CUET shutdown enters 15th day

Session jam fear looms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Chattogram*

Students of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) continued protests yesterday for the 15th consecutive day, demanding the reinstatement of former vice-chancellor Prof Abu Sadat Mohammad Sayem.

The "shutdown" enforced by students since September 21 night has paralysed academic activities and led to the indefinite suspension of final examinations in at least six departments.

Representatives of three organisations of CUET teachers, officers and employees met government high-ups on Saturday over the issue, but no development followed till yesterday.

"We requested the government high-ups to accept our one-point demand of Prof Sayem's reinstatement as CUET VC. They assured us to consider it after assessment," said Prof Samiun Basir, joint general secretary of CUET Teachers' Association.

Despite concerns among general students over possible session jams and delays to the academic year, protesters have vowed to continue the shutdown and demonstrations until their demand is met.

Meanwhile, newly appointed VC Prof Sheikh Shariful Alam has been performing his duties virtually as the ongoing student resistance has prevented him from entering the campus.

Asked about the academic standstill, Prof Samiun said, "We are also concerned about the potential session jam and we want to return to classrooms. That's why we want the government to accept our demand immediately."

CUET Controller of Examinations Prof Moinul Islam confirmed that final examinations in six departments had been postponed indefinitely.

Prof Sayem served only 56 days as VC but gained widespread support among students for his student-friendly approach, support for campus activities and efforts to establish student exchange programmes and international higher education and career opportunities, said Zulkarnine Mihad, a student.

Water hyacinth threatens Boro cultivation in Chalanbeel

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, *Pabna*

Farmers in Chalanbeel under Natore's Singra upazila are struggling to prepare their fields for Boro cultivation as stagnant monsoon water and dense water hyacinth delay land preparation.

Singra is the district's largest Boro cultivation hub.

Across Singra and neighbouring areas of the wetland, prolonged flooding and thick weed growth have left farmers racing against time to prepare their land. With manual removal costly and time-consuming, many are turning to chemical herbicides, raising concerns over the impact on Chalanbeel's biodiversity.

"I can cultivate paddy on my two bighas of land only once a year. The field is submerged under monsoon runoff and clogged with water hyacinth. I am worried I won't be able to start planting saplings on time," said farmer Md Belal Hossain of Bihash village.

Farmer Md Sumon of Dahiya village said monsoon runoff enters the wetland between April and June, leaving cropland flooded until the water level starts receding in early October. Farmers can then prepare their fields in November and December for the Boro season.

With the land submerged for more than five months and preparation taking another two months, farmers struggle to grow a second crop each year, he said.

"Removing water hyacinth manually requires 8-10 labourers and costs Tk 4,000 to Tk 5,000 per field, adding to our expenses. In some years, we miss the optimal planting window entirely. This prompts us to rely on chemical herbicides," Sumon added.

Md Saiful Islam, secretary of the Chalanbeel Wildlife Biodiversity



Protection Committee, warned that widespread herbicide use poses severe risks to the wetland's ecosystem, a habitat for fish, aquatic life and migratory birds.

He said blocked drainage channels keep monsoon water stagnant, allowing water hyacinth to thrive instead of being flushed naturally into river networks.

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension, 57,130 hectares across seven upazilas of Natore will be brought under Boro cultivation this season, targeting a production of 2,84,175 tonnes of rice. Singra accounts for the largest share, with 36,620 hectares targeted to yield 1,83,514 tonnes.

"Singra is Natore's primary Boro hub, producing 60-70 percent of the district's entire yield," said Md Johirul Islam, deputy assistant agriculture officer at DAE Natore.

Md Mahamudul Hasan, Singra upazila agriculture officer, said they were testing a specialised mechanical crushing machine to tackle the problem while advising farmers against using harsh chemical herbicides.

The prototype costs Tk 7 lakh and can crush water hyacinth on one bigha of land per hour. However, Mahamudul said a single machine was insufficient for the vast wetland and its effectiveness declined as water levels fell.

"If field tests prove successful, we plan to deploy additional machines in future," he said.

400 trees uprooted for watermelon cultivation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patuakhali*

Around 400 mangrove trees were uprooted allegedly to clear the land for watermelon cultivation in Galachipa upazila of Patuakhali on Saturday, prompting the Forest Department to file a general diary against four people.

The incident took place in the South Char Biswas mangrove plantation under Char Agasti Beat in Char Biswas Union.

