## Disrespectful, derogatory

**CHT Commission condemns** govt directive prohibiting use of word 'indigenous'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Commission was shocked to learn about the government's prohibition on using the term "indigenous", said a press release published yesterday.

The Commission finds this position by the ministry very undemocratic, derogatory to the indigenous peoples, and a serious threat to the freedom of speech, said the press release signed by the commission's co-chairs Sultana Kamal, Elsa Stamatopoulou, and Myrna Cunningham

The information ministry has recently issued a circular directing all the electronic media not to use the term "indigenous".

It has asked the electronic media that university professors, experts, newspaper editors, and other members of the civil society should not use the term "indigenous" in any TV talk shows arranged on August 9, on the occasion of International Day of the World's SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

## 'Eight BCL men tortured journo in guest room' Says JU unit of Chhatra League after identifying them

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University unit of Chhatra League has identified eight of its activists who reportedly called a journalist to a "guest room" and tortured him on Tuesday

The abused journalist is a second-year student of the university's journalism and media studies department. He works at an online portal.

The incident took place at the university's Rabindranath Tagore Hall around midnight. The journalist claimed that some of the university's BCL activists tortured him there. Soon after the incident, the university's BCL leaders

and journalists went there and spoke to the victim and The journalist also submitted a written complaint to

the university authorities in this regard. Akhteruzzaman Sohel, president of JU BCL unit,

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Protesters were seen sitting in front of the hospital yesterday, as their indefinite strike continues. This has resulted in the suffering of regular patients, because the intern doctors are not on duty.

#### SYLHET MAG OSMANI MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL

## Patients suffer as intern doctors continue strike

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet** 

The strike that started on Monday to protest the attack on students of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital and harassment of a trainee doctor continued yesterday

As the intern doctors enforced an indefinite strike, hundreds of patients are suffering at the division's largest public healthcare

Hospital Director Brig Gen Mahbubur Rahman Bhuiyan said healthcare fell into a crisis due to the strike. "All the pressure is now on the mid-level doctors."

Many patients were seen returning to their homes being unable to see a doctor. Those who came from far had to suffer the most.

"The students and intern doctors have remained agitated, as police could not arrest some prime accused yet. The matter has been communicated to the health and foreign ministers, and we hope it will be resolved soon," he said.

Students also boycotted all classes and examinations for an indefinite period and locked the administrative building's gate in the morning.

College Principal Prof Moynul Haque could not be contacted.

Police are yet to arrest all the accused in two separate cases filed on Tuesday. Earlier, two people were detained and later shown arrested in

those cases. On Sunday, an intern doctor of the hospital was harassed by a patient's relatives. Later, miscreants attacked the medical college

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# Ctg Wasa to hike water tariff yet again

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

 $Just six\,months\,after\,its\,last\,tariff\,hike, Chattogram$ Water Supply and Sewerage Authority is set to impose another hike -- of more than 38 percent in an apparent bid to bridge the gap between production cost and existing water price.

CWasa wants to raise the tariff for residential connections from Tk 13 to 18, while the nonresidential tariff would increase to Tk 37 from 31.82 per unit of 1,000 litres.

Water tariff was last raised in January, before which the tariff for residential connections was Tk 12.40 and for non-residential connections Tk 30.30 per unit.

Prime Minister's Office approved the request for the hike. Water bills following the new tariff will be collected from September, Nazim Uddin, chief revenue officer of

Asked about the reason behind the hike, he told The Daily Star, "The production cost of

taken the decision to hike the tariff, without holding any public hearing, which is unacceptable and against the interest of consumers.

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SM NAZER HOSSAIN

water is now very high, so the price of water has to be increased."

However, they will try to reduce the cost of various sectors. Apart from this, human and system losses will also be reduced, he added.

"The government does not give us any subsidy and has asked us to be self-dependent. We have a huge amount of unpaid loans from various international lenders. Considering the situation, we have no option but to increase the tariff," he

"The money we are spending must be recouped by raising the water tariff. CWasa will not survive unless we do it," he claimed.

Meanwhile, Consumers' Association of Bangladesh (CAB) has rejected the proposal.

The rights body also demanded ensuring uninterrupted water supply and holding public hearings before increasing the tariff.

SM Nazer Hossain, vice president of CAB Central Committee, said, "It is customary to hold a public hearing for increasing tariff for any utility service. However, CWasa has arbitrarily taken the decision to hike the tariff, without holding any such hearing, which is unacceptable and against SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

### Bangladeshi expat killed in UAE road accident

UNB, Dhaka

A Bangladeshi expatriate was killed after being hit by a private car in Ajman city of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Tuesday night.

deceased was The identified as Md Kamal Uddin (38), of Chattogram's Mirsharai upazila.

Khwaja Mainuddin, a neighbour of Kamal in the UAE, informed his family about the accident.

He was rushed to a nearby hospital where doctors declared him dead on arrival, Mainuddin added.

