

'Will inform UN team on abuses against indigenous people'

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a programme yesterday said they would inform a visiting team of the United Nations about the human rights violations suffered by indigenous people in Bangladesh in recent years.

The UN team will be visiting Dhaka to investigate crimes against humanity committed by the Sheikh Hasina-led government.

"We know that a UN team will visit Bangladesh to investigate the allegations brought against the previous regime. We can raise the issue of the human rights violations, torture and other abuses faced by indigenous people over the years," said Barrister Sara Hossain, honorary executive director of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust.

She made the remarks as a panel speaker at a seminar titled "The Responsibility of the State and the Broader Population on Overall Security, Including Land, Basic, and Human Rights of the Indigenous People," held at the capital's CIRDP auditorium.

The seminar was organised by 14 indigenous organisations, including the Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, in observance of the International Day of SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

CHTC calls for six key reforms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission yesterday called on the interim government to urgently prioritise six critical reforms in the CHT.

In a press statement, the CHTC emphasised the need for full implementation of the CHT Accord, highlighting key provisions such as recognising the CHT as an Indigenous inhabited region, establishing mechanisms for resolving land disputes, rehabilitating returnee refugees and internally displaced persons, and demilitarising the area.

The commission urged the government to withdraw "Operation Uttoron" and recommended that all temporary military camps be dismantled without delay, except for the six permanent cantonments and installations of border security forces as outlined in the CHT Accord of 1997.

The CHTC also called for the immediate SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



With an open manhole lurking underwater, vehicles ply a submerged road near Dhaka College. A moment of carelessness can lead to an accident. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ADMINISTRATIVE VACUUM

Universities struggle to restart classes

ARAFAT RAHAMAN

Despite government directives to resume academic activities across all educational institutions, most public universities struggled to restart classes yesterday due to a significant administrative vacuum.

This crisis emerged after the resignations of at least 21 vice chancellors, 10 pro-vice chancellors, and numerous other key officials following the fall of Sheikh Hasina.

These vacancies have left universities unable to hold meetings or officially announce the resumption of academic activities, except for basic administrative tasks.

However, teachers at some

departments took the initiative to hold classes independently, but a full-scale return to academic operations has yet to be possible.

Only a few departments across the universities, including Law department at Rajshahi University, held classes.

Similarly, limited classes were held at Mawlana Bhasani University, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, and Barishal University, while student attendance was low at SUST, CU, Comilla University, and Begum Rokeya University.

At Jahangirnagar University, some 20 departments -- including Archaeology, History, Marketing, and Zoology -- held classes.

Meanwhile, classes were held

in almost all 38 departments and two institutions of Jagannath University. However, student turnout was low there as well, said University Treasurer Humayun Kabir.

Different colleges affiliated with the National University also started holding classes, but with low student attendance.

Amid the situation, there has been a growing frustration among the students.

Jubayer Hossain, a student at JU, said, "We have already achieved our demands through the movement. Now it's time to return to our classes. Otherwise, we will fall behind."

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Tough to implement new curriculum

Says education adviser, hints going back to the old one

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Adviser Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud yesterday said the new curriculum, especially the evaluation method, does not seem to be implementable.



"Implementation of the new curriculum with existing teachers is tough... In many cases, this new curriculum is not suitable for our country," Wahiduddin said while talking to reporters at his secretariat office.

"We will return to the previous curriculum as much as possible. But it will be done in such a way that students don't feel any discomfort and no discontinuity is created," he added.

Wahiduddin, an economist and Dhaka University professor, yesterday went to the education ministry for the first time after taking the oath of office on Friday.

He said the transition from the new curriculum to the old one would be a complex job, as many students already had books of the new curriculum.

"If we go back to the old curriculum, we will keep links to the new one," he said.

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Metro to resume within 7 days

Says Adviser Fauzul Kabir

UNB, Dhaka

Interim Government's Road Transport and Bridges Adviser Muhammad Fauzul Kabir Khan yesterday said Dhaka metro rail services will resume within seven days.



He came up with the announcement during an introductory meeting with officials at the secretariat.

The adviser emphasised that there would be a renewed focus on development projects, ensuring that progress is not limited to Dhaka alone but also extends to neglected areas.

He stressed the importance of cost-efficiency in every project, noting that instructions have been given to adhere to budget constraints.

He also addressed the issue of inadequate parking spaces on major roads in Dhaka, adding that measures will be taken to address this.



Several ward councillors' offices were vandalised and looted since August 5, including those of wards 20 and 22 in Barishal city. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

BARISHAL CITY CORPORATION

Services disrupted as mayor, councillors flee

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Services of Barishal City Corporation have been severely disrupted as the city mayor and most ward councillors have been absent following the ouster of the Awami League-led government on August 5.

Of the 40 ward councillors under BCC, only eight have remained connected to their respective ward offices. All eight of them are BNP-backed.

Almost all services of the city corporation and ward councillors' offices, including issuance of different certificates and other important documents, are on hold, causing much sufferings to the residents.

