Sit-in at Ctg port over NCT lease on October 5

Bandar Rokkha Committee announces programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Chattogram*

The Chattogram Bandar Rokkha Committee yesterday demanded cancellation of the proposed 15-year concession agreement with an international operator to operate and maintain the New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) and its overflow container yard.

At a press conference, Fazlul Kabir Mintu, member secretary of the committee, said they had learnt that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, at its October 1 meeting, gave in-principle approval to the draft agreement.

He said a comprehensive and transparent comparative assessment should be made public before the NCT, one of the country's major container terminals, is handed over under a long-term concession.

The committee announced a daylong sit-in in front of the main gate of Chattogram Port on October 5.

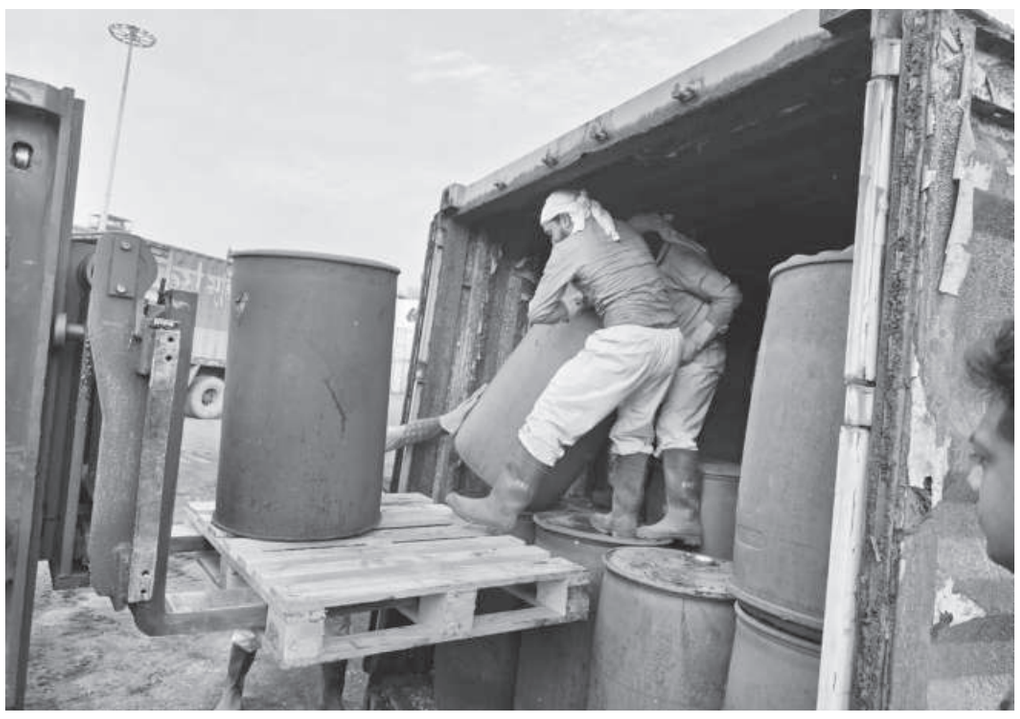


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Workers load expired and hazardous chemicals onto a vehicle at Chattogram port yesterday as Chattogram Custom House begins disposing of 151 tonnes of chemicals that had remained in nine containers since 2003. The consignment, including sulphuric acid, nitric acid, methanol and thinner, is being sent to Wata Chemicals Ltd in Narayanganj for safe disposal.

IN BRIEF

2 children drown in Cumilla pond

UNB, *Cumilla*

Two children drowned in a pond in Brahmanpara upazila of Cumilla yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Hasibul, 8, son of Md Kawsar of Icha Muddir village in the Gopalnagar area, and Junaid, 11, son of Md Halim.

Junaid was originally from Ramnagar but had been living at his aunt's house in Gopalnagar.

Locals said the two children fell into a pond near a house around 12:30pm. They were rescued and taken to Brahmanpara Upazila Health Complex.

Dr Redwan Ahmed Himel, medical officer at the health complex, said the children had died before being brought to the hospital.

The bodies were later handed over to their families.

Student stabbed to death in Satkhira

UNB, *Satkhira*

A college student was stabbed to death in front of the Livestock Office intersection in Satkhira district town early yesterday. The deceased was Zakaria Khan, 19.

Shahidur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said Zakaria was sitting at a tea stall with some people around midnight.

At one stage, some miscreants got into a heated argument with the tea-stall owner, triggering a scuffle. When Zakaria tried to protect the owner, the miscreants stabbed him.

He was taken to Satkhira Medical College and Hospital, where he died around 12:30am.

Police are trying to identify those involved in the incident, the OC said.