According to the Forest Department, the 75-hectare mangrove plantation was established on reserved forest land in the area in the 2015-16 fiscal year under a government plantation project.

Forest officials said four to five people, allegedly led by local resident Shahin Hawlader, uprooted around 400 Keora trees using an excavator on Saturday to construct an embankment and prepare the land for watermelon cultivation.



PHOTO: **FOREST DEPARTMENT**

On information, forest officials reached the spot and intervened, prompting those involved to flee, said Abdul Barek, officer of Char Agasti Beat, who later filed the GD against Shahin and three others. "We have been developing the mangrove plantation here since 2015."

Denying the allegation, Shahin claimed the land had been allotted to landless farmers by the Galachipa Land Office in 2004-05 and 2005-06, and that he leased the land from the allottees to cultivate watermelon.

He also claimed the Forest Department had not planted trees there and that the vegetation had grown naturally.

Nayan Mistry, range officer of the Galachipa Forest Department, rejected the claim, saying the land belonged to the Forest Department and had not been leased out.

Md Imtiaz Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Galachipa Police Station, said police were investigating the matter.

Tourist dies as scarf gets caught in autorickshaw in Cox's Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

A tourist died after her scarf became entangled in a moving battery-run autorickshaw in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The incident occurred on Sugandha Road near the beach around 11:00am.

The deceased was identified as Seema Akter, daughter of Mahbubul Alam of Bara Alampur in Debidwar upazila of Cumilla. She was a Class XII student at Fatematuzzuhura Madrasa.

Family members said a group of 17 people arrived in Cox's Bazar on Monday. After having breakfast at their hotel yesterday, they headed to the beach in two autorickshaws. Seema was seated behind the driver.

At one point, her scarf became entangled in the moving vehicle. Hearing her screams, the driver stopped, and family members rescued her. She was taken to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, where an on-duty doctor declared her dead.

Mohammad Ali, officer-in-charge of Cox's Bazar Sadar Police Station, confirmed the incident and said the body was kept at the hospital morgue.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1189 OF 2026

NN Services and Engineering Ltd. Address at House No. 37, Road No. 15, Block D, P.O. Banani, P.S. Banani, Dhaka, represented by it's managing Director Mst. Falguni Nupur, daughter of Md. Firoz Hossain and Shahnaz Parvin, present address at 84, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Smarani, police station – Tejgaon, Dhaka and permanent address at Village and post office- Haripur, police station- Chatmohor, District- Pabna.

——Petitioner

-Versus-

Registrar, Joint Stock Companies & Firms, & Another

.....Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 159, 167 and section 171 read with section 396 of the Companies Act 1994 for condonation of delay of and extension of time for submitting the mortgage deed No. 5219 dated 11/05/2026 for registration/ creation of charge on the properties of NN Services and Engineering Ltd was moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the petitioner.

Upon preliminary hearing on 20.09.2026 ***Mr. Justice Foyej Ahmed*** was pleased to admit the said application. Any one desirous of opposing the matter may appear before the Hon'ble court either personally or through his/her Legal Counsel on the aforesaid date. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.

Md. Akram Uddin
Advocate
The Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Suite no. 13/7, Level-13, Eastern Mansion, 67/9,
Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Dhaka. Cell phone no.
01712532897.

PRAYER TIMING
OCTOBER 7

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-45	12-45	4-15	5-53	7-30
JAMAAT	5-20	1-15	4-30	5-56	8-00

SOURCE: **ISLAMIC FOUNDATION**

SC clears way for filling 15,000 MPO teacher posts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for the government to appoint competent candidates to around 15,000 vacant posts of headmasters and principals in Monthly Pay Order (MPO)-enlisted educational institutions.

Justice Rezaul Haque, chamber judge of the Appellate Division, stayed a High Court judgment delivered on July 23 scrapping an amended provision requiring 18 years of teaching experience for appointments to those posts. He passed the order following a petition filed by the education ministry seeking a stay on the HC judgment.

Following the SC order, there is no legal bar for the government to complete the appointment process to those posts, with viva voce for candidates scheduled to begin on October 15, Attorney General Md Ruhul Quddus Kazal said.

Citing a circular issued on a January 29, the AG said there were 10,278 vacant posts for head-teachers under the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, 3,131 vacant posts for principals, vice-principals, supers and assistant supers under the Directorate of Madrasa Education and 150 vacant posts for principals and superintendents under the Directorate of Technical Education.

According to the circular, the total number of vacant posts was 13,559, which could subsequently rise to nearly 15,000, he said.

