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UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

Cluster system's fate hangs in balance

No decision comes following ministry's meeting with VCs

ARAFAT RAHAMAN

The fate of cluster system admission test for next academic year still hangs in balance, as the education ministry did not make a decision yesterday in this regard following its meeting with university vice chancellors.

Special Assistant to Education Adviser Prof Aminul Islam held the meeting with VCs of different universities, along with the University Grants Commission (UGC) and other officials, at the ministry.

"No specific decisions were made. However, the ministry plans to arrange further discussions with all relevant stakeholders, including representatives of admission seekers, as well as the leaders of Anti-Discrimination Student Movement," said a vice-chancellor who attended.

Besides, in a press release, the ministry said it will adopt

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DUIJ concerned over attacks targeting Star, Prothom Alo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday expressed deep concern over recent protests, slogans, and attacks targeting Prothom Alo and The Daily Star offices in various districts.

In a statement, DUJ President Sohel Haider Chowdhury and General Secretary Akhtar Hossain highlighted the alarming nature of these incidents, saying demonstrations

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A delegation of BNP, led by its Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, met Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

A multi-racial, multi-cultural, gender sensitive constitution

Propose civil society, orgs to reform commission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Representatives from civil society and different organisations yesterday proposed for a multi-racial constitution that will acknowledge multiple languages, cultures, religions, and gender sensitivity.

They also suggested allowing people with dual citizenship to run for the position of Member of Parliament but not to hold top-level executive positions.

They placed their proposals before the constitutional reform commission led by Prof Ali Riaz,

OTHER KEY PROPOSALS

- Recognising indigenous identities
- Allowing dual citizens to contest elections
- Amending Article 36
- Considering polls legitimate only if turnout exceeds 51pc

during a meeting that was part of its ongoing stakeholder consultations.

The meeting was held at the National Parliament Building.

Justice Iman Ali, Chief of the Chakma Circle Devasish Roy, and Prof Md Robiul Islam gave recommendations on constitutional reforms.

Talking to The Daily Star, Devasish Roy said he proposed to include indigenous people in the constitution-drafting process to ensure that they, too, feel ownership of the constitution.

He also proposed that the preamble of the constitution should recognise the historical role of the

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ROAD SAFETY

Ensure long-term scientific solutions: experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Reducing the number of private vehicles, freeing footpaths from illegal encroachments and implementing bus route rationalisation systems in the city are vital to ensure road safety for all across the country, said experts at a programme yesterday.

They also stressed the need for long-term scientific solutions for road safety.

The event, organised by Voice for Reform, University of Asia Pacific (UAP), and University Press Limited, was held at the UAP auditorium.

Speakers also suggested clearing encroachments from roads and highways and

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Reduce private vehicles
- Free footpaths from encroachment
- Implement bus-route rationalisation
- Follow specific code for road construction

ensuring high-quality footpaths for pedestrians.

Prof Md Shamsul Hoque, Department of Civil Engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), said, "I have been working on road safety for the past 30 years. However, there hasn't been much achievement, unfortunately. The responsibility to fix the system lies with policymakers. The people who sit in those positions are non-technical. We need to ensure that those issuing registrations and licenses are qualified."

"Often, blame is placed on drivers. But if you go to Hatirjheel, you'll see buses running in a

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Anti-Discrimination Student Movement rallied at Dhaka Central Shaheed Minar yesterday, demanding justice for the killing of lawyer Saiful Islam Alif, who died during a clash in Chattogram on Tuesday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Make NHRC consitutional

Proposes coalition of 20 rights bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB) yesterday demanded constitutional status for the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) by amending the 2009 act and appointing a new commission after the amendments.

In a press statement, HRFB said they have submitted reform proposals to the law adviser.

In the proposal, the coalition of 20 human rights and development organisations, said the NHRC Act 2009 needs immediate amendment in consultation with stakeholders, to ensure the commission's effective role and to ensure that the appointment process is transparent, open, and participatory.

HRFB proposed the nomination process under a seven-member committee led by the Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad, and incorporating a supreme court lawyer proposed by the Chief Justice, parliament members from both the ruling and opposition

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Take firm control of ongoing situation

Tarique calls upon interim govt

UNB, Dhaka

BNP's Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday said the recent events in Dhaka and other parts of the country should not be seen as isolated incidents, but as a part of a conspiracy to destabilise the country.

He claimed that a coordinated attempt to create chaos across the nation is becoming increasingly evident, with growing signs of intolerance among the public.

He made the statement in a press release signed by BNP's Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi.

Tarique expressed concern over the growing activities of those who are destabilising the state's stability, calling it alarming.

He also called on the interim government to take firm control of the situation, warning that if the government fails to demonstrate effective leadership, the public may become increasingly intolerant.

Addressing the rising cost of living, Tarique said if the government fails to control the market and bring essential goods within the reach of the people, conspirators may use this issue to destabilise the government.

He pointed to the associates of the fugitive autocrat, claiming they are waiting for an opportunity to capitalise on the situation.

In his statement, Tarique urged the public to remain calm and exercise patience, emphasising the importance of staying vigilant and alert to the situation.



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