CUET classes resume after 36 days, but protest continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

Students of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) returned to classes yesterday after a 36-day shutdown, but attendance remained low, and several departments did not resume classes as protests demanding the reinstatement of former vice-chancellor Prof Abu Sadat Muhammad Sayem continued.

Meanwhile, a consultation committee formed by the University Grants Commission held talks with teachers, students, officials and employees yesterday to address the deadlock.

Chittagong University Vice-Chancellor Prof Al Forkan, a member of the committee, told The Daily Star, "We have talked to all the stakeholders of the protests, including teachers, staff and officers. We have recorded their version."

The committee will prepare its findings based on ground-visit issues, he added.

Classes resumed in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, its head Prof Fouzia Gulshana Rashid said. However, classes remained suspended in departments including Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) and Computer Science and Engineering (CSE).

EEE department head Prof Tofayel Ahmed said they are ready to hold classes.

Garbage dumping pollutes Ayman river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

Years of indiscriminate waste dumping along the banks of the Ayman river in Mymensingh's Muktagachha upazila have been polluting the water, while local authorities have failed to address the problem.

Residents of Trimohoni, beside the Mymensingh-Tangail road, have long been suffering from the nuisance amid inadequate monitoring and poor waste management by the municipal authorities.

The 32.75-kilometre-long river flows through Muktagachha upazila before meeting the Brahmaputra in Trishal.

Established in 1878, Muktagachha municipality covers 11.99 square kilometres and has a population of over 61,000, generating around 12 tonnes of waste daily. However, the municipality lacks an adequate number of waste bins.

A 3.5-acre landfill in Nandibari, outside the municipality, has been used for waste disposal for the past three years. Around 10 tonnes of waste are dumped there daily using four municipal dump trucks, said Conservancy Officer Md Shamim Kabir.

He said a shortage of conservancy workers had also limited the municipality's waste disposal capacity.

As a result, household and market waste is often dumped in the open, particularly along roadsides and riverbanks, causing pollution and inconvenience to residents.

Sukomol Das, a resident of Trimohoni, said accumulated garbage washes into the river during rain, polluting the water and harming the environment.

Arshad Ali, 70, a local farmer, said the Ayman river once served as a lifeline for agriculture, river transport and fisheries in the area. "Years of pollution, illegal grabbing and siltation have left the river on its deathbed," he said.

Hundreds of people in at least seven villages live on both sides of the river.

Contacted, Krishna Chandra, Muktagachha upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) and president of the upazila unit of the Nodi Rokhha Committee, said he would look into whether local residents or shopkeepers were dumping waste along the riverbank.

Steps would also be taken to curb river pollution and maintain ecological balance and a healthy environment, he added.



PHOTO: STAR

Household and market waste is often discarded indiscriminately along the banks of Ayman river in Muktagachha of Mymensingh, polluting the river's water.

SAU students vandalise fair structures

Protest Secretariat relocation plan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU) vandalised structures being built for two fairs at the old Dhaka International Trade Fair ground in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday, protesting the planned relocation of the Secretariat to the site.

Around 70 to 80 students damaged the main gate, corrugated iron sheets and fences around several stalls, according to police and fair organisers.

Preparations were underway for a month-long Asia International Trade Fair and a week-long Youth Fair.

Md Monirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station, said the students claimed the field belonged to the university and vowed to prevent the fairs.

Organisers alleged that construction materials and tools were also taken away, causing financial losses. They said they had government permission to build the stalls and urged the authorities to resolve the land dispute.

SAU Acting Proctor Prof Tajul Islam said the field remained university property on paper but had been temporarily acquired by a previous government for the trade fair.

"After the trade fair was permanently shifted to Purbachal, a university steering committee had been working to reclaim the field. Amid this, the announcement to relocate the secretariat here was not taken well by the teachers and students," he said.

No grading system for recruiting agencies yet

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details of their sub-agents was not fully operational. Agencies would eventually have to submit lists of their representatives for publication on the ministry's website so workers could verify their identities before making payments.

He also questioned whether existing training courses matched overseas job demand and whether training centres tracked how many trainees secured jobs abroad.

Presenting data, Witness Foundation Executive Director Pervez Siddiqui said overseas employment fell 32 percent to 5,69,979 workers during January-September this year, from 8,38,892 in the same period last year, although remittances reached $35.56 billion in FY2025-26.

Migrants needed around 14 months to recover their recruitment expenses, he said.

Of 1,414 complaints, 785 had been resolved, with Tk 6.48 crore refunded to affected workers, he said. Workers often lacked receipts or other payment evidence, making complaints against intermediaries difficult to pursue.

Syed Saiful Haque, chairperson of WARBE Development Foundation, alleged that agencies collected large sums without receipts, while intermediaries obscured accountability. He also accused many agencies of trading visas.

