

Keep the CU admission form fee under Tk 500

Students demand at sit-in on campus

CU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Chittagong University have urged the university authorities to reduce the fee for admission forms from Tk 1,000 for each unit.

The application process of CU admission tests for 2025-26 session is set to begin on December 1.

During a sit-in in front of the CU administrative building yesterday, students said considering the fact that many students from poor financial backgrounds apply for admission to CU, the university authorities should reduce the admission form fees to Tk 500 or less for each unit. They termed the Tk 1,000 fee for admission form of each unit unjustified.

They also warned that they would lock the administrative building unless their demand is met by next Sunday.

Abdur Rahman, a student of CU's Islamic Studies department (2021-22 session), said, "Many poor students cannot afford to apply due to such a high fee. We want every student to have an equal chance to vie for admission. The fee must be reduced immediately."

Tahsan Habib, a student of the History department (2018-19 session), added, "If the fee is not reduced by Sunday, the administrative building will be locked."

Contacted, CU Registrar Prof Dr Saiful Islam said, "The fee was set at Tk 1,000 each unit, considering current operational expenses. If we receive a formal application for lowering the fee, we will review it."



Md Monir Taj goes door to door in rural areas, making quilts, mattresses, and pillows to earn his living. Between the Bangla months of Kartik and Magh, the 45-year-old earns around Tk 50,000 to Tk 60,000. The photo was taken in the Purbo Charadi area of Bakerganj, Barishal yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

SAINT MARTIN'S ISLAND Bookings for overnight stay remain thin

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Cox's Bazar

Despite the government's decision to allow overnight stays on Saint Martin's Island from December, cruise ship operators and resort owners say bookings have been far below expectations for the first half of the month.

They hope turnout will pick up from December 15 through January once school examinations end.

"The island reopened after a long pause, but many are still hesitant because of the country's overall situation," said Shibli Azim Kashemi, president of the Saint Martin's Hotel and Resort Owners' Association.

Cruise operators voiced similar concerns.

Hossainul Islam Bahadur, general secretary of the Sea Cruise Operator Owners' Association of Bangladesh, said very few bookings were made for trips before December 15.

The two vessels under his

supervision, Karnaphuli and Baro Aulia, will be operating with around 950 passengers per trip against a capacity of 1,600 each. Both ships will run daily from Cox's Bazar's Nuniachhara Ghat to Saint Martin's and return by afternoon.

"Tickets for Fridays and public holidays in December have already sold out, but remain mostly available for other days," he said.

Under government regulations, up to 2,000 tourists will be allowed to stay overnight on the island daily from December through February.

The island officially reopened to visitors on November 1, but not a single tourist arrived throughout the month as there was no permission in place for overnight stay and no ship service was operational. Ship services will remain suspended till November 30.

"Many local resort owners won't earn enough to sustain the rest of the year due to only a two-month tourist season with the 2,000 daily tourist cap," said Tayeb Ullah, owner of Saint Martin's Mermaid Resort.

This year, seven vessels received approval to operate, including Keari Group's Keari Sindabad and Keari Cruise & Dine, which have recently begun ticket sales. Others like MV Bay Cruise, MV Kajol, and Atlantic Cruise are still completing regulatory requirements.

Hossainul said while the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority has granted navigational permission to the vessels, final approval from the Department of Environment is still pending.

Mohammad Zamir Uddin, director of the DoE's Cox's Bazar office, said all preparations to resume vessel movement are complete. "Strict monitoring will be enforced, and no vessel will be allowed to carry passengers without following government guidelines," he said.

Separate checkpoints have been set up at the BIWTA jetty in Nuniachhara and on Saint Martin's Island to ensure the daily limit of 2,000 tourists is not exceeded, he added.

Elderly man killed over land dispute, nephew held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

An 80-year-old man died after he was allegedly kicked by his nephew over a land dispute in Saker Mohammad Char area of Chakaria upazila in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Kalu, 80. The accused, Ali Ahmed, 60, was detained by police shortly after the incident.

Local residents said the two had long been embroiled in a dispute over ancestral land. On Wednesday morning, an argument broke out between them, during which Ali Ahmed allegedly kicked Kalu in the chest. He was rushed to a local hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

As police took Ali Ahmed into custody and attempted to transport him to the police station, relatives of the deceased and other locals intercepted the police van, forcibly pulled him out, and beat him. His house was also vandalised, said locals.

Sarowar Alam, son of the deceased, said, "Locals beat Ali Ahmed. Our family had no involvement in that attack."

Touhidul Anwar, officer-in-charge of Chakaria Police Station, said injured Ali Ahmed was taken to the upazila health complex.



A quiet stretch of Saint Martin's Island. Operators say bookings for December's overnight stays have been far below expectations.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAHMAN

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Invitation for e-Tender (Goods)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Purchase of Goods. Details are given below:

Package No	Description	Tender ID No	Closing Date & Time
GR-18/25-26/IMED	Purchase of Stationery and Others	1171218	08-Nov-2025 Time-12:00

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender please register on Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system. (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>)

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(Md Masudul Haque)
Joint Secretary

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

Ref: Hosp Directorate/100584/procurement/3 Date: 26 November 2025

HOPE: DG, BIRDEM General Hospital

Procuring Entity: Brig Gen Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin Ahamed (Retd), BIRDEM General Hospital, Shabag, 122, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000.

