

Planning Week organised at Buet

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The URP Students Association of BUET (USAB) organised Planning Week 2024 on the Buet campus from November 23 to 25. The event's theme was "Just Urban Transition".

Through the three day event, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning students emphasised the importance of inclusive, equitable, and justice-driven urban planning for all.

The event featured a seminar organised on November 25, where Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan was the chief guest. The session was chaired by Buet Vice Chancellor Prof ABM Badruzzaman.

Three undergraduate research presentations were showcased at the session. Rizwana expressed her concerns about the encroachment on forests and the negligence of responsible authorities, saying, "We must make every effort to protect our water bodies in the expanding urban areas, especially in the Ashulia region. I urge Rajuk to take immediate actions."

Maj Gen (retd) Md Siddiqur Rahman, Chairman of Rajuk and Prof Adil Mohammad Khan, President of BIP were also present at the seminar.

The event concluded with remarks from Prof Asif-uz Zaman Khan, head of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (URP), Buet.



A group of boys plays football on an uneven field in the Khagail area of Companiganj upazila, Sylhet. Despite the lack of proper playing fields, they make do with this rough pitch, risking injuries to enjoy the game they love. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Trial run conducted on Bangabandhu Railway Bridge

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The first trial runs of trains on the newly built Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Railway Bridge over the Jamuna River were conducted successfully yesterday.

A trial train with an engine and three coaches departed from the eastern side of the bridge in Tangail and travelled to the western side in Sirajganj. The train returned to the eastern side at 10:41am, said Al Fattah Masudur Rahman, project director of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Railway Bridge.

Another engine with three coaches departed from the Sirajganj side at

10:20am, reached the eastern side, and began its journey back to the western side at 10:29am, initially moving at 10 km/h before increasing to 40 km/h.

"The trial allowed us to monitor movement, speed, and various technical parameters to ensure the safety of train operations," said Birbal Mondol, Pakshi divisional railway engineer.

"We will conduct another trial at full speed (100 km/h) before commencing formal operations," he said.

The bridge is expected to open for formal operations in January 2025, although signalling systems will be fully completed by March 2025, he added.

Nahid urges media to play due role

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Nahid said, "We welcome constructive criticism. The government remains open to both positive and critical feedback from the media. Constructive criticism is beneficial for the government. The government can correct itself through constructive criticism."

The government has already formed media reform

commission to strengthen the mass media, he said, adding that the commission will submit a report to the government after holding discussions with all stakeholders concerned.

The adviser said the government will attempt to implement the report through consultations with various parties, and it wants to foster an environment where free and responsible journalism can flourish.

Mentioning the role of journalists in the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, Nahid Islam said that many field-level journalists collected news of the movement.

However, due to the media authorities concerned, the news of the movement was not disseminated properly through their respective media outlets in all cases, he added.

Referring to the false

information published in some media recently, he said that people were confused and chaos was created in society due to the spread of false information and rumors in the media.

One of the responsibilities of the media is to present the truth to the people, he said, adding that there is no alternative to the media's responsible role in disseminating the truth.

Govt directed to conduct

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the deal and to submit a report in 60 days.

It also asked the energy and mineral resources secretary to form a committee with internationally acclaimed energy and legal experts within a month to give detailed reports on the agreement within 60 days of the committee's formation.

The HC also directed the chairman of Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) to submit all the minutes of the negotiations, if any, that took place before the conclusion of the said agreement on November 5, 2017, within a month of receiving the order's copy.

On November 19, the bench gave the directives and issued a rule following a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Md Abdul Qaiyum challenging the legality of the power purchase agreement signed on November 5, 2017.

In the rule, HC asked the authorities concerned to show causes why the execution of the Power Purchase Agreement between BPDB and Adani Power (Jharkhand) Limited, with unconscionable, unfair, unequal terms that are against the public interest and public policy of Bangladesh, should not be declared illegal.

It also asked why they should not be directed to terminate the said agreement in case Adani Power does not agree to fair equal terms to uphold the national interest of Bangladesh, according to the full text of the order.

The High Court bench also fixed February 25 next year for further hearing of the matter.

Lease of forest land

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In response to a writ petition, the HC yesterday ordered the authorities concerned of the government to take effective steps to protect the forest land and ECA in the island.

The deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar has been asked to immediately take steps to prevent cutting trees and making shrimp farms at the ECA.

The HC also ordered the government to assess the loss of 4,916 hectares of ECA and 8001.70 acres of notified forest land of Sonadia Island and to form a plan to recover them and to submit a report in this regard in six months.

Secretary at the ministry of environment, forest and climate change, chief conservator of forest and director general of department of

environment have been asked to comply with this directive.

At the same time, HC issued a rule asking the respondents to explain why the lease agreement for allocating 8001.7 acres of notified forest land and 2,712 acres of ECA at Sonadia and Ghatibhanga Mouza should not be declared illegal and unconstitutional.

The court also asked them to show causes why their failure to protect the ECA the notified forest land from destruction, alongside commercial and anti-forest uses, should not be declared illegal, unconstitutional and against the public interest.

The court in the rule asked them to explain why they should not be directed to hand over the forest land and ECA to the department of forest.

Secretaries at the

ministries of environment, forest and climate change; and land; chairman of BEZA; chief conservator of forest; director general of department of environment (DoE); deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Cox's Bazar; divisional forest officer of Chattogram coastal forest department; director of Cox's Bazar's DoE; Maheshkhali upazila nirbahi officer, assistant commissioner of land and officer in charge of its police station have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Debashis Roy Chowdhury issued the order and rule following a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), seeking necessary directives to protect the forest and ECA at Sonadia Island.