The requirement of 18 years' teaching experience was introduced through an amendment on March 25 this year.

বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড
Bangladesh Power Development Board
Office of the Project Director
Power Distribution System Development Project, Cumilla Zone, 12th floor
Bidyut Bhaban
1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka (camp office)
E-mail- pdsdp.cz.bpdb@gmail.com

Memo No: 27.11.0000.866.07.019.26-367 Date: 04/10/2026

"e-GP Tender Notice"

The tender notice for procurement of the followings is published in e-GP website. This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration on e-GP system (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is mandatory. For more details contact e-GP Help desk.

e-GP Tender ID	Package No.	Procurement Title	Last Selling Date	Closing & Opening Date
1342908	GD-70	Supply of 11/0.4 kV, 250 kVA Distribution Transformer	01-11-2026 04:00 PM	02-11-2026 11:30 AM
1346267	GD-71	Supply of 11/0.4 kV, 250 kVA Distribution Transformer	01-11-2026 04:00 PM	02-11-2026 11:35 AM
1346280	GD-72	Supply of 11/0.4 kV, 250 kVA Distribution Transformer	01-11-2026 04:00 PM	02-11-2026 11:40 AM

বিদ্যুৎ/জন-২০২(২)/০৬/১০/২৬

04/10/26
(Sheikh Moin Uddin)
Project Director (C.E)
PDSDP, Cumilla Zone

GD-2421

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক
(সেন্ট্রাল ব্যাংক অব বাংলাদেশ)
প্রধান কার্যালয়
মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০
বাংলাদেশ

ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি সচিবালয়
ই-মেইল- info.bscs@bb.org.bd

বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং- ৩২২/২০২৬ তারিখ: ২০ আশ্বিন, ১৪৩৩ / ০৫ অক্টোবর, ২০২৬

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি (BSC) -এর সদস্যভুক্ত আনসার ভিডিপি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংকে সিস্টেম ম্যানেজার (গ্রেড-৩) (Job ID: 26131) এবং প্রিন্সিপাল অফিসার (গ্রেড-৬) (Job ID: 26132) পদে সরাসরি নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত প্রতিযোগিতামূলক পরীক্ষার মাধ্যমে প্যানেল প্রস্তুতির লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকের নিকট হতে Online এ দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদন দাখিলের বিস্তারিত নিয়ম ও শর্তাবলী বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত ওয়েবসাইটে (https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd) পাওয়া যাবে।

ডিসিপি: ৪৮/২০২৬-২৬৩৪
তারিখ: ০৬-১০-২০২৬

স্বাক্ষরিত/-
(মিজানুর রহমান আকন)
পরিচালক (বিএসসিএস) ও
সদস্য সচিব, বিএসসি

ব্যাংকিং ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে, হয়রানির শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

GD-2420

The Daily Star
FOR ALL LATEST NEWS FOLLOW US
dailystarnews
/in/dailystarnews
/dailystar_bd
/dailystarnews
www.thedailystar.net

Tender Announcement

Advertisement Number# QCBD/Tender/12/2026 **Date: 07/10/2026**

Qatar Charity Bangladesh Office invites bids for Tender No. QCBD/Tender/12/2026 for the Establishment of a framework agreement for the supply of cardiac catheterization medical devices, consumables and related support services for pediatric and adult patients in Bangladesh and to be served at different areas in Bangladesh.

A brief statement of the required items, work or services	Quantity	Order classification	Deadline for Tender Document Collection by email	Closing date
Establishment of a framework agreement for the supply of cardiac catheterization medical devices, consumables and related support services for pediatric and adult patients	Mentioned in Tender Schedule	Supply of Cardiac Catheterization Medical Devices	Date: 12/10/2026 Time: 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM	Date: 14/10/2026 Time: by 11:59 PM (23:59) Bangladesh Standard Time

Bidders will submit two folders (Technical and financial)

- **Tender documents can be obtained through e-mail** qcbangladesh@qcharity.org **during official working hours.**
- **Bids submission to:** Mentioned digital link and process in the tender schedule.
- **NB:** Bidders must mention the number and date of this tender as shown in the tender documents.
- **Accept or reject of tender/bid:** Qatar Charity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/bid without assigning any reason and Qatar Charity is not bound to select lowest bidder at any cause.

চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ
বন্দর ভবন, চট্টগ্রাম-৪১০০
www.cpa.gov.bd

ঃ গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি ঃ

চট্টগ্রাম বন্দরের নিরাপত্তা ও সংবেদনশীল স্থাপনার সুরক্ষায় অননুমোদিত ফটোগ্রাফি, ভিডিও ধারণ ও প্রচার ইত্যাদি থেকে বিরত থাকার নির্দেশনা

চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর বাংলাদেশের প্রধান সামুদ্রিক প্রবেশদ্বার এবং জাতীয় অর্থনীতি, আমদানি রপ্তানি ও আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্যের অন্যতম গুরুত্বপূর্ণ কেন্দ্র। আন্তর্জাতিক মানদণ্ড ও জাতীয় নিরাপত্তা বিধিমালা অনুসরণ করে বন্দরের কার্যক্রম সফলভাবে পরিচালিত হচ্ছে। এরই ধারাবাহিকতায়, চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর ISPS অনুসরনকারী বন্দর হিসেবে Zero Observation অর্জন করেছে। দেশের একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ 'ক' শ্রেণীর Key Point Installation (KPI) হিসেবে চট্টগ্রাম বন্দরের নিরাপত্তা, গুরুত্বপূর্ণ অবকাঠামো ও সংবেদনশীল স্থাপনাসমূহের সুরক্ষা জাতীয় স্বার্থের সঙ্গে সরাসরি সম্পৃক্ত।

চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ আইন, ২০২২ এর ১২ ধারা অনুযায়ী বন্দরের সুষ্ঠু পরিচালনার স্বার্থে এবং সর্বসাধারণের প্রবেশাধিকার নিয়ন্ত্রণের উদ্দেশ্যে বন্দর সীমানার অন্তর্ভুক্ত সকল স্থান ও স্থাপনা সংরক্ষিত বন্দর এলাকা হিসাবে বিবেচিত। তদুপরি, Official Secrets Act, 1923-এর বিধান অনুযায়ী রাষ্ট্রের নিরাপত্তা ও স্বার্থসংশ্লিষ্ট সংবেদনশীল স্থান, তথ্য, নকশা, ছবি বা অন্যান্য উপাত্তের অননুমোদিত ধারণ, প্রকাশ বা প্রচার আইনত দণ্ডনীয় হতে পারে।

কর্তৃপক্ষের পূর্বানুমোদন ব্যতীত সামাজিক যোগাযোগমাধ্যম, অনলাইন প্ল্যাটফর্ম, গণমাধ্যম বা অন্য কোনো মাধ্যমে বন্দরের নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা, সংরক্ষিত এলাকা, নজরদারি সক্ষমতা, স্থাপনার বিন্যাস, অপারেশনাল তথ্য প্রকাশ ও প্রচার করা সম্পূর্ণ অনাকাঙ্ক্ষিত এবং তা কোনোভাবেই গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়।

অতএব, যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমোদন ব্যতীত বন্দরের সংবেদনশীল স্থাপনা, নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা, গুরুত্বপূর্ণ অবকাঠামো, প্রবেশ ও নিয়ন্ত্রণ ব্যবস্থা, নজরদারি ব্যবস্থা, যোগাযোগ ব্যবস্থা, জাহাজ ও কার্গো ব্যবস্থাপনা এবং অন্যান্য সংবেদনশীল স্থাপনার অননুমোদিত ফটোগ্রাফি, ভিডিও ধারণ, স্কেচ প্রণয়ন বা যেকোনো ধরনের দৃশ্যমান তথ্য সংগ্রহ ও প্রচার থেকে বিরত থাকার জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হলো। বিশেষ করে KPI, সংরক্ষিত এলাকা, এবং নিরাপত্তাসংক্রান্ত স্থাপনার ক্ষেত্রে কোনো ধরনের অনুমতিবিহীন কার্যক্রম কঠোরভাবে পরিহার করতে হবে।

এ প্রেক্ষিতে বন্দর ব্যবহারকারী সকলকে এ সংক্রান্ত নিরাপত্তা নির্দেশনা যথাযথভাবে প্রতিপালনের জন্য নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হলো। এ ধরনের অননুমোদিত তথ্য প্রকাশ বা প্রচারের মাধ্যমে বন্দর নিরাপত্তা বিঘ্নিত হলে সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যক্তির বিরুদ্ধে প্রযোজ্য আইন, নিরাপত্তা বিধিমালা ও বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের প্রচলিত নির্দেশনা অনুযায়ী কঠোর ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

সচিব
চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ

GD-2425