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40pc secondary students got new books in Ctg

MD NAZRUL ISLAM, Ctg

"I haven't received my books yet, even though classes are ongoing. Without it, I am falling behind in my studies," said Mizanur Rahman Jisan, a student at Pashchim Kadurkhali High School in the Boalkhali upazila, echoing the sentiment of thousands of secondary students across Chattogram.

While one and half months have passed, around 60 percent of secondary and Dakhil students across Chattogram are yet to receive their new books.

Most are from rural areas, according to data from Chattogram District Secondary Education Office.

The data states that only 6.94 million (around 40 percent) books have so far reached the district education office, against a demand of over 17.3 million textbooks, across 15 upazilas and six metropolitan zones.

As of February, a total of 12,69,37,616 books have been distributed across the district – including 53,33,566 in secondary schools, 9,49,326 in Dakhil madrasas, 3,86,894 in Ibtidayee madrasas, 93,500 in vocational institutions, and 1,74,330 in English version schools. However, there is

still a shortage of 1.04 crore books.

Data revealed that no books have been supplied for several grades in secondary schools and Dakhil madrasas in Fatiokhali, Banskhali, Chandanaish, Patiya, Satkania, Lohagara, Boalkhali, Rangunia and Mirsarai upazilas.

Boalkhali has received the lowest number of books, only 18,000 against a demand of 4.8 lakh. In this upazila, no books have been distributed in Ibtidayee madrasas either.

In Anwara upazila, all secondary schools have received textbooks, but Dakhil students have not received any. In Hathazari upazila, 6th-graders have not received their books yet.

In the six educational zones within Chattogram city, only 9,000 books have been distributed for 8th grade Dakhil students, while books for four other classes have not been given. In different city areas – including Panchlaish, Pahartali, and Bayezid – textbooks have not arrived for several secondary level classes, while no Dakhil madrasas received books in Karnaphuli.

For English version schools, printing of

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Bringing Hasina to justice top priority: Shafiqul

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam yesterday said bringing Sheikh Hasina back to Bangladesh and putting her on trial in person is the government's top priority.

"We want to bring her back and put her on trial in person. The people of Bangladesh want to see her trial. Bringing her to justice is our top priority," he said in response to a question whether her trial would be held in absentia.

Speaking at a briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital, Shafiqul Alam said Hasina has been accused of committing crimes against humanity in the recently published UN rights report.

"A huge pressure is being created [on India to extradite Sheikh Hasina] following the UN report and other reports from some human rights groups," he said.

Referring to a recent survey conducted by India Today, the press secretary said 55 percent of Indians support Sheikh Hasina's extradition to Bangladesh, a certain percentage want her sent to a third country and only 16-17 percent of Indians want she should be allowed to stay in India.

Shafiqul also said the interim government will form a high-powered committee soon to investigate and prepare a white paper on corruption and irregularities in the ICT sector during the Awami League regime. "This committee will present a white paper within two months," he said.

Traffic chaos grips Trishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Traffic congestion has become a significant problem in the Darirampur Bus Stand area of Trishal upazila, Mymensingh, along the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway, causing hardship for thousands of commuters.

The highway sees a constant flow of passenger buses and goods-laden trucks from Mymensingh, Sherpur, Netrakona, Jamalpur, and Kishoreganj districts, while rickshaws, auto-



rickshaws, human haulers, and battery-operated three-wheelers also crowd the area, all vying for passengers heading to various destinations.

This convergence of vehicles leads to severe congestion, often lasting over an hour.

The situation is compounded by an increasing number of illegal local vehicles on the highway, due to lax monitoring by law enforcement agencies.

Additionally, vendors occupying footpaths exacerbate the problem.

Ahmed Shafi, a college student, said around 4,000 students from ten educational

institutions near the bus stand encounter this traffic gridlock daily.

"This issue continues to persist without adequate response from the authorities," he said. Advocate Nazrul Islam Chunnu, convener of the citizens' platform Jonoddyog Mymensingh, called for immediate action to tackle unregistered vehicles and remove vendors from footpaths.

Traffic Inspector Golam Moula Talukder said drivers frequently disregard traffic rules, and

even after being fined for violations.

He said they have taken measures to clear footpaths and engage with drivers and vendors about following traffic regulations.

Monsur Ahammed, officer-in-charge of Trishal Police Station, highlighted the inadequate number of traffic policemen assigned to manage the situation, with only six officers available.

Contacted, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Abdulla Al Bari said they need a coordinated effort to find a permanent solution to ease the traffic congestion in the area.

Rab to be restructured, if needed

Says home adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rab will be restructured if necessary, said Home Adviser Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday.

He said this is in reply to a query after a meeting of the Law and Order Advisory Council at the Secretariat.

He said a discussion was held regarding Rab in the meeting. "A proposal or idea has been submitted regarding it, including a name. The matter will be discussed in the next meeting."

When asked whether the name would be changed, he said the decision would be made in the next meeting.

Recently, the UN human rights office (OHCHR) has recommended disbanding Rab. The UN office launched its fact-finding report on human rights violations and abuses, related to the July uprising, earlier on February 12 in Geneva.

Rights activists and BNP have long been demanding dissolution of the Rab, which is currently under US sanctions for serious human rights violations.

MIRPUR BRTA

10 Nirapad Sarak Andolon members hurt in attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 leaders and activists of Nirapad Sarak Andolon sustained injuries after a group of "brokers" attacked them inside the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority Mirpur office in Dhaka yesterday.

Police and army personnel rescued the injured activists.

Enzamul Haque, spokesperson of the student platform formed after the 2018 movement for road safety, said they had gone to the BRTA office to prevent various malpractices and get rid of brokers.

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TEACHER APPOINTMENT

SC full bench hearing on March 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court chamber judge yesterday did not stay the High Court verdict that scrapped the government's decision to issue appointment letters to 6,531 candidates selected for the post of assistant teachers in government primary schools.

Justice Md Rezaul Haque, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC, however, sent the government's leave to appeal petition that sought a stay on the HC judgement to its full bench for hearing on March 2.

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Three boys killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

Three schoolboys were killed in road accidents in Kishoreganj's Katiadi upazila and Bandarban's Ruma upazila yesterday.

In Kishoreganj, two cousins lost their lives in a bus accident at Modhopara on the Kishoreganj-Bhairab highway around 9:45am.

The deceased are Ali Akbar, 13, son of Faruk Mia, and Junayed Ahmed, 12, son of Ferdous Ahmed -- both from Modhopara village and students of Modhopara High School, said Tariqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Katiadi Police Station.

Meanwhile, in Bandarban, nine-year-old Mothi Tripura, son of Rudriya Tripura from Anandapara of Sadar upazila, died when a bus hit him as he was heading home after school.

He died on the spot, said police, adding that the bus driver fled the scene.



বড়পুরুরিয়া কোল মাইনিং কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)

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