

Three injured in BCL attack at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Three students of Dhaka University were allegedly attacked by Chhatra League activists yesterday on the university campus.

The attack was allegedly led by Tauhidul Islam, general secretary of the Shahabbagh Unit BCL.

The injured Rezwan Ahmed Rifat, Shahinur Islam Rasel, and Sakib Azad Turjo were taken to DMCH for treatment.

Rezwan, a victim, said they were attending a religious discussion at a mosque in Bangabandhu Tower. Then some people asked them to leave. When they got out, some BCL activists came with motorcycles and beat them.

The victims alleged that Sirajul Haque, president of Bangabandhu Tower Employee Welfare Association, called the BCL activists.

Both Sirajul and Tauhidul denied the allegations.



Non-biodegradable wastes being scooped out of the Khilgaon-Basabo canal with a bulldozer in the capital's Madinabagh area yesterday afternoon. The drive to clean the canal has been taken to prevent waterlogging in its surrounding areas ahead of the summer and monsoon seasons.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

FLOOD CONTROL IN GOPALGANJ, MADARIPUR

ADB approves US \$71 million loan

UNB, Dhaka

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a US \$71 million loan to improve flood control, irrigation, and water resources management in rural communities in Gopalganj and Madaripur districts in Bangladesh to strengthen their preparedness and resilience to the effects of climate change.

According to an ADB release, the project is expected to benefit more than 600,000 people and will introduce climate-resilient flood control, drainage, and irrigation (FCDI) measures and reduce saline intrusion.

It will adopt nature-based solutions to strengthen FCDI infrastructure and improve drainage in four sub-basins.

The project will develop and enhance integrated water management plans, construct training centres for water management organisations, and other community infrastructure.

The project will promote

participatory water resource management to foster local ownership and ensure sustainability.

It will strengthen the capacity of water management groups in the design, construction, and operation and maintenance of the facilities and support the establishment of joint management committees.

Support will be extended to form water management organisations in four sub-project areas targeting women's membership.

The project will also build the capacity of the Bangladesh Water Development Board to improve coordination of government agencies concerned with water resources management, supervise the activities of water management organisations, and integrate climate adaptation in its operations.

Based on the Global Climate Risk Index, Bangladesh is ranked seventh in terms of vulnerability to climate risk. Bangladesh faces increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather and slow-onset climate events.

Without effective adaptation measures, the country could lose about 30 percent of agricultural gross domestic product by 2050 because of climate variability and extreme events impacting rural communities, especially women, who depend on climate-sensitive agricultural practices and natural resources for their livelihoods.

ADB Senior Project Management Specialist Pushkar Srivastava said that the project will sustain the gains achieved under the ADB-financed Southwest Area Integrated Water Resources Planning and Management Project, which has improved agricultural production, improved community infrastructure, and increased rural households' incomes.

"This ADB additional support will further boost economic growth and productivity, increase incomes and sustainable livelihoods, especially for women and vulnerable groups, and reduce poverty in rural areas of southwest Bangladesh," Srivastava said.

FDC workers protest for arrears

STAR REPORT

A group of 212 employees, which consists of gardeners, cleaners, and security guards, have allegedly gone unpaid for the past five months by the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC).

These workers affiliated with the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation's artistes and employees league organised a human chain in front of FDC's Zahir Raihan Colour Lab auditorium on Monday, calling for their unpaid wages.

The workers said they have been enduring inhumane conditions for five months without receiving any salaries.

Poor pay, long work hours

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Oxfam with support of Karmojibi Nari and Creative Pathways Bangladesh.

Around 79 percent of female RMG workers who quit cited family responsibilities as the prime reason, said the study.

Meanwhile, 31 percent of respondents said they were unable to take care of their children due to long work hours, and thus, had to leave their jobs. Additionally, 29 percent said they quit due to inadequate salary and benefits, 18 percent cited harassment and discrimination, while 17 percent blamed poor working conditions.

The wages have increased but their (workers') standard of living did not improve, said Meher Afroz Chumki, former state minister of women and children affairs

ministry. She also stressed the need for daycare facilities at factories, emphasising on existing laws that are in place in this regard but are seldom adhered to.

"We need to practically implement the research findings and recommendations. Only then will laws be created and accountability be ensured," said Shirin Akhter, founder of Karmojibi Nari.

She also called for collaborative research and initiatives by the government and private stakeholders to improve sectors that employ more women.

Consumers must not

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generation in rentals and quick rentals alongside a significant amount in capacity payment to independent power producers, he said.

Despite increasing electricity prices from January to March last

year, the PDB reported Tk 43,539 crore in losses in the last fiscal year while the government provided Tk 39,534 crore in subsidies, CPD said.

