

BRAC Univ celebrates women entrepreneurs

STAR REPORT

BRAC University recently hosted the closing ceremony of the Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) programme, celebrating the success of 83 women entrepreneurs who completed this transformative initiative. Guests, including Megan Bouldin, Chargé d'Affaires at the US Embassy in Dhaka; Scott Hartmann, director, public engagement from the US Embassy; Prof Syed Mahfuzul Aziz, pro vice-chancellor of BRAC University; and David Dowland, registrar of BRAC University, attended the event.

Matin Saad Abdullah, professor at Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Adviser to Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED); Khairul Bashar, Director at Office of Communications, and Afshana Choudhury, Joint Director at CED were also present.

The AWE programme, supported by the US Federal Government's Department of State, equips aspiring women entrepreneurs with essential business skills, fosters inclusivity, and promotes peer learning and mentorship.

PRAYER TIMING
NOVEMBER 21

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Committee to design

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their infrastructure, and establish a cohesive institutional identity," he added.

Wahiduddin Mahmud said the name of this independent identity will be decided through discussions with all stakeholders, including students.

Whatever the name may be, the ultimate goal is to improve education quality and eliminate inequality in the education system, he added.

"We will start implementing necessary steps gradually, observing the situation, to ensure the most respectful situation

for you all," the adviser told the students.

He clarified that the current Honours and Master's programs under this system will not face any disruptions due to the process. Instead, existing issues will be addressed through discussions with DU.

He also said, "Whatever steps we take now, the next elected government will need to give them legitimacy. We hope that legitimacy will be granted."

Regarding the recent road blockades by students, he urged the students to avoid road blockades and chaos.



This tea garden in Sylhet has become overgrown with weeds, after being left uncared for during the ongoing tea workers' strike. Tea gardens from nearly all estates are overripe or experiencing overgrowth. If the tea leaves are not cared for or picked within the next week, there will likely be losses for the owners. The photo was taken from the Lakkatura tea garden yesterday. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Female Ansar

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The woman was rescued and sent to a hospital, but a video of the incident surfaced on Facebook. She filed a complaint with a local army camp, but when the district commander visited the Ansar VDP office, he allegedly attempted to have her arrested.

On October 29, the victim and her brother, also

an Ansar member, were dismissed from their jobs for protesting.

Khaled denied the allegations, claiming no misconduct on his part. District Commander Mirza Sifat-e-Khoda stated the victim was dismissed due to allegations against her and criticized her for approaching the army instead of filing a formal grievance.

15 injured as students

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resulting in the casualties.

According to the injured students from Dhaka College, they were celebrating its 184th founding anniversary yesterday.

After the programme, students started leaving the campus on buses around 2:30pm. When three buses reached the Science Laboratory intersection, City College students stopped them and attacked the Dhaka College students.

"Without any provocation, students of City College first attacked buses of Dhaka College and following the incident then a clash broke out after

spreading the news on the campus," said Sajib Uddin, a student of Dhaka College.

The Dhaka College students also vandalised the City College building by throwing brick chunks.

Members of the police and army rushed there to bring the situation under control.

Police were seen firing several rounds of tear shells and sound grenades towards both sides of the clash.

Tarikul Islam, assistant commissioner of Dhanmondi Zone, told The Daily Star around 4:00pm that they came to know that the clash ensued over vandalising a bus of Dhaka College.

Armed Forces

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The chiefs of the three services will place wreaths at "Shikha Anirban" at Dhaka Cantonment in the morning. Later, the three chiefs will pay courtesy calls on the president and the chief adviser.

On the occasion, the chief adviser will host a reception and meet the family members of the Bir Shresthas and other gallantry award-winning freedom fighters at Army Multipurpose Complex.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Chief

Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus issued separate messages on the occasion.

In his message, the president said a strong, modern, and well-trained armed force is one of the key prerequisites for safeguarding a nation's sovereignty.

In his message, the chief adviser said from the country's independence struggle to addressing floods, droughts, storms, rains, and cyclones, the armed forces have always been the ultimate refuge for the affected people.

HC suggests death penalty

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ordered the investigation officer to submit a supplementary charge sheet to the trial court concerned against Selim and other offenders in connection with the case.

Kushtia's Hanif Shah filed the case with Bheramara Police Station on November 4 last year against Selim Khan on the charge of hurting religious values and sensibilities with the intention of organising riots, insulting the Islamic religious belief, and seriously hurting their sensibilities by making lecherous comments on Facebook about "Hazrat

Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam", in reply to a Facebook post of one Nafisa Chowdhury.

Investigating officer Inspector Sheikh Lutfar Rahman submitted a charge sheet to the trial court on December 31 last year in connection with the case.

In the full-text verdict, the HC said, "Bangladesh is a country of people of all religions. At the same time, it is essential to ensure the safety, peaceful living, honour and dignity of people of all religions and stability in society."

"To discourage any such inflammatory speech or

act which is likely to offend the minds of people of any religion, or to cause fear, terror, discomfort or apprehension in any of them, enhancing the punishment for such offences and to make them non-bailable must be considered," said the HC bench.

The HC judges also said, "If the offenders who are involved in the respective links of the charge sheet are not brought under the law, in every case the main culprit or the main conspirator or the main source will remain out of touch. Hence, there needs to be an appropriate order in this regard."

Foster creativity

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The chief adviser chaired his first Cabinet meeting at the Secretariat and later visited the Education Ministry.

