



Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazole Noor Taposh yesterday distributed blankets among poverty-stricken people at Abudharr Ghifari College in ward-12 of the capital's Malibagh. Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon was also present at the distribution programme.

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'SEXUAL HARASSMENT' Headteacher confined for three hours in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A high school teacher in Chattogram, who earlier remained suspended for five years for sexually harassing female students, yesterday faced the wrath of students and guardians for alleged similar offences. The accused - Md Alauddin - is the headteacher of Kapsagola City Corporation Girls High School, which runs under the supervision of Chattogram City Corporation authorities.

Several students and guardians kept him confined to his office room for around three hours. They also formed a human chain in front of the school, demanding his removal. Later, Alauddin left the school under police protection, said witnesses.

Talking to The Daily Star, many students and guardians alleged that Alauddin had sexually harassed students many times in the past. Even the city corporation authorities suspended him from his job for five years since 2013, as the authorities found evidence of sexual harassment against him.

After the five-year suspension, Alauddin rejoined the school and kept harassing the students, claimed a guardian. A guardian recently filed a complaint against him with the city corporation authorities but to no avail.

Local ward councillor Noor Mostafa rushed to the spot and announced to take legal action against the teacher. He told The Daily Star last evening that he will be suspended again.

Talking to journalists, the teacher, however, denied the allegations and said a vested quarter is conspiring against him.

This correspondent could not get in touch with the CCC high-ups for comments.

VIP passes are a form

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are paying for tickets.

"The VIP passes are a form of sponsorship. Those who are paying for the Tk 10,000 tickets are allowing us to keep the student and general ticket prices at an affordable rate", said Kazi Anis Ahmed, Bangladesh writer, businessman, Dhaka Tribune publisher, and one of the directors of Dhaka Lit Fest.

The VIP passes will allow those visitors to enjoy parking privileges and shorter queues at the event entrance. However, all visitors regardless of

their ticket tier will get equal access and seating, on a first come basis, at the individual sessions.

IDLF Producer and Director Sadaf Saaz explained that the decision to charge registration fees was taken to make the event sustainable and free from accountability to corporate sponsors.

Another important factor is to nurture a culture of giving value to literature and challenge the notion, prevalent in Bangladesh, that culture should come for free, she added.

Hiccups couldn't

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Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) Member Prof Moshuazzaman.

Meanwhile, many guardians expressed their concerns over the quality of paper of the new textbooks.

Tanzina Akhter, a guardian, said, "The paper quality is poor in comparison to books distributed in the last few years. I don't think these books will last for a whole year."

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Zakir Hossain said all students will get new textbooks by this month. Schools across

the country have already received 80 percent of the new textbooks.

Education Minister Dipu Moni attended the textbook festival for secondary students at Kapasia Pilot High School grounds in Gazipur.

At DU playground, four members of the winning team of SAFF Women's Championship distributed new books among the students.

The government is distributing 35.16 crore textbooks among 4.09 crore primary and secondary students of schools, madrasas and technical institutions for 2023 academic year.

About 2.29 crore primary students will receive 9.66 crore textbooks, and 1.80 crore secondary students of schools, technical institutions and madrasas will get 24 crore books.

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Highest dengue deaths last year

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There are many multistorey buildings where parking lots are used for washing cars, and water remains collected there, ultimately becoming breeding spots, Bashar said.

"Besides, the presence of Aedes mosquitoes can be found in 60 percent of the basements of under-construction buildings in Dhaka, as stagnant water remains there," said Bashar, who conducts surveys with his students regularly.

He said amid a scarcity of Wasa's water, people tend to keep water stored in drums or buckets for using it later. And these containers become breeding spots even in this season.

Moreover, construction

of many mega projects are ongoing, and mosquitoes take refuge at these sites to breed, he mentioned.

Bashar said as Aedes mosquitoes bred round the year, people saw high cases even in December. To prevent this, authorities will have to conduct anti-mosquito drives throughout the year.

