



Workers stitching jute sacks, used to store rice, potatoes, onions, and other agricultural products at Gariapar of Barishal city. Each labourer earns between Tk 15,000 and Tk 20,000 a month from this work. The photo was taken recently.

Tensions flare over first-year

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several general students, stormed into the treasurer's office. Moments later, JCD activists regrouped and regained control of the entrance.

Proctor Prof Mahbubur Rahman and student adviser Associate Professor Amirul Islam arrived around 12:30pm but were unable to persuade the students to vacate the premises.

University sources said the process of including first year students in the voter list may take a while, which could result in postponement of the Rucusu polls.

RUC JCD President Sultan Ahmed Rahi told The Daily Star, "We have long been urging the administration not to conduct the election at their whim... We did not commit any vandalism; we only moved a table aside. Until our demands are met, we will continue our sit-in."

Meanwhile, Mujahid



Faisal, general secretary of RU Chhatra Shibir, said, "We also support Chhatra Shibir's demand and have long ago informed the administration about it. But we do not support any postponement of the polls. The administration's negligence is entirely to blame for today's situation."

Salahuddin Ammar said, "We found this demand really illogical. First-year students don't have any ID or hall attachment. How will they vote for Rucusu? JCD's today's protest was held just to delay the Rucusu election."

According to meeting sources, the RU authorities will decide today whether first-year students will be included in the voter list.

Never seen a more appalling law

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political groups. They have exploited gaps in law enforcement and, to serve their own interests, have created unrest in Bangladesh in various ways," she added.

Referring to the people's uprising as an expression of public anger, she said, "A year has now passed. This should be a time for peace and reconstruction. Such actions cannot be allowed to continue any longer."

Regarding the situation involving DU Professor Sheikh Hafizur Rahman, she said, "When we see a colleague being humiliated by a group while trying to express his opinion, and our university administration remains completely silent, we realise there is hardly any difference between the self-serving administration of the past and the current



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My promises can't

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He alleged that politically backed candidates are spending vast amounts of money, undermining a level playing field for independent candidates.

"Union elections under different panels reduce the scope for electing candidates based on merit and other activities," he added.

Samir Faiyaz, an independent candidate for assistant general secretary, said panels are spending heavily on social media promotion, which ordinary students cannot match.

He urged the Election Commission to regulate campaign budgets to ensure transparency.

Ariful Islam, an independent vice president candidate, said he would not spend more than Tk 509, of which around Tk 300 has been spent. "Printing 10-15 thousand handbills and leaflets as a student is a crime, in my view," he said.

"Those spending enormous sums will likely recover the money through tenders, extortion, and embezzlement. Students should choose their representatives based on qualifications and merit."

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BNP doubts EC

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there are accomplices [of fascists] in place, who are engaged in various tactics and far-reaching conspiracies to obstruct or prevent a free election," Rizvi said.

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money from friends, relatives, and his small tuition salary to cover expenses.

"Politically backed candidates easily raise funds from their party and senior leaders, while I struggle to support volunteers on my campaign," he added.

Tanveer Baree Hamim, vying for general secretary from a JCD backed panel, said the party only provided leaflets; all other expenses were borne by the candidates themselves.

He said independent candidates adhered to the same practices, including hanging banners and festoons, and said there was no difference between candidates in terms of campus campaigning.

SM Farhad, contesting the general secretary post from the Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed panel, said, "We do not even take our meals properly. Offering meals does not help in getting votes. Our seniors cover minimal leaflet printing costs. We have not organised any campus programmes. Differences only exist in online campaigns."

Contacted, Code of Conduct Taskforce head Prof Dr Golam Rabbani, who is investigating complaints regarding election code violations, said, "We have not received any complaints regarding providing meals to voters or making expensive online content. If we do receive complaints with evidence, we will analyse them and take necessary action."

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From decay to display

150-year-old printing press relocated to Mymensingh museum



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The remains of a printing press, believed to be around 150 years old, were relocated to the Mymensingh Museum on Saturday after being abandoned for decades near the city's Mrittunjay School.

Sabina Yeasmin, field officer at the Department of Archaeology (Dhaka and Mymensingh Division), said the relocation was carried out with the support of law enforcers as per instructions from higher authorities.

"This century-old artefact will be preserved and displayed for visitors," said Sabina, who also serves as custodian of the museum.

Earlier in August, members of the Antiquities Preservation Committee, a local group of researchers and cultural activists, discovered the decaying press exposed to the elements, with many of its parts missing.

Committee member Abdul Kader Chowdhury claimed the machine dates back about 150 years.

Archaeology researcher Swapon Dhar traced its history to 1875, when Sherpur zamindar Harchandra Roy Chowdhury brought the press to Mymensingh. Later, several literary figures, including Girish Chandra

Roy Chowdhury, Sreekantha Sen, Sreenath Roy, Horikshore Roy, and Upendra Kishore Ray, became involved in operating it for publishing literary works.

In 1947, the press was used by Anath Bandhu Guha, founder of Mrittunjay School. Soon afterward, it was handed over to Maulana Shamsul Huda Panchbaghi, a noted Islamic scholar, reformer, and political leader from Gafargaon upazila.

The press remained active even after Bangladesh's independence, printing political leaflets and posters.

Citing historical records, Rezaul Karim Aslam, a collector of ancient musical instruments, said the press was manufactured by HS Cropper and Co, a UK-based firm founded by Henry Smith Cropper. The

company produced such models between 1866 and 1892. A nameplate on the press bears the inscription PATENT 2403, matching a patent registered in 1867.

On August 25, the preservation committee formally appealed to the Department of Archaeology to protect the press.

The issue drew wider attention after The Daily Star published a report headlined "150-year-old printing press left to decay" on August 29.



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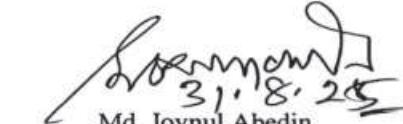
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