

No decision on reopening edu institutes

Says minister; teachers to continue movement over pension scheme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury yesterday said the current situation is not conducive to reopening educational institutions. He said this during a meeting with university teachers at the education ministry regarding pension issues, reports UNB.

When asked if there had been any discussion in the cabinet yesterday about reopening primary schools, he said, "I will not comment on this now. Discussions that take place in the cabinet are not meant to be discussed outside."

Meanwhile, Nizamul Hoque Bhuiyan, secretary general of Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers Association (FBUTA), told this correspondent, "In the meeting, the participants came to an in-principle decision that teachers would be excluded from the Prottoy scheme."

The summary of the discussion would be sent to the higher authorities, to make further decisions, he added.

"Until we see a final notification, our movement will continue."

Prof Abdur Rahim, joint secretary general of the FBUTA, said, "We had a positive discussion with almost all stakeholders concerning our demands. The respective authorities did not deny the rationality of our demands."

Chief of the standing committee of the education ministry, Nurul Islam Nahid, along with the finance ministry secretary and pension scheme authorities, also attended the meeting.



A mother gives her son a hug before the police put him up in a prison van and take him to jail. Such scenes have become frequent on the Chattogram's 6th Metropolitan Magistrate Court premises, as 532 people, including over 126 students, have so far been arrested in the port city over the past week in violence cases. The photos were taken Sunday.

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VIOLENCE CASES IN PORT CITY

Over 126 students arrested in a week

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On Sunday, Rezaul Karim Kusum Chowdhury was waiting at Chattogram's 6th Metropolitan Magistrate Court for a bail petition hearing for his nephew Talha Mahmood Chowdhury, who was arrested in a violence case over the quota reform protests.

Talha, a final-year student at East Delta University, was arrested from the Agrabad area in the port city on July 17 and was handed over to Khulshi Police Station on July 18, where he was shown arrested.

However, the court rejected his bail petition. On the court premises, Rezaul, a freedom fighter, told The Daily Star, "Police picked Talha up without verifying his identity and sent him to court. We told them that he is not involved with any political parties or violence but they did not pay heed."

"We filed two petitions for his bail but the court rejected them. Talha has already been taken for remand," he said.

Many other students and their guardians were also seen on the court premises.

Over 126 students from different educational institutions, including Chittagong University, were arrested in the past week till

Sunday, according to the court's GRO sections and prison sources.

Police officials said they are arresting the anarchists who were directly involved with the subversive activities.

So far, Chattogram Metropolitan Police has arrested 532 people, including leaders and activists of BNP and Jamaat, in connection with 20 cases filed over violence and subversive activities.

Ramjan Sheikh, a first-year CU student, was arrested on July 18 in a murder case filed by police with Panchlaish Police Station.

At the court premises, his father Mostafa Sheikh, a mason by profession, said his son is innocent and not involved with any kind of politics.

"We could not trace him until police sent him to the court on July 20," he added.

In front of the court's lockup, Ramjan said, "I took part in the protests in Muradpur on July 16. On July 18, a group of BCL men came to my house in Forest Research Institute area and took me to Parkview Hospital, where injured BCL men are undergoing treatment. Later, I was handed over to police."

"A local BCL man named Arif took me from my house," he added.

However, The Daily Star could not verify Ramjan's information independently.

Meanwhile, Lutfur Rahman, a student of Finance and Banking at CU, was arrested from his residence on July 17, said Prof Hasmat Ali of the department.

"On information, six teachers, including me, went to Panchlaish Police Station. Police showed him arrested in a violence case. The duty officer told us they found some photos and videos related to the protests on his cell phone," said Prof Hasmat.

Contacted, Mokhleshur Rahman, deputy commissioner of CMP's North Zone, said, "After looking at videos and CCTV footage, we are arresting those involved in clashes on July 16 and July 18."

Meanwhile, a BCL man filed another case accusing 50 persons and 30 to 35 unnamed persons with Panchlaish Police Station.

With this, a total of 20 cases have been filed in the port city, accusing over 200 named and 30,000 unnamed people.

Arif Hossen, AC of Panchlaish Zone, said, "Seven cases were lodged with Panchlaish Police Station, five of which were lodged by BCL men and their family members, while two were lodged by police."

540 dorm rooms, 25 offices of 9 univs damaged: UGC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 540 rooms and 25 offices of the dormitories of nine public universities were either vandalised or damaged during the recent spell of unrest that ensued during the quota reform protests.

University Grants Commission's statistics show that universities will need at least Tk 28.80 crore to repair the damages.

UGC officials compiled the data until Sunday, collecting information from the public universities which also shows that the vice chancellor's office and residence at Rangpur's Begum Rokeya University and VC's residence at Jahangirnagar University were vanadalised.

