

## Display fares

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explain why their failure to frame specific rules on increasing transport fares — under section 122 of the Road Transport Act 2018 — should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Mamnoon Rahman and Justice Khandaker Diluruzzaman came up with the directives and issued the rule following a writ petition filed as public interest litigation by Supreme Court

lawyer Md Abu Taleb.

During the virtual hearing on the petition, Taleb told the HC bench that the transport owners arbitrarily increase and collect extra from passengers as there was no specific rule in this regard.

Lawyers Mokhtesur Rahman and Muntasim Tanjir accompanied Taleb during the hearing, while Deputy Attorney General Bipul Bagmar represented the state.

## President now

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yesterday from 12:00pm to 3:00pm in front of Dhaka University's Aparajeyo Bangla.

On January 13, a group of resident students began demonstrations alleging that their dormitory's provost, Zafrin Ahmed Liza, misbehaved with a student.

On January 16, police fired rubber bullets and threw sound grenades on the agitating students, triggering a clash that left over 30 students injured.

The students that night started their protest demanding the resignation of VC Prof Farid Uddin Ahmed.

Twenty-four students on January 19 started a fast-into death programme. Five more joined them over the last two days.

Of them, one left the hunger strike due to his father's cardiac arrest, while 15 others have been hospitalised. The rest are still continuing the programme in front of the

vice-chancellor's residence. Meanwhile, utility resources at the VC's residence are running out as the students have barred general entry and cut off power connection since Sunday afternoon.

Seeking anonymity, a staffer of the residence said water supply and power generator fuel are running out.

They also informed that the VC is still physically well and an assistant proctor, who was confined with the VC, has also fallen ill.

VC Farid Uddin Ahmed could not be contacted over phone.

According to a press release from the JU public relations office yesterday, Farid apologised to Jahangirnagar University students and teachers for his earlier remarks on female students of JU.

He also apologised to JU VC Prof Dr Farzana Islam, over phone saying that his remark "had been edited and disseminated on social media".

## Tonga eruption equivalent to 'hundreds of Hiroshimas'

AFP, Nuku'alofa

The Tonga volcanic eruption unleashed explosive forces that dwarfed the power of the Hiroshima atomic bomb, Nasa scientists have said, as survivors yesterday described how the devastating Pacific blast "messed up our brains".

The Nasa Earth Observatory said the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano spewed debris as high as 40 kilometres (25 miles) into the atmosphere during the January 15 eruption that triggered huge tsunami waves.

"We think the amount of energy released by the eruption was equivalent to somewhere between five to 30 megatons (five to 30 million tonnes) of TNT," Nasa scientist Jim Garvin said in a press release.

Nasa said the eruption was hundreds of times stronger than the US atomic bomb dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in August 1945, which was estimated to be about 15 kilotons (15,000 tonnes) of TNT.

## Inmates run

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Ahamedul Islam, additional deputy commissioner of CTIC unit, said they were carrying out drives to arrest the absconding members of the syndicate.

"Once a member of the syndicate is arrested, his family members take over the trade. We are working to get details of the syndicate's activities," the official told this newspaper.

## Risky dwelling

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casualties," the report said about Camp 21.

Regarding Camp 22, the report said it is spread over 112.56 acres with around 22,200 Rohingyas of 3,339 families living there. Among them, some 500 are living on the slopes of hills that are vulnerable to landslides.

"In Camps 21 and 22, around 6,000 Rohingyas of 1,267 families are living riskily on the hillside slopes and need to be relocated

to a safer place," the report said in its opinion portion.

Around 74,70,000 litres of water are required every day in the two camps built on forest department land.

"Opinion of the Department of Public Health Engineering is required on the groundwater layer," it said.

The report mentioned that during the inspection they did not find any sewage treatment plant (STP) in those camps.

## Slap sanction

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over the years, specifically with reference to the killing of Akramul Haque, a municipality councillor in Teknaf, in May 2018".

Human rights organisations and several US Senate bodies have repeatedly called for sanctions against Rab for years, he wrote to Borrell.

