

Mohammad
Azaz new
administrator
of DNCC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mohammad
Azaz,
chairman
of the River
and Delta
Research
Centre,
has been appointed as the
administrator of Dhaka
North City Corporation.

He has been appointed
as a full-time administrator
for a one-year term. A
notification was issued in
this regard yesterday, signed
by Mahbuba Irene, deputy
secretary to the LGD.

Another 591

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The government launched the operation on Saturday to restore law and order following Friday night's attack on "students and people" in Gazipur.

On Tuesday, 1,775 people were arrested, including 607 as part of the operation. On Monday, 1,521 individuals were arrested, with 343 apprehended as part of the operation. On Sunday, 1,308 arrests were reported, but the PHQ did not provide a breakdown of the arrests.

Analysing reports from some districts, this newspaper found that the arrestees are mostly members of the Awami League and its associate bodies. Many are accused in cases filed after the fall of the Hasina-led government on August 5.

Lost signals, lost safety

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Matsyajibi Samity, stressed the urgency of a robust communication system, stating that for nearly five lakh fishermen and their families, radio is a vital source of information.

With mobile networks failing at sea, a strong radio communication system is essential. "The authorities should either increase Barishal Betar's frequency or establish a relay station in Kuakata," he added.

Apu Saha, fisheries officer of Kalapara upazila, said mobile networks cover up to 55 kilometres offshore from Kuakata, but this coverage diminishes in bad weather.

Most fishing boats do not have radios, and some rely on mobile apps for Dhaka and Chattogram radio stations. However, they cannot receive broadcasts from the Barishal centre.

Bangladesh Betar's Barishal station was inaugurated on 12 June

Without a relay station or stronger transmission power, it is impossible to reach the estimated 125,000 deep-sea fishermen who rely on radio for survival, he added. He said they have also notified the issue to the higher authorities.

"Hopefully, they will try to come up with a solution soon by setting up a relay station in Kuakata or increasing the frequency," he added.

Scuffle, sit-in and strike

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The protest ended around 4:00pm.

Meanwhile, candidates facing the cancellation of their appointments as assistant teachers in government primary schools continued their sit-in at Shahbagh, demanding reinstatement.

Around 150 protesters gathered in front of the National Museum at 1:30pm.

Since Monday, they have been demonstrating, disrupting traffic for hours.

On Monday, police used batons, water cannons, and sound grenades to disperse the protesters. However, the demonstrators remained on the road.

The protesters claimed that their appointments had been revoked "unfairly."

"A total of 6,531 candidates were included in the final merit list but haven't received appointments. We urge authorities to resolve this immediately," they said in a statement.

Besides, doctors at

the National Institute of Neurosciences (NINS) in Dhaka observed a three-hour work stoppage from 11:45am to 3:00pm, protesting an alleged attack on doctors.

They demanded the resignation of Director Prof Quazi Deen Mohammad and joint director Prof Md Badrul Alam.

While emergency and ICU services remained operational, outdoor services were disrupted, causing patient suffering.

Doctors claimed at least 10 people, including three physicians, were injured in an attack by third and fourth-class employees and outsourced staff of NINS.

Asked about the work abstention, Joint Director Md Badrul Alam said, "A misunderstanding arose over the transfer of a doctor. There was a brief argument between the two sides."

He claimed there was no work stoppage by the doctors and the issue had been resolved.

999 services now in English too

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that foreign officials in Bangladesh -- including those working with the UN, INGOs, foreign missions, and various development partners -- will now be able to seek emergency help more conveniently.

"Currently, we are rolling out the English service with a limited number of workstations to assess the response. Based on the feedback, we will expand the service," he said.

"The service provided

will be similar to the Bangla-language service. A 999 agent will communicate with the caller in English, relay the details to the service provider in Bangla, and then update the caller in English to ensure clear communication," he said.

He cited a recent case in which an Italian citizen was robbed on her way to a hostel from the airport. Although police recovered her valuables and arrested the culprits, she was unable to seek help from 999 at

the time as the service was not available in English.

Currently, the 999 helpline has 100 workstations and can handle 120 calls simultaneously. "We have approval to establish another 100 workstations in Purbachal," he said.

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Coffin

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states crimes against humanity were committed on the streets in July under the orders of "killer Hasina".

"Awami League, which committed a genocide, has no right to do politics in Bangladesh," said Akhter.

Following the namaz-e-janaza, a coffin procession with the demand to ban AL was brought out from Shaheed Minar that ended near Shahbagh intersection.

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'Secret note' sparks

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at the Chief Judicial Magistrate's (CJM) Court in Dhaka amid police security.

"Around 9:30am, Enamur and three others were brought to the court under police escort for hearing in several cases

filed with Savar and Ashulia police stations,"

said a court staffer.

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