

Travel ban on Nizam Hazari

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued a travel ban on former lawmaker Nizam Uddin Hazari and nine others in connection with corruption allegations.

The nine others include Unique Eastern (Pvt) Limited managing director Mohd Noor Ali and its partner Nasir Uddin Ahmed and Khondaker Showkat Hossain, and BM Travels Limited chairman Shafiqul Islam.

The court passed the order after Anti-Corruption Commission Assistant Director Abul Kalam Azad filed an application in this regard, said ACC public relations officer Aktarul Islam.

In the application, the anti-graft watchdog said, "An inquiry is ongoing into the allegations against Nizam Uddin Hazari and other people for collecting money in excess of the government-fixed amount for manpower export to Malaysia's labour market and for laundering money abroad."

"According to reliable sources, they might flee abroad. For a fair inquiry, a ban is needed on their travel," said the ACC application.

Two children drown in pond

BSS, Ctg

Two children drowned after falling into an abandoned pond in Madhyam Bhumirkhil village of Chatogram's Rangunia upazila on Saturday evening.

The deceased were identified as Anas, 7, son of Mohammad Ilyas, and his cousin Yasin Arif, 5, son of Md Forkan.

Local UP member Md Didarul Alam confirmed the incident.

He said the children went missing around 4:30pm. After searching for them, locals and family members found the bodies floating on the abandoned pond. They recovered the bodies around 8:45pm.

The children were declared dead at a local hospital.



The Salutikar boat market has become bustling with activities following the rise in water levels during the monsoon. Held every Saturday and Tuesday since the British era, the market is located at Salutikar Bazar in Gowainghat upazila, the meeting point of Sylhet Sadar, Companiganj, and Gowainghat upazilas. Sellers, mainly residents of Gowainghat, offer both new and old boats priced between Tk 4,000 and Tk 15,000. The photo was taken on Saturday.

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BARGUNA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Acute manpower shortage disrupts services

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Even though 12 years have passed since the Barguna General Hospital was upgraded to a 250-bed facility in 2013, its services continued to be disrupted for years due to an acute shortage of manpower.

At present, at least 110 out of 233 sanctioned posts of the hospital remain vacant — including those of doctors, consultants, and nurses.

The hospital currently has only 16 doctors against 55 sanctioned posts, with nine of the 10 posts for senior consultants remaining vacant. As such, it fails to serve around 1.2 million people of Barguna adequately, prompting patients to seek treatment to hospitals in Barishal or Dhaka, often spending extra cost.

Hospital sources said only the anaesthesia department has a senior consultant in place, while key departments such as cardiology, orthopaedics, gynaecology, medicine, paediatrics, pathology, surgery, ENT,



and ophthalmology have no senior consultants at all. Among 12 posts for junior consultants, seven are vacant, including in surgery, cardiology, pathology, and radiology. Of the three sanctioned posts for resident surgeons, one is vacant. Moreover, 22 of the 29 posts for medical officers and equivalent positions are also vacant, so are 22 of the 101 posts of nurses.

Even vital administrative and support positions — including

chief assistant, accounts officer, storekeeper, computer operator, and mortuary staff — are also vacant, disrupting daily operations.

"It has been six days I'm admitted here. During this time, I saw a doctor only once. They just hand out tablets and refer serious patients to Barishal or Dhaka," said Nasir Uddin, a patient from Hazaribagh village under Barguna Sadar upazila.

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Missing boy found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Police recovered the body of a boy from a bush in Tongibari, Munshiganj yesterday, two days after he went missing.

The hands and feet of Hossain, 7, a second-grade student, were tied, and he was suffocated to death, said police.

Hossain had last been seen riding a bicycle with his neighbour Aryan alias Mahim, 20, who has been arrested.

During interrogation, Aryan confessed to the murder and dumping the body, said Tongibari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohidul Islam.

The victim was the son of Jewel Mia from Duliha village.

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Garbage piles up along highway

Bhaluka municipality without landfill for 27 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Garbage has been dumped beside the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway for years, creating a serious nuisance for commuters and locals.

In Bhaluka municipality of Mymensingh, waste has long been dumped in various open spaces without proper management, alleged residents. Despite repeated complaints, no effective steps have been taken yet, they said.

Thousands of vehicles of different modes from Mymensingh, Sherpur, Netrakona, Jamalpur and Kishoreganj travel through the highway every day, with passengers facing the unbearable stench and unsightly piles of garbage.

Established in 1998, Bhaluka municipality spans 24.68 square kilometres and is home to around 1,60,000 people. Yet, in 27 years, the municipality has failed to establish a designated dumping ground.

"There are no dustbins in the municipality, and garbage management is almost non-existent," said Md Shahab Uddin, a former councillor of the municipality. "Around six tonnes of garbage are generated daily, which is left in different areas."



He said the municipality employs only about 60 cleaning staff, which is far too few to manage the waste properly. Garbage is being dumped at multiple locations, including at least four spots alongside the highway.

During heavy rainfall, a significant portion of this waste is washed into local water bodies, further polluting the environment, alleged locals.

Sheikh Azmol Huda Madani, a local journalist, said the municipal authorities have been dumping waste in open places since its inception, ignoring the environmental and health consequences. "Nearly three decades have passed, but the municipality has utterly failed to ensure basic civic amenities," he said.

Dr Md Saiful Islam Khan, civil surgeon in Mymensingh, said, "Such dumping can severely affect the environment. Residents are at risk of various environment-related and waterborne diseases, including long-term respiratory problems, skin diseases, allergies, eye irritation, and diarrhoea."

Contacted, Hasan Abdullah Al Mahmud, upazila nirbahi officer of Bhaluka, said, "We have already selected one acre of land at Meghar Math, and work is underway to complete the dumping ground as early as possible."

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Announce polls schedule for Rucusu Demands a section of RU students

RU CORRESPONDENT

A section of Rajshahi University students yesterday issued a nine-point demand, including the announcement of the election schedule for the Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (Rucusu).

Salahuddin Ammar, former coordinator of the Students Against Discrimination and spokesperson of the RU Reform Movement, came up with the demand at a press conference at the university's transport yard.

The other demands include announcing a roadmap for full residential facilities and the complete Rucusu election schedule, evaluating answer sheets without roll numbers, implementing a 24/7 security system on campus effectively, developing RU Medical Center into a full-fledged medical facility, digitising all administrative



procedures, providing subsidies for dining facilities at residential halls, making necessary renovations of the Central Library, and ensuring full activation of the TSCC Complex.

At the press conference, Salahuddin also said although nearly ten months have passed since the July uprising, the administration has completely failed to meet the legitimate expectations of the students.

He said, "If the administration does not respond positively, we will launch awareness campaigns from June 21 to June 28. These will include outreach and leaflet distributions in every hall and department, as well as wall writings. Afterwards, from June 29, we will announce our final programme, the 'March for Rights', which will continue until the demands are met."

(Mominul Haque, Mymensingh)
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