



HC stays ban on student politics at Buet

Protesters ask VC to take legal steps for politics-free campus; BCL welcomes court order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The agitating Buet students yesterday demanded that the university ensure a politics-free campus through legal means after the High Court stayed a university order banning student politics on campus.

The university banned politics on campus after a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League men murdered second-year student Abrar Fahad inside the Sher-e-Bangla Hall on October 7, 2019.

Following a writ filed by Buet student and Chhatra League leader Imtiaz Hossain Rahim Rabbi, the HC bench of Justice Md Khosruzzaman and Justice KM Zahid Sarwar yesterday stayed the effectiveness of the university notice that banned student politics.

Since Friday, students have been demanding expulsion of Imtiaz and the removal of Prof Mizanur Rahman from the post of director of the Directorate of Students' Welfare for what they said was his failure to keep the campus free from politics, an allegation Prof Mizanur refutes.

The students alleged that Imtiaz led over 100 Chhatra League activists to a gathering on campus in the wee hours of Thursday, violating the ban on student politics.

Meanwhile, a group of Chhatra League leaders yesterday welcomed the HC order. Around 5:45pm, about 10 Chhatra League supporters and activists, including some from Buet, placed wreaths at the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in front of the Buet Shaheed Minar.

Former Buet student Hasin Azfar, now the ICT affairs secretary of the central Chhatra League, was among the participants.

Chhatra League called for human chains to be formed in all educational institutions in the country today demanding the

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"We have to comply with what the High Court order says, and we cannot be accused of contempt of court."

Buet Vice-Chancellor Prof Satya Prasad Majumder



PHOTO: REUTERS

Palestinians inspect the damage to a part of the Al Shifa Hospital, the largest health facility in the Gaza Strip, after Israeli forces withdrew from the area yesterday. The intensive two-week military operation has left behind a wasteland of destroyed buildings and bodies strewn at the sprawling complex. Story on page 12.

Campus safe, no question about it

Buet VC tells Star after HC lifts bar on politics

GOLAM MORTOZA

The High Court yesterday stayed the ban on student politics at Buet when the students were demanding that the campus be free from politics.

The Daily Star interviewed Buet Vice-Chancellor Prof Satya Prasad Majumder to have his opinion on the matter.



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Autism treatment Dhaka-centric

AHMED DEEPTO

Every time five-year-old Ariyan goes outside home, his grandfather Razu Ahmed accompanies him and holds his hands tightly fearing that something might trigger his recently-developed erratic behaviour.

On Sunday, Razu brought him to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) to consult a doctor. They reached the hospital from Dhaka's Nababganj upazila around 3:00pm, two hours after the visiting hours for outpatients ended.

"We couldn't see the doctor, but we got the visiting card of his private chamber. Now we have to go home and come again after

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Remittance drops even before Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Remittance dipped in March ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr, in a departure from the historical trend that saw inflows take a spike centring on the biggest festival in the country.

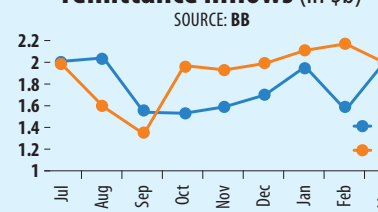
In March, migrant workers sent home \$1.99 billion, down 1.23 percent year-on-year, according to data from the Bangladesh Bank.

March's receipts were the lowest in 2024, raising concerns about whether the wheels have come off on the rebound seen in remittance inflows from October last year.

Last month's inflows take the total so far this fiscal year to \$17.07 billion, up 6.5 percent year-on-year – a modest growth given the manpower exports in recent times.

In 2023, a record 13.05 lakh workers went abroad for jobs, up 15 percent year-on-year, according to data from the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training.

Year-on-year trend of remittance inflows (in \$b)



BB Spokesman Md Mezbaul Haque, however, refused to say whether remittance has decreased last month. "There may be a slight increase or decrease," he said.

The reason for the unusual drop in remittance ahead of Eid is that the unofficial rate of the dollar is much higher than the one offered to remitters through the official channel.

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Both roads through Bangabandhu Square in Gulistan were entirely gridlocked for hours yesterday afternoon, mostly due to a huge number of buses, many of which were headed outside the capital. Footpaths lined with hawkers, rickshaws being driven haphazardly and scores of jaywalkers only worsened the situation.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন
স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগ

"কুকুর কামড়ানোর টিকা (ARV) প্রদান সম্পর্কিত বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন এর মাননীয় মেয়র আলহাজ্ব এম রেজাউল করিম চৌধুরী এর নির্দেশনায় চসিক স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগের আওতায় চট্টগ্রাম মহানগরীর ৪১টি ওয়ার্ডে বসবাসরত গরীব জনগোষ্ঠীকে কুকুর কামড়ানোর প্রতিষেধক RABIX-VC VACCINE প্রয়োগের ব্যবস্থা নিচ্ছে। এ কার্যক্রমের আলোকে চসিক জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, সদরঘাট রোড, আলকরন, চট্টগ্রাম এ সরকারী ছুটি ব্যতীত প্রতিদিন সকাল ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হতে বিকাল ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত কুকুর কামড়ানোর টিকা (ARV) প্রদান করা হচ্ছে। বর্তমানে প্রতি ভায়াল টিকার ক্রয়মূল্যে ৪২০.০১ টাকা হলেও শুধুমাত্র ৫০/- টাকা ফি আদায়ের মাধ্যমে নগরবাসীকে এই কুকুর কামড়ানোর প্রতিষেধক টিকা (ARV) দেওয়া হচ্ছে।

এমতাবস্থায়, কুকুরের কামড়ানো জনসাধারণকে নিম্নে লিখিত সনদসহ স্বশরীরে উপস্থিত হয়ে চসিক জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, সদরঘাট রোড, আলকরন, চট্টগ্রাম হতে কুকুর কামড়ানোর প্রতিষেধক টিকা (ARV) গ্রহণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

বিঃদ্রঃ ১। রেজিস্টার্ড চিকিৎসকের পরামর্শ পত্র ও সংশ্লিষ্ট সম্মানিত কাউন্সিলরগণের সুপারিশসহ সঙ্গে নিয়ে আসতে হবে।

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BUS RAPID TRANSIT Two Chinese firms banned from project over 'fraud'

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Two Chinese companies have been barred from a project for a year over "fraudulent practices" in connection with the procurement process of 137 buses for bus rapid transit (BRT) services.

Higer Bus Company and Xiamen Golden Dragon Bus Company were barred by the state-run Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Company following an investigation, according to documents.

Subsequently, the two companies will not be eligible to participate in any bids for Dhaka BRT Company as an individual or a joint

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