Historic Darul Adalat on verge of collapse

Bureaucratic tangle stalls conservation of Ctg's first court building

ARUN BIKASH DEY, *Chattogram*

Perched atop a hill at Government Hazi Muhammad Mohsin College, the historic "Darul Adalat" -- Chattogram's first court building -- has remained abandoned for 24 years, with conservation efforts stalled amid bureaucratic inertia.

The colonial-era structure is now on the verge of collapse.

Despite The Daily Star publishing a number of reports since 2013 on the need to preserve the building, conservation efforts have remained stuck in a bureaucratic tangle involving multiple government agencies.

The college authorities declared the two-storey building risky in 2002 and suspended all activities there. Once home to the college library and the office of the Bangladesh National Cadet Corps, it has since remained abandoned.

Built on a 0.775-acre site with three-foot-wide walls of brick, lime and mortar, Darul Adalat features a fusion of Mughal and Western architectural styles. It has 16 rooms and two towers on the northeast and northwest corners, accessible by spiralling staircases.



The building was declared risky in 2002.

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During a recent visit, the building's entrance was found sealed off, while wild vegetation covered parts of its facade, where plaster had decayed and domes were crumbling.

"It is a site of immense historical importance. Visitors often come to see it but have to return disappointed as it is sealed off. Its sorry state is heartbreaking," said Ali Akbar, a student of the college.

Local folklore suggests the structure was built by Portuguese pirates and had a secret tunnel connecting it to the Karnaphuli river. Historians, however, dismissed the claims.

In his book "Bandar Shahar Chattogram (Port City of Chattogram)", historian Abdul Haque Chowdhury wrote that British authorities constructed the building to establish their court shortly after taking over Chattogram in 1761. "The two domes on the building's towers were used by British watchmen to watch movement of ships in Karnaphuli river and in the sea," he wrote.

The building served as a court until the British rulers shifted it to Lalkuthi (Red Building) beside Laldighi in Chattogram around 1857, he added.

Officials from the Department of Archaeology (DoA) first visited the building in 2013 to recommend that it be declared a protected heritage site. Its official status, however, remains unchanged, with the conservation process dragging on for more than a decade now.

Prof Benu Ara Begum, principal of the college, said, "DoA officials have visited several times, but I don't know why its conservation remains elusive."

Dr Md Ataur Rahman, a former regional director of the DoA who visited the site in 2019, said, "Conservation of the site is vital because it was the first colonial-era court in Chattogram. I submitted my recommendation years ago; I do not know its fate after my transfer."

Contacted, Dr Nahid Sultana, DoA regional director for Chattogram and Sylhet, said she had forwarded a report to the department's director general. "As far as I know, the DG sent a letter to the Chattogram District Administration requesting the land schedule. Once received, a formal recommendation will be sent to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs," she said.

However, Chattogram Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Zahidul Islam Miah said they had not received any such letter.

"I will look into the matter," he said.

CUET shutdown enters 12th day

Students reiterate demand for former VC's reinstatement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

The academic and administrative deadlock at Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) continued for the 12th consecutive day yesterday as students continued their "complete shutdown", demanding the reinstatement of Prof Dr Abu Sadat Mohammad Sayem as vice-chancellor.

Agitating students have announced a fresh round of protests, following what they described as "misleading and propagandist remarks" by the newly appointed vice-chancellor on various media platforms.



FILE PHOTO

"The newly appointed VC has been spreading baseless propaganda against the students online. This has fuelled our agitation further," said Ahnaf Shahriar Arnab, a student of the mechanical engineering department.

"Our movement will continue until Prof Abu Sadat Mohammad Sayem is reinstated and a proper resolution to the ongoing crisis at CUET is achieved," he said.

Students also plan a sit-in and have appealed to the highest policymaking levels of the government to intervene, resolve the impasse and restore a normal academic environment on campus under Prof Sayem's leadership.

They have warned that the newly appointed VC will not be allowed to enter the campus, reiterating that the strike and shutdown will continue until their demands are formally met.

The turmoil began following an administrative reshuffle on September 21, when the Ministry of Education issued a gazette notification removing Prof Abu Sadat Mohammad Sayem, who had taken charge as CUET VC on July 27, just 56 days into his tenure.

Prof Sheikh Shariful Alam of the Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering department at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology was appointed in his place.

The move prompted student protests, leading to a campus-wide shutdown from September 22. Although the newly appointed VC joined office virtually, students have resisted his physical entry to the campus.

Meanwhile, CUET teachers, officials and employees have expressed solidarity with the student movement by joining work stoppages, leaving regular classes, examinations and administrative activities suspended.

No formal administrative or government settlement has been announced yet, leaving thousands of students facing uncertainty over their academic activities.

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