Stefanec said there is a lot of corruption in Bangladesh and that the government controls the police.

"Unfortunately, another alarming statistic is the number of missing Bangladesh citizens. The numbers are in the hundreds, just over 500. This number has been documented by a group of citizens.

"It is also sad that a significant number of the missing are found later, but unfortunately, without any signs of life. The UN is conducting an investigation into this," he said.

The European Parliament member said the UN and EU earlier criticised human rights abuses within Bangladesh, including Digital Security

Act, which stifles free speech, criminalises online dissent, and violates international law.

He quoted the International Federation for Human Rights statement that violations have included extrajudicial killings, 1,134 of which took place between January 2018 and June 2021 and that torture has also been routinely used as a tool against political opponents as well as ordinary citizens.

He said Bangladesh will graduate out of the LDC in 2026 and outperformed its neighbouring countries in numerous benchmark areas.

"Unfortunately, the country's development is largely marked by human rights violations as well as corruption... must sadly note that democratic values have been suppressed since the ruling party took power. For example, the press faces fear. Political opponents are insulted and bullied.

"This situation is very serious and that is why I am asking for your help in re-establishing democracy," Stefanec said.

## Must resist

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Bangladeshi workers on allegations of forced labour, high migration costs, and syndication. Mostafa Mahmud, secretary general of Sammilita Samannay Front Baira, alleged the previous syndicate is on the prowl again following the MoU signing.

He said a clause of the MoU that cites a "selection process" for Bangladeshi recruiting agencies has created room for syndication. He demanded making the MoU public.

The front's president

Md Faruque said they will continue to stage protests against syndication and will seek justice in the court if required.

Voicing concerns over a syndication of 25 agencies this time, M Tipu Sultan, president of Recruiting Agencies Oikya Parishad, said every valid recruiting agency should be given the opportunity to send workers to Malaysia. On the airfare hike, Tipu said ticket price was between Tk 20,000 and 25,000 but has now increased to more than Tk 1 lakh.

## 85 dates, still no end

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at private TV channel Maasranga, and his wife Rumi, a senior reporter at ATN Bangla, were killed in the early hours of February 11, 2012 in their rented flat in the capital's West Razabazar.

After Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police and the Detective Branch of police, Rab was tasked with the probe on April 18, 2012.

At least eight people,

including suspects Rafiqul Islam, Bakul Miah, Masum Mintu, Kamrul Hasan alias Arun, Abu Sayeed, and two security guards of the couple's house, Palash Rudra Paul and Enamul Hoque, and the couple's "family friend" Tanveer Rahman, had been arrested in connection with the murder. Later, Tanveer and Palash got out of jail on bail. The others are now behind bars.

## Several injured in German shooting

AFP, Frankfurt

A gunman injured several people in a shooting inside a lecture hall at Heidelberg University in southwestern Germany yesterday, police said, adding that the perpetrator was now dead.

"A lone perpetrator injured several people in a lecture hall with a long gun. The perpetrator is dead," Mannheim police said in a statement.

## A horrifying journey by bus

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the city. The doctor said the robbers took his three mobile phones, two wallets, two ATM cards, and PIN numbers for his ATM cards and mobile bank accounts.

"The bus stopped near different ATM booths in the city and they withdrew Tk 128 lakh from two accounts," Shafiqul told this newspaper.

Even after he gave them all he had, the robbers did not stop torturing him.

"The robbers slapped me at least 80 times over that night."

They were also smoking cannabis and having yaba inside the bus, he added.

The bus eventually stopped for a long time.

A man came up and took off his blindfold and untied his hands and legs. It was almost 8:30am then and the bus had stopped on Dhaka-Chattoogram highway.

The man told Shafiqul that he was the helper of the bus and that the bus had been hijacked by the robbers, disguised as passengers, around 8:30pm on Thursday. He said he and the driver had been tied at the back of the vehicle.

Shafiqul went to Jatrabari Police Station and told policemen there everything.