They leave with big dreams

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Iman is not alone.

Over the past five years, BRAC has supported at least 104 Bangladeshi workers, mostly women, who returned from the Gulf, Malaysia, and Turkey after facing abuse. These workers endured physical injuries, mental torture, or sexual exploitation, and many now suffer from severe trauma caused by overwork and underpayment.

Among the returnees, 87 were women and 18 were men, BRAC data shows.

Saudi Arabia accounted for the highest number of cases with 79 returnees, followed by Oman with 12, Qatar with five, and two each from Jordan, the UAE, and Malaysia, as well as one each from Libya, Kuwait, and Turkey.

Layek Miah, 24, from Sylhet's Fenchuganj, is one such tragic case. He went to Oman five years ago, hoping for a better life as a hotel worker.

However, he returned mentally unstable just three days ago.

BRAC helped reunite him with his family. "He went in good health but now needs constant help just to move," said Siddiq Ahmed, his younger brother. "We don't know how he will survive in this condition," he added.

Female returnees often face the worst conditions. Many have endured severe trauma due to physical and sexual abuse.

A relative of one such woman said her sister returned with multiple health issues, including reproductive complications. "She faced relentless abuse and is now mentally unstable. She can barely work," she added.

Shariful Hasan, associate director of BRAC's Migration Programme, said the actual number of returnees could be four to five times higher.

"Some returnees are mentally unstable, face physical complications, or are pregnant. Many deal with complex issues," he said.

Shariful said there is a lack of structured support

for returnees at the airport and called for standard operating procedures (SOPs) to define the roles of government offices.

"It is painful that we cannot provide adequate support for such vulnerable returnees," he added.

Prof Tasneem Siddiqui, founding chair of RMMRU, called the situation heartbreaking.

She urged embassies to collaborate with local Bangladeshi communities abroad to monitor migrant workers and assist them before conditions worsen.

She recommended setting up more shelter homes in host countries for mental health support, ensuring employment for those unable to return to family, and raising international recognition for workers' rights and the children born abroad.

Prof Siddiqui also suggested using the Wage Earners' Welfare Board funds to support these returnees. "We must ensure safe migration and address these challenges urgently," she said.

HC questions govt

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hazardous to health, or pollute the air.

Secretaries at the ministries of law, home, and environment; Supreme Court registrar general; director general of Department of Environment; and director general of Department of Narcotics Control have been made respondents to

the rule, writ petitioner's lawyer Mahfujur Rahman Roman told The Daily Star.

The HC bench of Justice Fatema Najib and Justice Sikder Mahmudur Razi issued the rule after the petition was filed by SC lawyer Abdullah Al Ashik, challenging the government's inaction and failure to install those devices.

Syeda Fawzia Ally

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Gulshan. She was laid to rest at Banani graveyard.

Syeda Fawzia Ally is survived by her only daughter Rahnuma Islam Emma, son-in-law Shafiq, and granddaughter Khushnuma, along with her extended family who mourn her loss. Her family remembers her as a source of strength, wisdom, and

love.

Her qulkhwan will be held on Friday after the Asr prayers at Baitul Atik Kendriyo Jame Masjid in Baridhara.

The family requests prayers for her departed soul and extends their gratitude to everyone who has offered support during this time of grief.

Six killed in separate road accidents

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service personnel and taken to the Habiganj 250-bed Modern District Hospital, where they received primary treatment and were later released.

In Habiganj Sadar upazila,

an auto-rickshaw driver, who sustained injuries in a road accident three days earlier, died while undergoing treatment in Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital yesterday afternoon.

The deceased, Selim Mia,

50, Ratanpur village in the upazila, was injured when his auto-rickshaw collided with another vehicle near a bridge on Paikpara Road on November 23, said Alamgir Kabir, OC of Habiganj Police Station.

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He added, "I also observed loosened power transmission lines in some areas, which is concerning. I fail to understand why students were being transported on a double-decker bus along such a narrow road under hazardous electrical wiring."

The BUET team will submit a detailed report to the relevant authorities upon completing their investigation, he said.

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এতদ্বারা সিএমপি'র রেশন স্টোরে ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছরের ৩য় কোয়ার্টার (০১লা জানুয়ারি/২০২৫খ্রি. হতে ৩১শে মার্চ/২০২৫খ্রি. পর্যন্ত)-এর জন্য (ক) দেশীয় ছোট দানার উন্নতমানের ১,৩৫,০০০ (এক লক্ষ পঁত্রিশ হাজার) কেজি "মত্তর ডাল" ক্রয় ও (খ) প্লাস্টিক কন্টেইনার/প্যাকেট মাধ্যমে উন্নত ব্রান্ডের ১,৩০,০০০ (এক লক্ষ ত্রিশ হাজার) লিটার "সয়াবিন তেল" ক্রয় এবং (গ) রেশন স্টোরে ব্যবহৃত/রক্ষিত খালি চট ও প্লাস্টিক বস্তা বিক্রয়ের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় যোগাভাসসম্পন্ন দরপত্রদাভাগের নিকট হতে সিলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে-

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২	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ		
৩	মাল্যামাল ক্রয়কারী কর্তৃপক্ষ	পুলিশ কমিশনার, সিএমপি, চট্টগ্রাম		
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৬	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৯/১২/২০২৪খ্রি., সময়- দুপুর ১২.৩০ টা		
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