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1. Eligible applicants must have experience in designing VRF (100 TR+) systems, preferably for hospitals/commercial buildings.

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3. EOI submission deadline: December 10/2025, 10am.

Submission to: Room No. 508, BIRDEM General Hospital, 4th Floor, 122, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shabag, Dhaka-1000.

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KAWKHALI IN PIROJPUR Erosion batters Amrajhuri ferry terminal

KM HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

Erosion on both sides of the Amrajhuri ferry terminal in Pirojpur's Kawkhali upazila has taken a devastating turn, with continuous collapse of the River Swandha's banks forcing many people to leave the area.

The terminal is a key link connecting Nesabad upazila with the district headquarters and other parts of the country, but frequent shifting of the pontoon and gangway due to erosion is disrupting regular vehicle movement.



Recently, the Water Development Board began dumping geotextile bags inside a fenced area made of wooden sticks and bamboo to protect the Kawkhali side. The fence collapsed before the work was finished.

Ruhul Amin Fakir, a local resident, said earlier steps also yielded no results. He said the erosion point lies at the river's arching bend and the mouth of the Gabkhani Channel, where strong waves strike, and the riverbed is over 150 feet deep. More than 1,000 feet of land on the Kawkhali side have already been swallowed.

Local Mehedi Hasan said mosques, madrasas and houses have already been lost to erosion, and residents now want a permanent embankment.

Contacted, Nusaer Hossain, executive engineer of the Water Development Board in Pirojpur, said they are currently working with Tk 45 lakh but have proposed a 1.5km permanent dam costing over Tk 59 crore.

"A feasibility study has been approved, and a Development Project Proposal will be prepared, though the project may take two years to begin," he said.

Rickety bridge puts locals at risk

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

A decades old wooden bridge over a branch of the Lauhajang river at Gheria in Kalihati has become a daily ordeal for residents of four villages who depend on it as their only link to other areas.

The rickety structure connecting Gheria, Sherpur, Mirpur and Poshana is severely damaged, with broken planks, weakened supports, and wide gaps along its surface. The bridge sways under pressure, making each crossing perilous.

"The bridge shakes every time a rickshaw passes. If a plank snaps, we could fall straight into the water," said Mamun, a rickshaw puller from Gheria.



Local resident Ali Chan said the union parishad previously carried out small repairs but abandoned the effort this year. "We eventually collected money from villagers and tried to fix parts of it ourselves. Still, it remains highly risky...," he said.

"From medical emergencies to daily travel, we suffer constantly. It feels like the people of these four villages have been forgotten," said Moshedul Islam of Gheria.

Contacted, Kalihati UNO Md Khairul Islam said, "If the locals submit a written application, we will speak to the relevant department and try to take necessary measures."

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INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER

01	Procuring entity name	Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, BN, Narayanganj
02	Invitation for	a. Electronics Equipment (Items Serial No: 01-13), Lot-01 b. Life Raft (Items Serial No: 01-05), Lot-02 c. Sacrificial Anode, Lot-03 d. Shore Supply Cable, Lot-04 e. Hydraulic Pipe, Flexible Hose Pipe & Hydraulic Pipe Connector (Items Serial No: 01-05), Lot-05 f. Sight Glass with 2x Ball Valve connected with both end (Items Serial No: 01-06), Lot-06
03	Procuring method	Open tender
04	Budget & source of funds	Own finance
05	Tender last selling date	10 December 2025 time: 04:00 PM
06	Tender closing Date and time	11 December 2025 time: 12:15 PM
07	Tender opening Date and time	12 December 2025 time: 12:30 PM
08	Name & Address of the office	Cash Section, Account Department, Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Sonakanda, Bandor, Narayanganj Or Account Name: Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bank name: Trust Bank Ltd, Account no: 00350320000056, Branch: Narayanganj, deposit slip submitted by tender document.
b. Receiving tender document	c. Opening tender document	Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Sonakanda, Bandor, Narayanganj. Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Sonakanda, Bandor, Narayanganj. Tenderers and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend.
09	Price of tender document	TK. 1,000.00 (Taka One thousand only) (Non-refundable) for Electronics Equipment (Items Serial No: 01-13), Lot-01, Ref No: 1306 TK. 1,000.00 (Taka One thousand only) (Non-refundable) for Life Raft (Items Serial No: 01-05), Lot-02, Ref No: 1307 TK. 1,000.00 (Taka One thousand only) (Non-refundable) for Sacrificial Anode, Lot-03, Ref No: 1308 TK. 1,000.00 (Taka One thousand only) (Non-refundable) for Shore Supply Cable, Lot-04, Ref No: 1309 TK. 1,000.00 (Taka One thousand only) (Non-refundable) for Hydraulic Pipe, Flexible Hose Pipe & Hydraulic Pipe Connector (Items Serial No: 01-05), Lot-05, Ref No: 1310 f. TK. 1,000.00 (Taka One thousand only) (Non-refundable) for Sight Glass with 2x Ball Valve connected with both end (Items Serial No: 01-06), Lot-06, Ref No: 1311
10	Contact details official	Mobile: 01615519870, 01769719888 Web: www.dewn.gov.bd E-mail: commercial@dewn.gov.bd
11	a. Tenderer must be OEM/ distributor/ local agent.	
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13	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any part of the tender prior to acceptance without showing any reason.