Officer-in-Charge Mazharul Islam of Jatrabari Police Station told The Daily Star, "Someone came with a complaint of robbery. As the spot was in Abdullahpur area, we suggested he goes to the police station concerned."

As he was feeling sick after the nightlong torture, Shafiqul called the duty officer at Uttara West Police Station over the phone. The officer told Shafiqul that the complaint should be lodged where the bus finally stopped.

However, Uttara West Police Station OC Shah Mohammad Akhtaruzzaman Elias said that he did not know anything about the complaint but heard about the robbery from journalists yesterday.

"I understood that no one wants to take responsibility. I came back with my life," Shafiqul told this correspondent over the phone from his Tangail home.

He said two top officials of DMP including one from DB, contacted him yesterday for details after he had made a Facebook post on Sunday.

"An inter-district bus roamed Dhaka for around 12 hours and carried out a robbery, but it was not stopped at any checkpoint. It's a matter of great concern," a frustrated Shafiqul wrote on Facebook.

## JS body suggests

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different professional bodies — autonomous and others — will be eligible for the posts of CEC and other commissioners," the ALMP said.

BNP MP Rumeen Farhana, a member of the standing committee, strongly criticised the proposed law, saying it was prepared hurriedly without taking opinions from political parties, experts and other stakeholders.

Talking to The Daily Star, she said she told the meeting that the law was not meant for forming the EC, rather it was for forming the search committee.

"There are no differences between the gazette issued by the president in 2017 on formation of the search committee and the proposed bill. That's why different quarters are terming it a law for a search committee," she added.

She suggested including a provision in the bill that will make it mandatory for the search committee to disclose the names of people it will recommend to the president for the EC appointments.

Those persons will also have to disclose information on their wealth, she suggested.

The suggestion, however, was not considered.

Law Minister Anisul Huq placed the "Appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners Bill-2022" in parliament on Sunday seeking to give a legal shield

to the current and previous Election Commissions formed through search committees, amid opposition from BNP lawmaker Harunur Rashid.

The bill was later sent to the parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry for scrutiny. The committee was asked to submit its report before the House within seven days.

Once passed, the law will provide legal cover to all activities of the search committees.

Sources said the Awami League-led government wants to pass the bill as quickly as possible so that the upcoming Election Commission can be constituted through a search committee in line with the act.

The tenure of the incumbent commission, led by CEC KM Nurul Huda, expires next month.

Replying to a question from reporters, Shahiduzzaman said, "No, the law is not being framed for giving any indemnity."

Talking to reporters, the law minister refuted the allegations of trying to give "impunity" to the current and previous Election Commissions through the proposed law.

He said there are two issues in laws — one is indemnity while the other is legal coverage. "The two things are different," he said.

"If you go through section 9 of the proposed law, you will understand that no one would be given indemnity under it," he added.

## Call of the wild

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during a camera trapping by a team of researchers led by Muntasir Akash, lecturer of zoology at DU.

Several critically endangered animals have recently been spotted in the 243-hectare Satchhari forest for the

first time, according to Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, DFO of Sylhet's wildlife management and nature conservation department.

## A 100-bed facility

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A hospital staffer said every time it rains, water seeps into the ward through the walls. Meanwhile, there's also a crisis of physicians.

As per the hospital's organogram, it is supposed

to have 22 doctors. But along with medical officers, it currently has 16.

An official said despite writing to DSCC authorities to solve the crisis, they're yet to take steps.

Contacted, DSCC Chief

Health Officer Dr Fazle Shamsul Kabir said, "We've contacted the health ministry and asked them to resolve the doctors' crisis," mentioning that recruitment for nurses is currently under process.

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1	Medical Gas Plant Feasibility Study	IFT/SCI/BD/CO/FY-22/(Manual)/01	27/01/2022 at 3:00 PM <a href="https://zoom.us/j/92024343">https://zoom.us/j/92024343</a> 5661pwd=OGV3ROxYOE92 Q1pYeVncldzSTFlZ099	February 03, 2022 at 3:00PM

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Senior Manager, Procurement & Supply Chain

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