BCC sources said the situation deteriorated after miscreants looted goods and equipment from BCC's annex building and set it on fire on August 5.

Gazi Naimul Hossain Litu, councillor of ward 19 and former panel mayor, was burnt to death by miscreants on the same day.

Since then, BCC mayor Abul Khair Abdullah, and 31 ward councillors, have been on the run over security concerns as all of them are AL-affiliated.



Visiting different wards across the city, this correspondent observed that several ward councillors' offices were vandalised and looted since

August 5, including those of wards 20 and 22. The residence of Munna Howladar, councillor of ward 2, was also attacked and looted.

"I went to the councillor's office every day for the past one week to collect a birth certificate but to no avail. The office remains closed as pro-AL councillor Munna fled since August 5," said Suvankar Chakraborty, a resident of ward 2.

A resident of ward 20 shared a similar plight.

Israel Hossain, chief executive officer of BCC, said they are trying to come up with alternative methods to resolve the issue.

Meanwhile, on August 14, the interim government decided to give CEOs full administrative and financial authority to run city corporations where mayors and panel mayors are absent.

The decision was yet to be implemented in Barishal.

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Memo No.NIMH/Food & Linen/Tender/2024-25/3167

Date : 17.08.2024

Invitation for Tender (OTM)

KEY INFORMATION	
1 Ministry/ Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2 Agency	Director General of Health Services
3 Procuring Entity Name	Director, National Institute of Mental Health & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
4 Procuring Entity Code	1270208111118
5 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka-1207
6 Invitation for	(1) Supply of Foods for patients 2024-2025 (2) Linen Washing (with Iron) for 2024-2025
7 Tender Invitation Ref & Date	Memo No. NIMH/food & Linen/Tender/2024-25/3167 Date : 17.08.2024
8 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) according to PPA-2006, PPR-2008.
FUNDING INFORMATION	
9 Budget & Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
10 Office Code	1270208111118
11 Office Name	National Institute of Mental Health & Hospital
12 Tender Publication Date	19/08/2024
13 Tender Document Last Selling Date	09/09/2024 (Office hour)
14 Tender Closing Date & Time	10/09/2024, Time: 12.00 PM
15 Tender Document Opening Date & Time	10/09/2024, Time: 12.30 PM
16 Name And Address Of The Office's	

Selling Tender Document	Tender Document will be available only on following web site:- 1. NIMH Website- www.nimh.gov.bd
Receiving Tender Document	a. Administrative block (2 nd floor), National Institute of Mental Health & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. b. Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner, Tejgaon Division, 22/5, Khijli Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207
Opening Tender Document	Room No-330, National Institute of Mental Health & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 (In presence of the bidders or their authorized agents who would wish to be present).

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER:		
17 Eligibility of Tenderer	100% of the necessary papers to be submitted as per standard tender document, otherwise the tender will be treated non-responsive.	
18 Brief Description of Goods	Lot No- 01 : dry food items, spices, oil, dairy products, Lot No-02 : Meat, fish & egg etc., Lot No- 03 :- Vegetables & fruits, Lot No-04:- Bread & Confectionary, Lot No-05 :- linen Washing (With Iron) .	
19 Price of Tender Document taka	Office of the Director-cum- Professor, National Institute of Mental Health & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 by the depositing money in the code no.1-2711-0000-2366 of any schedule Bank through Treasury Challan in all. All working days from the date of publishing tender notice. The original copy of challan after doing C.T.R shall have to be submitted.	
20 Tender Security money	Tender Security money must be submitted along with the tender through Bank Draft/ Pay order from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director-cum-Professor, National Institute of Mental Health & Hospital, Shere Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.	
Lot No	Description of Materials according to groups	Price of Tender documents (Non-refundable)
01	Dry food items, spices, oil, dairy products	Tk.2000.00 (Two thousand) only
02	Meat, fish & egg etc	Tk.2500.00 (Two thousand Five hundred) only
03	Vegetables & fruits	Tk. 1000.00 (One thousand) only
04	Bread & Confectionary	Tk. 1500.00 (One thousand Five hundred) only
05	Washing and ironing of linen items	Tk. 1000.00 (One thousand) only
Tender Security Amount (Refundable)		
		Tk.1,30,000.00 (One lac Thirty Five thousand) only
		Tk.2,00,000.00 (Two Lac) only
		Tk.65,000.00 (Sixty five thousand) only
		Tk. 1,10,000.00 (One lac Ten thousand) only
		Tk.25000.00 (Twenty Five thousand) only
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
21 Name of Official Inviting Tender	Prof. Dr. Avra Das Bhowmik	
22 Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director-cum-Professor	
23 Address of Official Inviting Tender	National Institute of Mental Health & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.	
24 Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: 02-223374408 E-mail: nimhr@hospi.dghs.gov.bd	
25	a. Authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender/rate. Authority may cancel the whole tender/part of the tender without assigning any reason. b. Work Order will be issued according to available budget.	
26	If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.	

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