He said Bangladesh should not create an education system that emphasises only test scores. "The perception that test score is everything must go," he added.

Prof Yunus also called

for narrowing generational gaps in Bangladeshi society, saying the country must understand the thought process and aspirations of the new generation.

"We must understand the language and the thought process of the youth. We need to know how the older generation can share their experience with the younger generation," he said.

JU students block

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university medical centre, banning unregistered vehicles, ensuring mandatory training for auto-rickshaw drivers, replacing unskilled security personnel, and immediately activating all campus CCTV cameras.

"We are categorising this [death] as a case of

structural homicide," said Happy Akter Shila, a first-year student of the philosophy department, adding that they will intensify their movement and call for the vice chancellor's resignation if the demands were not met within 24 hours.

Durbar Adi, a first-year student of the archaeology

department, said Afsana did not receive necessary treatment on campus following the accident.

"Thus, we are demanding a safer campus," he said.

On Tuesday night, the university authorities suspended four officials, including deputy registrar Abdur Rahman, citing negligence of duty.

কমল ত্রয়ের জন্য দরপত্র আহ্বান

সাউথইস্ট ব্যাংক পিএলসি.

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সাউথইস্ট ব্যাংকের সিএসআর কার্যক্রমের আওতায় দেশের দুই শীতাত্তর মানুষের জন্য কমল প্রদানের উদ্দেশ্যে প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারীদের কাছ থেকে দরপত্র আহ্বান করছেঃ

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Drivers clash with cops during

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rickshaw drivers were detained.

Md Saleh Uddin, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Wari Division), said the police requested the protesters to clear the road to restore normal traffic flow. However, the drivers ignored the request and clashed with the police. Three drivers have been taken into custody from the site of the incident.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Jatrabari Police Station, Md Faruk Ahmed, said, "When severe traffic congestion developed, we urged the drivers to withdraw the blockade. Instead, they attacked the police."

"The injured officers have been hospitalised and given primary treatment," he added.

Meanwhile, protesters in Agargaon also announced a gathering in front of the Election Commission Office Building today at 9:00am, followed by a blockade of the Mirpur-10 intersection.

FEAR OF LOSING LIVELIHOODS

The protesters said their livelihoods depend on their vehicles. They and their families will be in great trouble if the vehicles are restricted without a proper transition plan.

Faruk Hossain, a battery-run rickshaw driver from the Agargaon BNP Bazar area, said he drives a rickshaw to support his seven-member family, including his elderly mother, who has heart disease, and his two sons, who suffer from thalassemia.

"I earn Tk 1200 daily, which helps cover medical

expenses for my family members. I also took a loan of Tk 70,000 to buy the rickshaw, and I need to repay Tk 2,500 taka weekly. If my rickshaw is stopped, I won't be able to pay back the loan or support my family," Faruk said.

Shafiqul Islam, another driver, shared a similar plight.

Md Hashem, a battery-run rickshaw driver from Gandaria, said, "The sudden ban on auto-rickshaws has left us in a dire situation. It is inhumane to impose such restrictions without providing any alternative solutions."

The protesters have vowed to continue their programme if their demands are not addressed.

Middle-class

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Tk 70 per kg, onions for Tk 110 per kg, and soybean oil for Tk 165 per litre.

Contacted, Shafiqul Islam, joint director of TCB in Chattogram, said a total of 7,000 people are getting TCB products at lower prices through 20 OMS truck sales in the port city daily.

Besides, a total of 3,963 families with family cards have been given TCB products once a month round the year, he added.

The authorities of MRT Lines 1 and 5 are now developing land for setting up depots.

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Bring proportional

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The PR system would allow them to get 40 percent of the seats in parliament.

Rouf also advocated for permanent polling stations and a new formula for local government elections under which the party with the most votes in the parliamentary elections in a locality will govern its Union Parishad.

Badiul Alam Majumdar, chief of the Electoral Reform Commission, said they will review the

opinions while preparing their recommendations.

Earlier in the afternoon, EC officials exchanged views with the reform commission and said powers given to the EC in line with the constitution and law should be exercised properly.

They also recommended that the election commissioners and EC officials shall not be obstructed by any authority while they are enforcing the law.

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2	BD-SDF-412798-CS-QCBS-S-40-0 (RELIP)	Hiring firm for Conducting Skill Development and Employment Generation Training on Electrical and Electronics Support Servicing	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	Date: 05.12.2024 Time: 12:00pm	Date: 05.12.2024 Time: 12:30pm
3	BD-SDF-412802-CS-QCBS-S-41-0 (RELIP)	Hiring firm for Conducting Skill Development and Employment Generation Training on Apprenticeship Model (Factory Based)	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	Date: 07.12.2024 Time: 2:00pm	Date: 07.12.2024 Time: 2:30pm
4	BD-SDF-412806-CS-QCBS-S-42-0 (RELIP)	Hiring firm for Conducting Skill Development and Employment Generation Training on Motor Driving	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	Date: 07.12.2024 Time: 3:00pm	Date: 07.12.2024 Time: 3:30pm
5	BD-SDF-412810-CS-QCBS-S-43-0 (RELIP)	Hiring firm for Conducting Skill Development and Employment Generation Training on ICT & Computer application	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	Date: 07.12.2024 Time: 1:00pm	Date: 07.12.2024 Time: 1:30pm

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