

Typhoid vaccination campaign begins

BSS, Dhaka

A month-long typhoid vaccination campaign will begin in the country today.

The vaccination will take place in every school from 9:00am to 2:00pm, said Professor Dr Md Abu Jafor, director general of the DGHS.

He said the government is providing typhoid vaccines free of cost to around five crore children aged between nine months and 15 years.

The vaccine has no known side effects and is approved by the WHO. Students can safely take this vaccine, he said.

'Probe blast outside Tejgaon church' Catholic community urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic community has urged the government to take immediate legal steps to investigate the crude bomb explosion outside Holy Rosary Church in Dhaka's Tejgaon and ensure that believers of all faiths can live and worship without fear.

In a statement yesterday, Archbishop Bejoy N D'Cruze OMI, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh, said they condemn the crude bomb attack on Wednesday night.

He called for swift action to ensure the safety of all religious communities.

According to police and witnesses, two unidentified assailants on motorcycles hurled improvised explosive devices in front of the church's main gate at around 10:00pm before fleeing the scene. The blast caused a loud explosion and smoke, triggering panic among residents.

Man, grandson killed as bus hits cars

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man and his grandson were killed, and several others injured, when a bus hit them and rammed into several cars in Dhaka's Gabtoli yesterday. The accident occurred around 8:30am near Parbat Cinema Hall, said Sub-inspector Shamsul Rahman of Darussalam Police Station.

The SI said Matiur Rahman, 60, and his grandson Parvez Biswas, 22, had arrived from Jhenaidah and were crossing the road when a Gulistan-bound bus from Dhamrai struck them before crashing into three to four moving cars.

Police have detained the bus driver.



Morjina Begum catches small fish using a trap net in a canal at Botbunia village in Dacope upazila of Khulna. Local villagers make the most of river water entering nearby canals, catching fish species such as patari (koral) and shrimp for consumption and selling the rest for extra income. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

'Govt following Hasina's path in Ctg port deal'

Says Prof Anu Muhammad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Eminent economist Prof Anu Muhammad yesterday accused the interim government of following the path of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina by deciding to hand over the New Mooring Container Terminal of Chattogram Port to UAE-based operator DP World without any tender or public consultation.

He also criticised the month-long ban on gatherings and meetings in the port area, imposed by Chattogram Metropolitan Police until November 11.

"The authorities cited traffic congestion as the reason. Does that mean after November 11, traffic will no longer disrupt import and export activities?" he asked.

He alleged that the ban was aimed

at suppressing public dissent while the government proceeds with a "dangerous, anti-national, and harmful agreement."

Anu Muhammad made the remarks at a views exchange meeting titled

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"National Capability and National Security: Chattogram Port and Bangladesh's Development Context," held at the Zia Memorial Museum in Chattogram.

He said national seaports should

remain under local management, warning that "any conspiracy to hand over the NCT, which is being efficiently operated by local firms, to a foreign company will be resisted."

"The chief adviser has already warned against those opposing foreign involvement in the port. Now, the police have banned all gatherings in the port area," he said, terming it a coordinated move.

Anu Muhammad further cautioned that placing the port under foreign control would endanger national security and strategic interests.

He said despite the Constitution Reform Committee's recommendation for broad discussions before signing international agreements, the government was proceeding without consultation or tender.

The event was jointly organised by the Democratic Rights Committee and the Democratic Rights Movement.

Scrap restrictive rules for polls coverage

Journalists urge EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalists engaged in election reporting have urged the Election Commission to withdraw the provision requiring them to inform presiding officers before entering polling centres and the rule limiting their stay inside polling booths to 10 minutes.

They said such restrictions would hinder transparency and independent observation of the electoral process.

They made the demands at a views-exchange meeting titled "Review of the Election Commission's Proposed Guidelines for the Media," held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

Reporters Forum for Election and Democracy (RFED) and the Broadcast Journalist Center (BJC) jointly organised the event with support from BBC Media Action.

Speaking as chief guest, Shipping Adviser Brig Gen (ret'd) Sakhawat Hossain said "I would urge the Election Commission -- there's still time -- to sit and review the issues. My request

- » Journos oppose 10-minute limit, entry permission for polling centres
- » Say restrictions will hinder transparency, independent reporting.
- » RFED says EC guidelines lack provisions for journos' safety

is: make it as transparent as possible. If you have to take two steps forward to achieve that, please do so."