In order to reduce the subsidy burden without increasing electricity price, CPD proposed phasing out fossil fuel-based power plants and replacing those with renewable energy plants, and introducing "No Electricity No Payment" programme, meaning no payment to power plants that are sitting idle.

Distressed

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Hossain, 24, a merchant officer on MV Abdullah.

"My parents have stopped eating since we got the news. They are just inconsolable," said Mitu Akter, Sabbir's sister.

Sabbir's father, once a farmer, has been paralysed and bedridden after a brain stroke.

"The family will be ruined if anything happens to Sabbir," said Ahmed Hossain Rana, cousin of Sabbir.

According to Bangladesh Merchant Marine Officers' Association (BMMOA) General Secretary Md Shakawat Hossain, the ship was around 170 nautical miles off the Somali coast at 6:40pm yesterday and was heading towards Somali port of Garacad.

"If she continues at her current speed of around 14 nautical miles per hour, she may reach Somalia anchorage by tomorrow [Thursday] morning," he said.

[Our Correspondents from Chattogram, Khulna, Barishal and Tangail contributed to the report]

BANGABAZAR MARKET Construction works to begin after Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Construction works for Bangabazar market, which was destroyed in a fire last year, will begin after Eid-ul-Fitr, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh said yesterday.

"Development works of around Tk 600 crore is going on for Ward-20. The business activities at Bangabazar will continue till Eid-ul-Fitr. After Eid, the construction of a new market will begin," Taposh said while addressing a programme to distribute iftar items among around 500 low-income people.

"Tender process in this regard has already been completed. At the new market, space will be provided to those whose shops were damaged in the fire. We hope the premier will be able to lay the foundation stone of the new market," he also said.

At least 2,931 shops full of clothes were gutted in the blaze on April 4, 2023, ruining the livelihood of several thousand traders just weeks before Eid.

DRIVES AT RESTAURANTS HC seeks info on detained workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday wanted to know detailed information about the restaurant workers detained in drives after the fire incident on Dhaka's Bailey Road that killed 46 people.

In response to a writ petition, the court ordered the inspector general of police to submit a report with the information in 30 days.

The HC also issued a rule asking authorities concerned to explain why arresting workers and employees of different restaurants in Dhaka during drives against unauthorised operation of restaurants should not be declared illegal.

The petition stated that over 800 restaurant workers have been arrested, who do not have any criminal record, and they do not deserve to be in jail.

Help people

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a decision not to arrange iftar parties. (Today) She said those who are eager or have resources should stand by the people as per their capacity. If needed, they should stand by the common people with the money they are eager to spend for the Iftar parties," said Mahub.

Besides, the prime minister issued two specific directives for the authorities concerned — one is to develop agriculture-based cooperatives and the second one is to construct modern preservation storages in the country's eight divisions to preserve agro-goods, he said.

The Prime Minister directed the Agriculture Ministry and the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division to develop agriculture-based cooperatives in line with the dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The construction of modern preservation storages will help control unusual price-hikes of some goods. It will also maintain the normal supply of the products in the market during the off-season, he said.

The Prime Minister said the modern preservation storages should have separate chambers for different agricultural goods, according to the cabinet secretary.

CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITY

International Labour Organization (ILO) invites proposal from interested individuals for the consultancy opportunity as a Team Leader for the Final Independent Evaluation of the ILO Skills 21 Project in Bangladesh and a Team member (Bangladeshi national consultant). The Terms of Reference (TOR) can be downloaded from the ILO website at:

https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/Aboutus/WCMS_917951/lang--en/index.htm

The deadline for submission of proposal is **Monday, March 25, 2024, by 05:00 PM (Bangkok time).**

CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITY

International Labour Organization (ILO) invites proposal from interested individuals for the consultancy opportunity to identify and review the existing good practices of Public Private Partnership (PPPs) on TVET and draft a Gender responsive regulatory framework for PPP on TVET. The Terms of Reference (TOR) can be downloaded from the ILO website at:

https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/Aboutus/WCMS_917918/lang--en/index.htm

The deadline for submission of proposal is **Sunday, March 31, 2024, by 04:30 PM (BST time).**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites proposals from interested Research/Consulting firm to undertake the development of a comprehensive training manual in Bangla on labour market reintegration for return migrant workers and facilitation of training programmes. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the ILO Dhaka website under **Procurement Notices** at https://www.ilo.org/dhaka/WCMS_367536/lang--en/index.htm

The deadline for submission of proposal is **Wednesday, April 03, 2024, by 04:30 PM (BST time).**

INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION OF MALE LATEX CONDOM

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Online Pre-tender meeting will be held on **20th March 2024 at 2.00 pm**; meeting link is available in the Bid Document.

Tender will be closed on **1st April 2024 at 2.30 pm** and will be opened at 3:00 pm on the same day at icddr,b premises in presence of tenders, if any.

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