Kamal had been working in a laundry shop in the UAE for the last 17 to 18 years, he further said.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation

7-9 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka 1215, Bangladesh

Invitation for Bid (IFB) Notice (Re-Tender) International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

For Development of Magura Textile Mills Site at Magura, Bangladesh through Public Private Partnership (PPP)

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), under the Ministry of Textiles and Jute, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, intends to establish textile mills and/or textile related

linked industries and support facilities at Magura, Bangladesh at the existing site of Magura Textile Milts Limited through PPP mode.

BTMC invites interested bidders and/or bidding consortiums to participate in the selection of a

Private Partner through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) process for the "Development of Magura Textile Mill (and/or Textile Related Linked Industries and Support Facilities) at

Magura, Bangladesh through Public Private Partnership" as per the terms and conditions set out in the PPP Contract.

Interested bidders may submit their Bids in response to this IFB notice. Details of the Project, Bid submission process and other requirements have been delineated in the IFB document.

Interested bidders have to purchase the IFB with a non-refundable amount of Bangladeshi Taka One Lac (BDT 1,00,000) or equivalent amount in other currency in favour of "Bangladesh

Textile Mills Corporation' through Pay Order/Bank Draft and send the scanned copy of money receipt to the designated e-mail ID: btmc-tm4@pppo.gov.bd to register online in order to access

all available project related documents and to participate in the bidding process. A pre-bid meeting will be organized at the BTMC conference room, Date & Time for the said meeting will

Bids must be submitted on or before 21 September 2022 Time - 12.00 hours BST at the following address

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Authority reserves the right to accept, reject and/or re-invite the bids without assigning any reason

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be duly notified to registered bidders through on-line process



Floodwater has started receding in the country's northern region. However, Jamuna river's water level has seen an increase in Sirajganj, though WDB officials have assured that it is still below the danger level. This photo was taken in Sirajgani Sadar upazila yesterday.

Date: 02 August 2022

## 'ABDUCTION OF STUDENT' Two madrasa teachers arrested

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat** 

Police have arrested two madrasa teachers over abduction and disappearance of a student in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat.

They were arrested from a house in Tangail on Tuesday night, said Hatibandha Police Station Officer-in-Charge Shaha Alam.

The arrestees -- Riazul Islam and Rabiul Islam are teachers of Alimer Danga Hafizia Madrasa in Singimari village.

The missing boy, Rabbitul Islam Rabbi (14), is a student of the madrasa. Rabbi's father Rashidul filed a case against the two with a local court on July 17. Later, the case was registered with the police station on July 21. The two teachers went into hiding.

According to the case statement, at least 14 to 15 students -- including Rabbi -- went to tabligh for three days at a mosque in Sohagh Bazar on July 6. Rabbi disappeared from there.

Rabbi's father also claimed that the teachers kidnapped his son and hid him. Earlier, the two offered to teach Rabbi in Dhaka, he alleged, but he

However, the arrestees and other students who went for tabligh claimed that Rabbi drowned while bathing in Teesta river on July 7. The OC said they are investigating the incident.

### water level sees increase in Sirajganj Lalmonirhat Mizanur Rahman confirmed "Teesta lost much of its navigability due

STAR REPORT

The flood situation in the country's northern region has been improving since the onrush of upstream water started to recede on Tuesday night.

Only low-lying areas in the northern region are still inundated in Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Rangpur and Nilphamari.

"According to the numerical weather forecast of meteorological agencies, heavy rainfall in the north-eastern region and adjoining upstream regions of India [Assam (Barak basin), Meghalaya & Tripura] is unlikely in next 48 hours," said a Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) bulletin, released at 9:00am yesterday.

Teesta's water in Lalmonirhat has been flowing 10cm below the danger level at Teesta Barrage point in Lalmonirhat's Doani area, recorded around 6:00am yesterday.

WDB Executive Engineer of

that the water level may lower further.

to sediment accumulation for a long time. If the water level rises slightly in the Teesta, the water overflows and inundates the surrounding areas," he said.

Lalmonirhat Sadar UP Chairman Kamruzzaman Sujan said the water has receded from most of the flood-affected areas. However, some areas are still inundated.

Nur Jamal (50), a farmer in the upazila's Sheikhpara village, told The Daily Star that the water has receded from his house.

"However, the roads are still under water, so it is difficult for us to move. If the water level rises again, we will suffer even more," he said.

Farmer Seher Ali (63) of Kurigram's Ghatiashyam area said a sudden rise in Teesta's water level compelled them to

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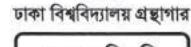


Floodwater recedes

in the north

Lowlands still inundated; Jamuna





দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় গ্রন্থাগারে ১টি সার্ভার, ১০টি কম্পিউটার, ২টি নেটওয়ার্ক প্রিন্টার, ৩০টি ইউপিএস এবং বিভিন্ন মডেলের প্রিন্টারের ১৫টি টোনার সরবরাহে আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠান থেকে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে।

দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান: প্রশাসন শাখা, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় গ্রন্থাগার।

২, দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়: ০৪ আগস্ট হতে ১৮ আগস্ট ২০২২, সকাল ০৯:০০ থেকে বিকাল ৫.০০ টা (সরকারি ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত)।

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দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের সময়: ২১ আগস্ট ২০২২, বেলা ১২:০০ টা।

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