Advocate Farida Yeasmin of the Centre for Women and Children Studies said legal recognition of sub-agents would achieve little without enforcement. Referring to the 2023 legal amendment and 2025 regulations, she called for updated lists of registered intermediaries and proposed using the BMET digital system to monitor compliance.

ILO National Programme Manager Rehnuma Salam Khan urged the government to assess workers' skills, working conditions and protection, as well as whether migrant complaints were declining.

Fakhrul Islam, a former joint secretary of the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA), proposed online recruitment records listing selected workers and authorised charges, with payments through banks and legal action against agencies that overcharged.

Former BAIRA secretary-general Ali Haider Chowdhury called for diversifying labour markets, providing demand-based training and punishing trafficking networks.

Former expatriates' welfare secretary Kazi Abul Kalam, expatriates' welfare ministry Additional Secretary Ahmadul Haque, and Ahmed Aziz of the International Organization for Migration also spoke.

PRAYER TIMING

OCTOBER 29

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-50	12-45	4-00	5-32	7-15
JAMAAT	5-25	1-15	4-15	5-35	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

NOTIFICATION OF BANK ASIA
EARNINGS DISCLOSURE PROGRAM
Q3, 2026

Bank Asia

This is for information of all concerned that an Earnings Disclosure Program on Un-Audited Third Quarter (Q3) Financial Statements 2026 of Bank Asia PLC. will be held at 3:30 p.m. on 3 November 2026 through a digital platform, as per the BSEC notification dated 20 June 2018. All concerned shareholders, existing and potential investors across the globe, research analysts, financial reporters and individuals involved in capital market activities are cordially invited to participate in the program through the live webcast facility at following link : **https://meetbd.live/BankAsiaQ32026**, User name : **BankAsiaQ3-2026**, Password : **basia@321**. The details of un-audited financial statements of the Bank for the third quarter ended on 30 September 2026 will also be available on the website of the Bank at 'www.bankasia-bd.com'.

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Dated: Dhaka
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TENDER NOTICE

FOR SALE OF 100% SHARES OF GAZI FISH CULTURE LIMITED (GFCL)

Sealed tenders are invited from intending **local/international buyers** for the proposed sale of **100% shares along with all rights to the assets and all liabilities and obligations** of **Gazi Fish Culture Limited (GFCL),** an operational (going concern) project, on **"As-Is, Where-Is"** basis. Intending buyers will have to submit their quotation in separate prescribed tender forms and other required papers duly filled in and supported by necessary documents.

KEY PARTICULARS OF GFCL

Name of the enterprise	Gazi Fish Culture Limited (GFCL)
Location	Mouza: Kailashgonj, Tetultala, Hodda and Gunari under Dacope, Khulna.
Items produced	White fish (Rui, Catla, Pangash, Tilapia etc.)
Project Land area	378 Acres (approximate) as per Deed
Other amenities	Electricity from Pally Biddut Samity, office cum staff accommodation, Mosque etc.

TENDER DOCUMENTS

- Set of prescribed forms, tender conditions and other related paper can be procured from the **Accounts Department, SABINCO,** on all working days from **01 November 2026 to 12 November 2026** during office hours on cash payment/Pay Order/Demand Draft of **Tk. 50,000/-** (Taka fifty thousand only) favoring SABINCO which is non-refundable. Interested foreign bidders are required to pay in equivalent U.S. Dollars through a bank draft/pay order favoring SABINCO.
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- Second copy of the Money Receipt issued by SABINCO will have to be attached with the completed tender document.

SUBMISSION & OPENING

Tender Box Closes
12 November 2026 at 02:00 p.m.

Tender Opening
12 November 2026 at 03:00 p.m.

Bidders' representatives may attend the tender opening session.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Tenders found incomplete or otherwise faulty shall stand canceled.
2. Interested foreign participants will have to obtain all relevant permission/clearance from BOI and relevant government agencies on their own and all related costs and expenses will have to be borne by them.
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FOR SALE OF 100% SHARES OF S&M SHRIMP CULTURE LIMITED (SMSCL)

Sealed tenders are invited from intending **local/international bidder - buyers** for the proposed sale of **100% shares along with all rights to the assets and all liabilities and obligations of S&M Shrimp Culture Limited (SMSCL),** an operational (going concern) project, on **"As-Is, Where-Is"** basis. Intending bidder - buyers will have to submit their quotation in separate prescribed tender forms and other required papers duly filled in and supported by necessary documents.

KEY PARTICULARS OF SMSCL

Name of the enterprise	S&M Shrimp Culture Limited (SMSCL)
Location	Katakhali under Banishanta mouza, Dacope, Khulna (opposite side of the river of Mongla port).
Items produced	White fish (Rui, Catla, Pangash, Tilapia etc.)
Project Land area	104.60 Acres (approximate) as per Deed
Other amenities	Electricity from Pally Biddut Samity, office cum staff accommodation etc.

