

Envoys behaving like Students boycott classes

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In India or Pakistan or in any other neighbouring country, ambassadors do not issue statements like this. Why are statements like this being made in our country?" he asked.

"They are actually being provoked by some of our politicians and some civil society members. So before blaming the ambassadors, I think the people who provoke them are responsible for that. However, the ambassadors must comply with the Vienna Convention," Hasan added.

Earlier, foreign missions in Dhaka called for a full investigation and accountability of the perpetrators involved in the assault on Hero Alam.

In a joint statement, the foreign missions said, "We condemn the July 17 attack

on Dhaka-17 constituency candidate Ashraf Alam, also known as Hero Alam. Violence has no place in the democratic process."

"Everyone involved in the upcoming elections should ensure that they are free, fair, and peaceful," said the diplomatic missions in Dhaka.

The joint statement was signed by the embassies/commissions of Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States and the delegation of the European Union.

Hero Alam, an independent candidate contesting the Dhaka-17 by-election, was assaulted while leaving a polling centre in Banani area on July 17.

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in the hostel area, and safe drinking water and uninterrupted power supply at the dorm.

The students said the authorities are reluctant to solve their problems.

The protesters besieged the administration building till 2:00pm.

Among the agitating students, Rahul Kumar Das, Ashkur Rahman



Hamim, Shwadin Hossain spoke on the occasion. Talking to The Daily Star, college Principal Dr

Obaidulla Ibne Ali said the problems cannot be resolved overnight.

"We have made a progress in the issue of purchasing buses and spoken to PWD for other infrastructure development," he said.

"We are trying to resolve students' issues and trying to convince them to return to classes," he added.

Five held over kidney UAE keen

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33; Salauddin Tuhin, 27; Enamul Hussain Parvez (donor); and Saiful Islam.

The Rab official said Anisur used to contact wealthy patients from abroad online.

Once in contact, he would look for poor villagers in the country and convince them to "donate" their kidneys in exchange for money. He would then prepare fake documents and send them to India for transplants.

At initial interrogation, Anisur admitted that he so far bought and sold more than 50 kidneys. He also said some organ syndicates are currently active in the country.

The Rab official said a buyer usually pays around Tk 45-50 lakh for a kidney. Of that amount, a donor receives Tk 4-5 lakh. Around Tk 5-10 lakh get shared between brokers, travel agents, and others within the country. The trafficking syndicate members living abroad gets rest of the money.

According to the commanding officer, the racket is divided into four groups. At the top are the ones who live abroad and

scout patients who need kidney transplants. They later contacted Anisur who directed Arif and Tuhin to spot poor and needy villagers and bring them to Dhaka.

Once in the capital, blood tests and other such procedures were performed on the victims to match the organs. Once a match is found, Saiful Islam, owner of Sahebana Tours and Travels, would prepare the necessary documents, including passports, visas, and donation affidavits, and send them to neighbouring countries for the transplants, he added.

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energy and another to discuss business.

The issues related to climate change and bilateral relationship including economic cooperation were mainly discussed at the meeting, said the press secretary.

Ahmed, also the UAE special envoy for Climate Change and president-designate for the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) praised the leadership of Hasina on the climate change issue and expected her further support in this regard.

"We want to be a game changer," he said, adding that they are exerting pressure on collection of climate funds to solve the problem before the COP28.

The prime minister said the COP28 is of crucial importance since it will involve a global stocktake of the Paris Agreement.

"We hope the UAE presidency will help make a realistic assessment of the progress made and the huge gaps that remain to accelerate climate actions globally to maintain the 1.5 degree temperature," she said.

What you did

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summons order against him. Ismail told the court that he made a mistake. "I am sorry. I apologise to you," he said.

The bench said, "We are not seeing any repentance in you. It must come from the core of your heart."

At a stage of the hearing, Judge Ismail, who was standing in the courtroom, told the HC that he was

feeling unwell.

Then, the HC allowed him to sit down and fixed July 27 for further hearing of the petition.

On April 5, a case was filed with a court in Cox's Bazar against the nine accused on charges of attacking Rina and others on February 28 when they went to Mithachori area for enquiring about a land-related dispute.

Teachers continue their sit-in

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taken to recover the possible "learning loss" of students due to the next parliamentary polls.

Minister Dipu Moni also told reporters that nationalising private educational institutions before the upcoming parliamentary elections would not be possible.

However, while talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Sheikh Kawsar Ahmed, general secretary of Bangladesh Teachers Association, said they strongly reject the government decision.

The decision was made just a few hours before the scheduled vacation. Besides, almost all the teachers, students and their guardians made plans during the vacation.

"But the sudden decision was taken just to create pressure on us. It's not acceptable," he added.

Amid the continuous

movement, teacher leaders met the director general of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher education, and the education minister.

But none of these meetings were fruitful, said the agitating teachers.

So in response to the meetings and to press home their demand to nationalise educational institutions, they decided to continue their movement, Kawsar Ahmed told The Daily Star.

Visiting the spot, this correspondent saw hundreds of teachers sitting on the road in front of the press club.

Khairul Islam, a teacher from Pabna, said, "Everyone talks about respecting the teachers. But do they know how much money we get through teaching and how we run our livelihood, with that little money?"

"I was supposed to teach students in classrooms. Instead, I am forced to stand here and protest for

a handful of money. Is this how you respect a teacher?" he questioned.

Prabir Das, a teacher from Feni, said, "We would not go back to classrooms until our demands are met. We want the prime minister's intervention in this regard."

Result delay

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from the respective departments. If they do not send the results, how will we publish it?" Prof Salahuddin asked.

Asked, newly-appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) Prof Md Mustafa Feeroz, said, "Delay in publishing results should not be the trend. The stipulated 75 days are enough to publish results. Exam controllers and dean offices have important roles to play in monitoring the situation."

He said he will make them accountable and review the academic calendar of each department.

JU VC Prof Nurul Alam said they will issue a circular soon in this regard.

HC adjourns

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Sheikh Marina Sultana, chairman of the Third Labour Court of Dhaka, on June 6 framed charges against Yunus and three others in the case.

Yunus is the chairman of Grameen Telecom while the other accused Ashraful Hasan is the managing director and Nur Jahan Begum and Mohammad Shahjahan are directors.

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of its directors Abdullah Al Mamun.

The bank's former deputy general manager Sheikh Altaf Hossain was acquitted as he was paralysed, even though the charges were proven.

Judge Mohammad Iqbal Hossain of the Special Judge's Court-5 of Dhaka handed down the sentence in presence of four of the convicts.

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