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Kuet shut sine die
Students asked to vacate dormitories

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (Kuet) administration has announced the indefinite closure of all residential halls due to security concerns following recent student protests.

Students have been instructed to vacate the halls by 10:00am today.

According to an official notice, all academic activities will also remain suspended until further notice.

The announcement, issued under the directive of the vice-chancellor, was signed by Kuet Registrar Anichur Rahman Bhuiyan.

The decision was finalised during the 99th syndicate meeting held yesterday, with some members attending in person and others joining online.

Additionally, the Kuet administration has requested the Khulna police commissioner to deploy adequate police personnel around the university halls, campus, and surrounding areas.

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE

Mayer Dak files 100 complaints with ICT

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One hundred complaints have been lodged with the office of the chief prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal over alleged enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings during the 15 years of Awami League rule.

Mayer Dak, a platform representing the families of victims of enforced disappearances, filed the complaints on behalf of the affected families yesterday.

Sanjida Islam Tuli, coordinator of Mayer Dak, along with several victims' family members, was present during the submission.

Over 60 individuals have been accused, including former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, former defence adviser to deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina Maj Gen (retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique, former Inspectors General of Police Mohammad Javed Patwary and Benazir Ahmed, former Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit chief

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Students of No 10 Malibagh Chowdhurypara Girls Government Primary School browse through books at a stall of the Amar Ekushey Book Fair at Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday. Accompanied by their teachers, the children flip through pages, discovering new stories and authors. The visit aims to inspire a love for reading and nurture creative thinking

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TANGAIL BUS ROBBERY
Mastermind among two more arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Detectives yesterday arrested two more individuals, including the mastermind, in connection with a robbery, alongside sexual harassment of women passengers, on a moving bus on the Dhaka-Tangail highway on February 17.

The arrestees are Md Alamgir, 34, the ringleader, and his younger brother Md Rajib, 21.

Alamgir was apprehended in Purbadhal, Netrokona district, while Rajib was arrested in Ashulia, Dhaka, following raids conducted in different areas since Monday night.

Md Mizanur Rahman, superintendent of police

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'Robbers' stab 2 cops during raid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two sub-inspectors of the Chattogram Metropolitan Police were injured after a group of suspected robbers stabbed them during a raid in the port city's Barik Building area yesterday.

The injured officers -- SI Ahlad Jamil and SI Nazrul of Double Mooring Police Station -- were admitted to Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH), police said.

During the operation, police arrested two suspects, identified as Tarek and Jewel.

Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Hossain Kabir said, "Based on information that a group of seven to eight robbers was preparing for a robbery, teams from the DB police and Double Mooring Police Station cordoned off an area near the Barik Building intersection around 3:00pm."

As police attempted to arrest them, the robbers attacked the officers with knives, injuring two. While two suspects were detained, the rest managed to flee. The injured officers sustained multiple stab wounds and were immediately taken to CMCH, he said.

The DC further mentioned that before the raid, the gang members had been involved in a scuffle among themselves over the distribution of looted money. Police stormed their hideout during the altercation.

Efforts are underway to apprehend the remaining suspects, he added.

CMCH'S NEPHROLOGY WARD

A struggle for space and resources

Kidney patients forced to seek treatment on floor amid bed shortage

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

Kamal Uddin, 58, a kidney patient from Chandanish upazila of Chattogram, who was recently admitted to the Nephrology Ward at Chattogram Medical College Hospital for a critical blood transfusion, found himself relegated to the floor after failing to manage a bed due to overcrowding.

"My father depends on regular dialysis, and urgently needed this transfusion. We were left with no choice but to keep him on the floor as all beds in the ward were occupied," said his son Tausif Reza.

Kamal's experience is shared by thousands of other kidney patients in Chattogram as treatment facilities for them are largely inadequate in the district.

CMCH's OVERBURDENED NEPHROLOGY WARD

A recent visit to the Nephrology Ward at CMCH revealed a distressing scene: all 40 available beds occupied, with many patients receiving treatment in cramped and often unsanitary conditions across the corridors.

Doctors and nurses were seen struggling to cope with the number of patients seeking treatment -- much higher compared to the ward's capacity.

Established in 1991 with 25 beds, the ward witnessed a significant increase in patient numbers over the past three decades, but only 15 more beds were added during this time, said Dr Imran Bin Yunus, a former professor and head of the ward.

As such, the ward's capacity has been severely outpaced by the growing need for specialised kidney care, while kidney diseases have continued to become



increasingly prevalent not only in Chattogram but also other neighbouring districts -- Cox's Bazar, Bandarban, Khagrachari, Rangamati, Feni, Noakhali, and Lakshmipur.

Ayub Ali, 50, who came from Cox's Bazar for treatment, said he was being treated on the floor for past four days amid bed constraint.

"CMCH is my only option as there is no proper dialysis facility in Cox's Bazar," he added.

Professor Dr Nurul Huda, head of Nephrology Ward, said, "With limited space and a constant influx of patients, providing adequate care is a monumental challenge."

He acknowledged that expanding the ward within the existing infrastructure is not possible, and called for urgent establishment of more specialised kidney care facilities across the region.

INADEQUATE DIALYSIS FACILITIES

Compared to the influx of patients, treatment facilities are largely inadequate in the port city's hospitals.

Among the government hospitals, only CMCH has affordable dialysis facilities. However, the nine haemodialysis machines there can provide the service to only 32 patients twice a week.

Also, a public-private partnership initiative at CMCH, comprising 31 machines, has been delivering haemodialysis service to patients at a cost of Tk 3,000-4,000 since 2017.

However, the total number of patients coming for dialysis is almost three times more than CMCH's capacity.

Apart from CMCH, there are haemodialysis machines in different private clinics, but the service costs around Tk 25,000-30,000 monthly.

A CKD patient has to maintain haemodialysis lifelong until kidney transplantation.

GRIM SCENARIO FOR TRANSPLANTATION

According to sources, an initiative on

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City polls should be held soon
Says LGRD adviser

BSS, Dhaka

To alleviate public suffering, elections for city corporations and municipalities should be held without delay, said LGRD Adviser Asif Mahmud yesterday.

He was speaking as chief guest at an event organised by the Local Government Division marking "National Local Government Day 2025" at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital.

"It is a great regret that I see many political leaders making confusing statements, whereas the people of Bangladesh are looking for positive changes in all directions after the July mass uprising," said the adviser.

"I hope you will make efforts to deliver more refined and polite statements," he added.

Ensuring public service is one of the primary objectives of the local government department, Asif said, adding, "At present, there are several challenges in assigning the responsibilities to elected representatives through conducting local government elections."

The government is working towards restructuring the local government department with a new approach, said Asif.

230 tonnes of faecal waste dumped in Dhaka daily
Say Unicef and WaterAid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 230 tonnes of faecal waste are dumped into open water bodies in Dhaka every day, contributing significantly to environmental pollution and posing serious health risks, particularly to vulnerable communities, said Unicef and WaterAid, at the International Toilet Conference 2025 held in Dhaka yesterday.

The two organisations also revealed that over 65 million people -- more than a third of Bangladesh's population -- still lack access to safely managed sanitation services, they said in a press release.

The conference, organised in partnership with SNV and ITN-BUET, underscored the pressing need for urgent advancements in sanitation and hygiene practices.

Rana Flowers, Unicef Representative in

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