way into the celebrations.

As the day comes to an end with the setting of the sun, not an ounce of darkness can be spotted in the heart of the old town. Shakrain, a hundred-year-old festival, keeps illuminating the area with fireworks, lanterns and above all, joy and hope.

## Few following

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Contacted, Mominur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Chattogram, said they are trying to involve community leaders in this campaign.

"The executive magistrates from District Administration will be on the road to conduct mobile courts from tomorrow (today), in a bid to enforce the government's instructions," he said.

## Crisis in the planet

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protect Patharia and Rajkandi forests by declaring them gibbon sanctuaries.

Recently, five artificial canopy bridges were constructed to offer safe passage for primates and arboreal mammals at

Lawachhara.

About the alarming decline of the gibbon population, Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, divisional forest officer in Sylhet, said, "We will continue our efforts in this regard and discuss the issue with higher authorities."

## Acorn Woodpeckers

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Two woodpeckers perched on a horizontal branch. Unlike the colourful woodpeckers one sees in Bangladesh, these were black and white with a red circle on the crown of their head. They busily jumped from branch to branch. Then they flew off, one after another, towards another tree about a hundred feet away. It was a dead tree with a dried trunk. We both walked rapidly towards it.

As we watched the Acorn Woodpecker did its "thing." It had flown here from the oak tree carrying an acorn in its mouth. The trunk of the dead tree was pockmarked with dozens of cavities it had dug. It deposited the acorn into one of them, supplementing its rainy day stock. The day once again proved a valuable lesson for birding: there is no telling when and where luck may strike. You need to pay attention and hope for the best. If you give up you have lost.

Our trail was bordered by a low wooden fence on each side. As the trail curved gently to the right, a meadow opened up on our left. On the far side of the meadow was a grizzled old oak tree. I thought I saw movement on a branch. Stopping for a better look with my binoculars I realized it was a woodpecker. We found a spot on the fence where we could cross over. Crossing the meadow, we approached the tree.

Presently we came to a fork on the trail, beyond which the vegetation - oak, sycamore, bay, laurel and other trees - grew dense. We debated which direction to take. It was now late morning and the prospects of finding birds grew slim. Soon we turned around, passing more Munias at the watering hole.

For the author's daily bird photos, please follow "ihtishamkabr" on Instagram.

## Passengers yet

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Hanif Flyover to pass from Kajla to Gulistan, as that route is faster," he suggested.

"The route plan should be re-rationalised if the authorities want to attract more passengers," he said.

To take advantage of this situation, private buses were seen parked near DNP bus stops, to pick up frustrated passengers when the buses take too long to arrive.

DNP's Kanchpur counter in-charge Mohammad Ali said the low number of passengers can also be attributed to not placing counters at the right spots.

Meanwhile, Shahbag counter manager, wishing anonymity, said DNP is losing commuters to these private-service buses who pick up and drop off passengers everywhere.

"Our service will be in crisis if such practices are not stopped," he said.

Contacted, Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) Executive Director Neelima Akhter said, "We are aware of the situation. This is a new system, still in its pilot phase, so it will take some time."

"We will raise the issue at our next meeting," the official assured.

Earlier on December 26, the government launched the 'Dhaka Nagar Paribahan' under the bus route rationalisation programme of the two Dhaka city corporations on trial basis.

The service aims to streamline the public transport sector, bringing discipline to the sector, and reduce the traffic congestion plaguing the capital city's roads.

At the initial stage, 50 buses are being operated on the route, which will be increased to 100 in phases, while the entire city will get the service by 2023.

## Children with ADHD

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Symptoms sometimes decrease with age. Some people never completely outgrow their ADHD symptoms, but can learn strategies to be successful.

ADHD symptoms start before age 12, and in some children they're noticeable as early as three years of age. It occurs more often in male children.

The exact cause of ADHD is not clear but genetics, the environment or problems with the central nervous system might be the key factors.

Risk factors for ADHD may include blood relatives such as a parent or sibling with ADHD or another mental health disorder, exposure to environmental toxins such as lead, alcohol use or smoking during pregnancy and premature birth. Sugar is a popular suspect in causing hyperactivity but there's no reliable proof of this.

To help reduce risk of

ADHD, avoid anything that could harm foetal development, protect child from exposure to pollutants and toxins, including cigarette smoke and lead paint and limit screen time.

Deciding if a child has ADHD is a process with several steps, which include a checklist for rating ADHD symptoms and taking a history of the child from parents, teachers, and sometimes, the child.

While treatment won't cure ADHD, it can help a great deal with symptoms. Early diagnosis and treatment can make a big difference in outcome.

In most cases, ADHD is best treated with a combination of behaviour therapy and medication. For preschool-aged children (4-5 years of age), behaviour therapy, particularly training for parents, is recommended as the first line of treatment before medication is tried.

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In the advertisement Request for Proposal (RFP) published in this newspaper on January 12, 2022 on page 04, the RFP Ref. No.: 9172730 has been wrongly printed as 9172719. The correct RFP Ref. No. will be LRPS-BAN-2022-9172730 and should be read as such. This inadvertent error is deeply regretted.

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3	Procuring Entity Name	'Extension of Online Service of Govt. Public Libraries' Project	
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7	Date	12/01/2022	
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9	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB	
10	Development Partners	Not Applicable	
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