Alongside work of city corporations, involving general people to tackle the menace is a must, as they can destroy breeding spots at their homes, he added.

Entomologist GM Saifur Rahman of National University said this year, the temperature fell a bit late, and this contributed to the situation in December.

He said the population of Aedes mosquitoes

comes down when the temperature is 15 or 16 degrees Celsius or less. "As the temperature has started to fall, we hope the population will go down, and eventually, cases will also decrease."

"For how long low temperatures will prevail is also a factor. If it's cold for a long time, we will be protected [from dengue], but if it's a short winter, cases will rise again," he added.

Saifur said as Culex mosquitoes are also breeding earlier than the usual period, authorities will have to arrange separate teams for conducting drives against both Culex and Aedes mosquitoes.

Authorities will have to find out what's the actual

breeding situation of Aedes mosquitoes and then take necessary steps, he said.

It would be easier now to find the active dengue clusters in areas, as cases are starting to come down. Then authorities will have to destroy the clusters properly by taking intensive control measures, Saifur added.

If they can do this in the next one or two months, they will get better results, and cases will remain low in the next season, he said.

Saifur said, "The government will have to form its body or policy to tackle the dengue situation and manage logistics from the lean period, so that they do not face difficulties during the outbreak next season."

Installation of cameras begins

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range, 180 in Sharankhola and 145 in Chandpai range of the Sundarbans, said Abu Naser. Two cameras will be installed in each grid and a total of 1,330 cameras will be set up.

Asked about the number of tigers, the project director said, "The exact figure of tigers will be known after the census. Earlier, it was difficult for tourists to see any tiger during their Sundarbans visit, but now, they can take

photos of 3-4 tigers which indicates that the number might have increased."

The tiger census will be conducted in and outside the wildlife sanctuary and the authorities concerned will conduct the survey in the less, more and most saline areas of the Sundarbans, he said.

Tigers mostly hunt deer, but they also eat pigs, monkeys and crabs and another survey will be conducted to figure out their eating habits in 2024.

Three hundred and forty members under 49 village tiger response teams and 185 members of community patrol groups under the four ranges will be given training to conduct the survey.

Resident launches and support boats have been hired for four months under the projects while 200 special category cameras, battery, and SD cards will be purchased.

Mihir Kumar Doe, forest conservator of Khulna

Circle, said the project includes monitoring the movement by setting up satellite collars on two tigers, identifying diseases and infections among tigers, collecting data and publishing a report.

National polls

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The law minister said human rights have been established more than their violations during the Hasina-led government.

For an example, earlier people did get justice in many cases, but they received justice in such cases during the tenure of this government, he added.

Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division Secretary Md Moinul Kabir and Law and Justice Division Secretary Md Golam Sarwar, among others, were also present.

Hope BNP

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politics in the new year. About revenue collection since the operation of the Padma Bridge on June 25, 2022, the minister said so far Tk 403 crore was collected from the bridge, which is good news for the country's economy.

Later, the minister also exchanged greetings with the officials and discussed about the progress of the ongoing projects.

A new hope

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(commercial) of BIWTC.

Ferry Kamalia, a K-type ferry, was operated on this route yesterday. The BIWTC spokesperson added that three ferries will be running on this route for now.

"If the demand increases, we will introduce more ferries," the director said.

Contacted, Md Safayet Ahmed, manager of BIWTC, said Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority is currently working to renovate the ferry ghat, while the RHD is repairing the approach roads on both sides.

"Full-fledged operation of Najirganj-Dhawapara ferry service will resume soon after completion of these works," he added.

No-confidence

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Dhaka fixed January 15 for recording statement of the complainant.

On October 12 last year, IO Golam Mukter Ashraf Uddin, also an inspector of PBI, submitted the probe report to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

In the probe report, the IO said he did not find any involvement of Anvir and other accused with the rape and murder of the college girl.

Police recovered the body of the 21-year-old college student in a Gulshan flat on April 26 of 2021.

The victim's sister then filed a case with Gulshan Police Station against Anvir over abetting the death by suicide of the victim.

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