He said, "The Election Commission says they will hold the best election of the century. We also want that. But the people you will be relying on are -- the media. And we should be absolutely crystal clear."

On the issue of media guidelines, Sakhawat said, "The rule requiring journalists to inform the presiding officer before entering polling centres doesn't seem appropriate. When the EC issues accreditation, it already grants permission. These are not major issues. The EC should discuss such matters directly with journalists. We used to hold several meetings with the media."

Presenting the keynote paper, RFED President Kazi Emad Uddin Jebel said the media guidelines, issued on July 23, lack any provision for journalists' safety.

RFED General Secretary Golam Rabbani even after RFED rejected the guidelines on August 6, the EC has not given any clear response in the past two months.

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Honouring the voices

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songs, poems, and editorials.

"I believe in Sadya Areen Mallick's work, and I am confident that Gems of Nazrul will celebrate its 90th anniversary one day," said Nashid Kamal.

Sunil Chandra Das expressed his appreciation, saying, "Events like this are rare. Sadya Areen Mallick organises it beautifully with musicians and artists. I am grateful for this honour and thank everyone involved."

The award ceremony was followed by live

performances by veteran artistes including Dr Asit Roy, Nasima Shaheen Fancy, Shaheed Kabir Polash, Dalia Nausheen, and others.

Speaking about the journey of Gems of Nazrul, founder Sadya Areen Mallick said, "Gems of Nazrul started as a form of protest. Now we are celebrating its ninth anniversary."

Over the years, Gems of Nazrul has released 37 songs on YouTube and honours researchers, musicians, and artistes every year.

Will serve

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"Our campus is diverse. We want to work with everyone. That's why our panel includes five female students, one differently-abled student, and one from the Sanatan community. It reflects our inclusive vision," he said.

If elected, Sayeed said his main responsibility would be to ensure accountability and transparency.

"The GS will oversee the activities of other secretaries. I'll ensure complete transparency in all budgets. Regardless of panel, I'll help every elected member fulfil their promises," he said.

Their panel has announced a 24-point manifesto covering major campus issues such as accommodation, food, transport, and healthcare.

He said, "We'll install vending machines for menstrual hygiene products in female dormitories and strengthen medical services. The CU medical centre will be upgraded into a hospital. We'll expand dormitories and increase shuttle train compartments. Campus security will be improved."

Sayeed also plans to promote sports and recreation.

Recalling his role in the July movements, he added, "I was active in the anti-fascist movement and the July uprising. I followed up on false cases filed against students, worked with lawyers, and helped secure their release."

He concluded, "Other panels have shared their manifestos. Students will vote for those they find most capable and sincere. I don't want to compare Cucus with other universities. If I can convince students that I'll solve their problems, I believe they will vote for me."

Accommodation top priority

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beside the students whenever they needed me," he said.

Mahfuzur also mentioned that his panel is not affiliated with any political party.

Outlining his priorities if elected, Mahfuzur said solving the accommodation crisis would be at the top of his agenda. "Another acute issue is transportation. I will work to improve the transport system within six months," he said.

He also emphasised the need for better food quality

and medical facilities on campus. "We also plan to upgrade the medical centre into a 50-bed modern facility," he added.

On academic issues, Mahfuzur said he will work to create more research opportunities. "Besides, session jams often occur due to teachers' negligence. I want to introduce a teacher evaluation system to ensure accountability," he said.

He further said that one of his major manifesto points is to make the campus completely safe for

women.

Commenting on the election atmosphere, he expressed concern that some groups are being favoured. "Despite allegations of code-of-conduct violations, no action has been taken. This raises questions about the administration's neutrality."

Concluding, Mahfuzur Rahman said, "I have full trust in the students' judgment. They know who stands by them and speaks for their rights without compromise. They will elect the right representative."

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The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sub-Office in Cox's Bazar, hereby announces the launch of the following tender:

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BGD - UNHCR RFP 1684	ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAME AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL DESIGN, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING AND EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE SUPPORT

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Bid submission deadline: Tuesday, 28 October 2025 - 15:00 hrs. BST Bangladesh time.

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