Dhaka University VC Prof ASM Maksud Kamal said around 300 rooms of different halls were vandalised.

The university authorities will repair the halls after getting financial allocation from UGC, he added.

"We complied the data as these damaged rooms and offices will need to be repaired. We will send a proposal to the government so that universities get funds for repair work," said UGC Secretary Ferdous Zaman.

According to UGC, 300 rooms from 13 halls in DU were vandalised, some were even set on fire. The university faced damages amounting to Tk 4.93 crore.

Similarly, offices in 10 halls of Rajshahi University were vandalised, with the university suffering damages

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Bagerhat grapples with dilapidated roads



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A significant portion of the Bagerhat municipality's 78.30-kilometre road network is in a dilapidated state and making transportation an ordeal for its 1.5 lakh residents.

Lack of repairs and maintenance for over a decade led to the present situation, affecting peoples' daily commute and business activities, said locals.

Visiting different areas across Bagerhat town, this correspondent found that most of the major thoroughfares, including the ones connecting between Noor Mosque and LGED Intersection, Rahat Intersection and Chanmari Bridge, as well as the road leading to Government Women's College, are in a deplorable condition.

Even the road along the central bus terminal, and those in residential areas like Kharadwar, Basabat, and Sahapara, are barely passable.

"We have to ply the roads through numerous potholes daily, amid

discomfort to both passengers and ourselves, while bearing risk of frequent accidents," said Ajit Das, an easy-bike driver.

Zakir Sheikh, a local businessman, said, "Commuting daily through these dilapidated roads to workplace is a challenging task, even for pedestrians."

Badol Das, a bus driver, said their vehicles often sustain damages due to the poor condition of the roads, especially the one connecting the central bus terminal.

Residents, commuters, and transport workers urged the authorities concerned to repair and renovate the roads urgently to mitigate their sufferings.

Contacted, Mohammad Khaled Hossain, deputy commissioner of Bagerhat, acknowledged the issue.

"Work to repair 11 roads in the town has begun, while plans are on to initiate work on 11 more roads. Hopefully the situation will improve once the renovation works are completed," he said.

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Ref. Tender No: BABE (F)-632/NAVCOM/2024-2025 Dated 11 July 2024

Hereby, this is to notify that Khulna Shipyard Ltd has decided to change clause no: 02 at Ref. tender for various type of Navigation and Communication Items due to unavoidable Country's situation which will be following:

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2. DUE FOR OPENING ON: 31 July 2024

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2. DUE FOR OPENING ON: 12 August 2024 & for that schedule last selling date 11 August 2024.

All other terms and conditions will be remain unchanged.

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Tender ID No.	Brief Description	Tender Documents Publication Date & Time.	Tender Documents Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Documents Closing/Opening Date & Time
1003226	Construction of Multi storied residential flat for Government Officers in Azimpur Govt. Colony Zone-A, Dhaka. (Package no. W-10/A-2: Remaining works for Construction of 1 no. 1800 sft. 20 storied building & utility buildings i.e. facing bricks, shower enclosure, granite, kitchen cabinet, kitchen hood, aluminum louver, WPC door shutter, MS gas pipeline related internal electric works & other finishing works). FY: 2023-24	30-Jul-2024 13:00	28-Aug-2024 11:00	28-Aug-2024 13:00

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Invitation for Tender

Date. 28/07/2024

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works
2	Agency	Public Works Department (PWD)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Engineer, Chattogram. PWD Division-1.
4	Procuring Entity District	Chattogram.
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Non-Consulting Service.
6	Invitation Ref No	PWD/ Ctg Div-1/2024-25/ Outsourcing-01
7	Date	28/07/2024
8	Key Information	
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
10	Tender Package Name	Supply of Drivers (Category- 02) for Executive Engineer of PWD Division-1 as well as for Sub -Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division-1 & for Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Patiya Sub-Division, on Outsourcing Basis for FY2024-2025..
11	Tender Publication Date	28/07/2024
12	Tender Last Selling Date	11/08/2024 on time 4:00 PM.
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	12/08/2024 on time 12:00 PM.
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	Tender will be opened on 12/08/2024 at 12:30 PM. in the office of the Executive Engineer, Chattogram PWD Division-1. Chattogram. Intending Tenderers or their authorized representatives may remain present during opening of tender.
15	Name & Address of the office(s)	
16	a) Selling Tender Documents (Principle)	Office of the Executive Engineer, Chattogram PWD Division-1. Chattogram.
17	b) Selling Tender Documents (Others)	All working PWD Division under Chattogram P.W.D Zone.
18	c) Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD Chattogram Circle-1 Chattogram.
19	d) Opening Tender Document	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division- 1, Chattogram

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