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Harassment of teachers stalks public univs

ARAFAT RAHAMAN

Several public universities have lately been shaken by incidents in which teachers were harassed, confined to their offices, or even assaulted by student leaders over alleged links to the previous regime, with the authorities failing to prevent the recurrence of such untoward events.

Educationists have termed the incidents “unexpected and unacceptable”, while student leaders involved in the incidents have defended their actions as efforts to hold “corrupt teachers” accountable for their “past misconduct”.

The latest incident unfolded at Chittagong University (CU) on January 10, when several CU Central Students’ Union (Cucus) leaders, elected from the Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed Sampriti Shikharthi Jote panel, forcibly took an assistant professor to the proctor’s office over alleged ties with the Awami League regime.

While the teacher, Hasan Mohammad Roman from the law faculty, was supervising an admission test, a group of Cucus leaders grabbed him. In a video clip, they were seen dragging him onto a rickshaw to take him to the proctor’s office.

The students accused Roman, a former assistant proctor, of filing cases against protesters during the July



Dhaka North City Corporation is digging up part of the lane leading from Gabtoli to Technical to install sewage pipes. The work, which occupies half of this busy entry point to the capital, leaves vehicles stuck for long periods. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Ctg port faces congestion risk as strike continues

Fresh petition moved before SC against DP World deal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers and employees of the Chattogram port will continue with their eight-hour work abstention programme for the third day today over the planned leasing of New Mooring Container Terminal to the UAE-based operator DP World.

The programme will continue until the government cancels its move to hand over the NCT to a foreign operator, said Md Ibrahim Khokan, general secretary of Chattogram Bandar Jatiyabadi Sramik Dal.

Although operations like loading, unloading of cargo and containers from vessels, as well as cargo and container delivery from port yards, resume in full swing after 4:00pm, the port will face yard congestion soon if the stalemate prolongs, said Fazley Ekram Chowdhury, president of the Berth Operators, Ship-Handling Operators and Terminal Operators Owners Association.

He urged all to find solutions through discussion rather

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Remittance jumps 45% ahead of the polls, Ramadan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Remittance hit a nine-month high of \$3.17 billion in January ahead of Ramadan and the national election scheduled.

January’s receipts were 45 percent higher than a year earlier, according to data from the central bank.

Remittances generally increase in January, the first month of the year, but this year the inflow has risen due to multiple reasons, said Mirza Elias Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Jamuna Bank.

Typically, remitters send more money to their relatives ahead of Ramadan, which is set to start this month, and Eid-ul-Fitr.

The election is another factor behind the growing trend of remittance inflows, he added.

January’s inflows take the receipts in the first seven months of the fiscal year to \$19.44 billion, up 21.8 percent year-on-year.

Due to the rising trend of remittances, the country’s foreign exchange market is now stable, Ahmed said, adding that the exchange rate is stable, luring in remitters to send money through the banking channels.

Not only in January, remittance inflows have been growing since the fall of the previous government in August 2024.

Previously, the demand for hundi was on the rise amid reports of large sums of money being siphoned abroad. That has stopped under the interim government.

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Editors’ Council slams rushed draft media ordinances

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Editors’ Council has expressed deep concern over the process and timing of the formulation of two draft ordinances related to the national media and the broadcasting commissions, which are available on the website of the information and broadcasting ministry.

With the election just around the corner, the Council considers the hasty publication of such important draft ordinances with far-reaching implications to be undesirable and unreasonable. Draft laws that are directly related to media freedom, professional standards of journalism, and the future of the broadcasting system cannot be acceptably formulated without proper discussion and review.

In a statement yesterday, President of the organisation Nurul Kabir

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Pakistan to play in T20WC but boycott India match

AFP, Lahore

The Pakistani government cleared its national team on Sunday to compete in the Twenty20 World Cup starting from February 7, but stopped them from playing arch-rivals and tournament co-hosts India.

“The government of Pakistan grants approval to the Pakistan cricket team to participate in the Twenty20 World Cup, however, the Pakistan team shall not take the field in the match scheduled on 15th February against India,” a Pakistan government release said.

The Pakistan team will fly to Colombo on Monday afternoon after a week of uncertainty in the wake of Bangladesh’s expulsion from the tournament.

The decision was announced after Pakistan’s cricket chief Mohsin Naqvi met Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, for a second time in a week, in Lahore on Sunday.

Naqvi had not previously said whether the national team would refuse to play in the Sri Lankan capital against India – the highest revenue-generating game – but the Shahbaz Sharif-led coalition government confirmed its decision on Sunday.

The World Cup runs from February 7 to March 8, co-SEE PAGE 8 COL 6

mass uprising and maintaining ties with the banned Bangladesh Chhatra League, said campus sources.

Roman, however, refuted the allegations.

The student leaders, seen in the clip, include Cucus Office Secretary Abdullah Al Noman; Library and Cafeteria Secretary Masum Billah; Career Development Secretary Mehedi Hasan Sohan; Law and Human Rights Secretary Fazle Rabbi Towhid; Executive Member Sohanur Rahman; Co-communication and Housing Secretary Obaidul Salman; and Assistant Student Welfare Secretary Jannatul Ferdous Rita.

When contacted, Cucus General Secretary Sayeed Bin Habib, also international and human rights secretary of Shibir’s CU unit, said, “No teacher was harassed. Those accused of involvement in killings are being described simply as teachers in attempts to shield them.”

He alleged that Roman abused his position as assistant proctor in the past and expelled students, labelling them as “militants”.

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People gather as others collect recyclables beside a burnt vehicle on the outskirts of Quetta, Pakistan, yesterday — a day after a Baloch separatist attack.

PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan forces kill 145 militants in 40hrs

AGENCIES

Pakistan’s security forces killed 145 militants over 40 hours after coordinated attacks across Balochistan, the chief minister of the southwestern province said yesterday, as the authorities battle one of the deadliest flare-ups in years.

The attacks underscore the persistence of insurgents in the resource-rich province bordering Iran and Afghanistan, where separatist militant groups have stepped up assaults on security forces, civilians and infrastructure.

The death toll includes militants killed in raids on

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Alcaraz makes tennis history

AFP, Melbourne

Carlos Alcaraz swept past Novak Djokovic to win his first Australian Open on Sunday and become the youngest man to complete a career Grand Slam, denying the Serbian great an unprecedented 25th major.

The Spaniard was imperious after a slow start in dismissing the 38-year-old, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 on Rod Laver Arena to claim a seventh Slam title and cement himself as undisputed world number one.

In doing so, he became the youngest man in the Open era to win all four majors, adding to his two titles

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