

DHAKA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
Students continue
sit-in for ordinance



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

DU CORRESPONDENT

Undergraduate and postgraduate students from seven government colleges in Dhaka continued their sit-in for the second day in front of Shikkha Bhaban yesterday, demanding immediate formal proclamation of the Dhaka Central University Ordinance.

The demonstrators were still occupying the road around 5:00pm, said Shahbagh Police Station Sub-Inspector Mainul Islam.

"They have been staying here since Sunday. They resumed their sit-in again this [yesterday] morning," he said, adding that vehicle movement towards Shikkha Bhaban has been suspended due to the protest.

The students said the government must issue the ordinance for the new university, or they will continue their sit-in.

On the other hand, students from several higher secondary colleges, including Dhaka College, staged demonstrations yesterday demanding the preservation of their institutions' independent identity. They fear that the proposed Dhaka Central University will jeopardise their future.

Garos celebrate
Wangala



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The two-day Wangala festival of the Garo community came to an end on Sunday, concluding with prayers and harvest offerings at the Fulchhara Garo Line field in Sreemangal upazila.

From yesterday morning, villagers in colourful traditional attire gathered at the venue as the rhythmic beat of drums, harmoniums, guitars and indigenous instruments filled the air. Performers sang Wangala songs in the Garo language, while families offered a portion of their fresh harvest to the creator, marking the season's first grains.

Organised by the Srichuk Garo Nokma Association, the festival opened with prayers led by Garo representatives from various regions. The main harvest dedication ceremony was followed by a cultural programme featuring traditional dances and songs celebrating Garo heritage.

"Wangala reflects the history and heritage of the Garo people. We celebrate it to thank Missi Saljang, the god of crops, and to seek permission to eat the new harvest," said Association President Chisim.



PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

A driver transports rods on a battery-powered easy bike, leaving the sharp ends exposed despite regulations requiring them to be secured at both ends. Carrying rods protruding in this way on a busy road poses a serious risk to pedestrians and other vehicles. The photo was taken in front of Khuila New Market yesterday.

Jatindra Mohan's historic residence left to decay

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

The residence of Deshpriya Jatindra Mohan Sengupta, a historic British-era landmark in Chattogram's Rahmatganj area, now lies in neglect.

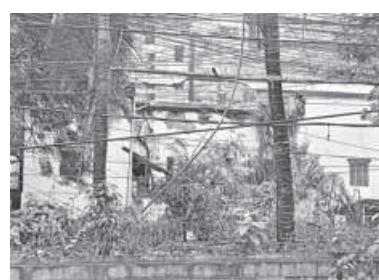
A noted leader of the anti-British movement, Sengupta was a five-term mayor of Calcutta Corporation during the British period and president of the All India Congress. He organised one of the subcontinent's largest labour movements as part of the struggle for freedom from British rule.

Cultural activists and civil society members have long been urging the government to conserve the site. Senior officials of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs visited the building in 2021 and decided to prepare a plan for its preservation and transformation into a museum showcasing relics from the anti-British movement in Chattogram, said sources.

Article 24 of the Constitution mandates protection of any monument or site of artistic or historical importance. A signboard announcing the planned museum and a plaque quoting

the constitutional provision were installed at the house, along with Ansar deployment, said sources.

No further step followed. The house has since deteriorated and is on the verge of ruin. A recent visit found bushes encroaching on the compound and the building visibly fragile. The signboard remains, but no security guard was seen.



Rashed Rauf, poet and journalist, urged immediate government action, saying the site is crucial for future generations to understand the country's history.

He said Sengupta's family made major contributions to education and social welfare, though many of their properties now lie in disrepair.

Dr Mahfuzur Rahman,

chairman of Liberation Struggle of Bangladesh and Liberation War Research Centre, said Chattogram's central role in the anti-British movement makes the residence an important landmark that must be preserved.

In a joint statement on August 29 last year, eminent citizens in Chattogram called for urgent government action. They noted that the house had hosted visits by Netaji Subhash Bose, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Maulana Shaukat Ali and Mohammad Ali. The statement also alleged a land-grabbing attempt on January 4, 2021.

A Directorate General of Archaeology team led by regional director Nahid Sultana visited the site on July 25 this year.

She said they found justification for conservation and sent a proposal to the directorate.

Contacted, Directorate General of Archaeology DG Sabina Alam said she was unaware of receiving such a proposal and would check.

Archaeologist Dr Ataur Rahman said conservation work suffers because Chattogram lacks a regional office of the archaeology department, unlike every other division.

2 more die
of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least two dengue patients died while 455 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

According to the DGHS, the deaths are from Dhaka South City Corporation areas.

With the new deaths and cases, the total number of dengue-related deaths this year rose to 398, while the total number of cases stood at 98,284.

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HC rejects writ

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He said the court expressed annoyance over the submission of the petition.

Earul submitted the petition on December 3, stating that DCs and UNOs have been appointed as returning officers and assistant returning officers instead of district and upazila election officers. As a result, he argued, the Election Commission becomes dependent on the executive to hold the election, which he claimed is a violation of the constitution.

He argued that the EC appoints its secretary from the executive, creating an opportunity for the executive to dominate the commission.

In the petition, he also sought a rule asking the authorities concerned to

explain why the decision to appoint DCs and UNOs as returning and assistant returning officers -- replacing district and upazila election officers -- should not be declared illegal. He prayed for a stay on the election process until disposal of the rule.

PRAYER
TIMING

DECEMBER 9

Faz Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00
JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

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Tender Notice

Date : December 07, 2025

Subject : Tenders are invited for the conversion of 1228 (one thousand two hundred and twenty-eight) sets (81,972 kg) of old machines used in the production of Softex Sweater Industries Pvt. Ltd, an industrial establishment in Dhaka EPZ, into scrap and sale in the local customs area subject to payment of necessary customs duties.

Tenders are invited for the conversion of 1,228 (one thousand two hundred and twenty-eight) sets (81,972 kg) of old machines used in the production of Softex Sweater Industries Pvt. Ltd. in Dhaka EPZ into scrap and sale in the local customs area subject to payment of necessary customs duties.

Terms and Conditions :

1. Any company inside or outside EPZ can participate in this tender. The company participating in the tender must submit updated Income Tax Certificate, Trade License, Valid Import Registration Certificate (IRC), VAT Registration and Payment Certificate.

2. The highest successful bidder will pay the customs duty payable as per the rules.

3. The tenderer shall submit the tender along with the tender a 10% Tender Value pay order/bank draft (refundable) in favour of Softex Sweater Industries Pvt. Ltd. No tender will be accepted without the said pay order/bank draft.

4. Interested candidates can inspect the above machinery kept in the institution between 09.00 AM and 4.00 PM till the day before the submission of tender.

5. Tender Schedule can be collected from Softex Sweater Industries Pvt. Ltd. during office hours (9.00 am to 4.00 pm) at a cost of Tk. 200.00 each on or before December 23, 2025.

6. Tenders can be submitted in sealed envelope in the tender box kept at the office of the Executive Director, Dhaka EPZ, the office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Savar and at Softex Sweater Industries Pvt. Ltd. from 9.00 AM to 12.00 PM on December 24, 2025.

7. The evaluation committee formed for the above-mentioned matter will open the tender in the presence of the interested bidders (if any) who have submitted their tenders on 24 December, 2025 at 2.00 PM.

8. The highest bidder shall complete the scrap delivery process by establishing a letter of credit/sales agreement with the relevant bidding industrial establishment/buyer after approval of the scrap delivery master by the Commissioner of Customs, Customs Bond Commissionerate, Dhaka (South).

9. Obtain permission from the Executive Director of Dhaka EPZ to release the said scrap after paying the remaining 90% of customs duty and other dues (if any) through customs letter of credit/sales agreement and submit it to BEPZA and Customs Authority. Scrap must be accepted with caution.

10. If a minimum of 03 (three) open tenders are not received, tenders will be invited again.

11. The committee formed in the above matter reserves the right to cancel the tender process without assigning any reason.

Interested domestic and foreign buyer companies are requested to participate in the auction.

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