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Managing Director
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The growing toll of uncontrolled diabetes

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emotionally, he warned. He called for routine screening to help detect kidney problems early and reduce the burden on families.

Dr Shahjada Selim, associate professor of endocrinology at Bangladesh Medical University, said nearly 92 percent of diabetic patients in Bangladesh fail to control their condition.

He warned that diabetes also leads to heart disease, kidney failure, fatty liver, and a decline in mental health.

Uncontrolled diabetes can reduce life expectancy among people under 50 by an average of 5.5 years for women and 6.5 years for men, he said.

He called for a holistic approach involving medication, lifestyle changes, and management of blood pressure and cholesterol.

He also stressed the need for greater government involvement and universal healthcare amid a shortage of endocrinologists and trained healthcare workers.

Prof AK Azad Khan, president of the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, called for addressing the underlying causes of diabetes and ensuring access to essential treatment.

He said insulin should be recognised as a human right and its availability should be made a government responsibility.

Citing research, he also highlighted the effectiveness of faith-based awareness campaigns, particularly led by mosque imams.

Unpublished research suggested premarital screening and counselling could reduce gestational diabetes by 45 percent, he added.

Dr Md Faruque Pathan, professor of endocrinology at BIRDEM General Hospital, described prediabetes as a critical stage when intervention can prevent the onset of diabetes. He said nearly 50 percent of patients seek medical care only after serious complications have developed.

Rapid and unplanned urbanisation, sedentary lifestyles and excessive screen time are contributing to insulin resistance and rising rates of prediabetes, he said.

As prediabetes often has no visible symptoms, he called for screening at community clinics, upazila health facilities, and schools.

Dr Faria Afsana, head of endocrinology at BIRDEM General Hospital, recommended that asymptomatic adults aged 35 and above undergo diabetes testing every three years, saying relying on symptoms alone could delay diagnosis.

People at higher risk, including those with obesity, hypertension, polycystic ovary syndrome or a family history of diabetes, should be tested annually, she said.

Overweight children with risk factors should be screened from age 10 or the onset of puberty, she said, recommending the two-sample oral glucose tolerance test.

Prof Dr Shaikh Zinnat Ara Nasreen warned that undiagnosed or poorly controlled diabetes during pregnancy can lead to excessive foetal growth, difficult deliveries, birth injuries and neonatal complications.

It can also increase the child's risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease later in life, while making mothers more vulnerable to recurrent infections, she said.

She recommended screening at the first antenatal visit and between the 24th and 28th weeks of pregnancy, ideally before conception.

Prof M Saifuddin of Dhaka Medical College Hospital noted that South Asians face higher metabolic risks even at normal BMI levels.

He called for reducing excessive carbohydrate intake and consulting endocrinologists early.

Dr MA Samad, CEO of National Healthcare Network Bangladesh; Dr Nazmul Kabir Qureshi, senior consultant of endocrinology at NHN Uttara Executive Centre; and Abdus Sobhan, sales director at Nevian, also spoke.

Tanjim Ferdous, head of strategic partnerships at The Daily Star, moderated the discussion.

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01.	1336764	Procurement of Consultancy Service for Power System Audit of Both GS (Retender)	14.39.0000.000.012.07.0004.23.162(E)	29-Oct-2026 Time: 10:00(A.M)	18-Nov-2026 Time: 16:00(P.M)	18-Nov-2026 Time: 16:00(P.M)

This is an Online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP system Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

(Signed)
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"পুরাতন গাড়ী পুন: বিক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

১। কারা বিভাগের ব্যবহৃত অকেজো ঘোষিত নিম্নবর্নিত গাড়ীটি দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয় করা হবে। আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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২। দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ঃ ০৪-১১-২০২৬ বিকাল -৪.০০ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

৩। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ সময় ও তারিখ ঃ ০৫-১১-২০২৬ সকাল - ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হতে ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।

৪। দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান ঃ চকবাজার থানা প্রাঙ্গন, বিভাগীয় কমিশনার এর কার্যালয় এবং কারা অধিদপ্তর,ঢাকা।

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৬। দরপত্র খোলার সময় ঃ ০৫-১১-২০২৬ বেলা-১৩.০০ ঘটিকা।

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৮। কারা বিভাগের ব্যবহৃত পুরাতন গাড়ী বিক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত সিডিউল কারা অধিদপ্তরের www.prison.gov.bd ওয়েবসাইট এ প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে। উক্ত ওয়েবসাইট থেকে ডাউনলোড করে সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। সিডিউলের মূল্য বাবদ ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত মাত্র) টাকা নগদ/যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট কারা মহাপরিদর্শক, বাংলাদেশ ,ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে জমা দিয়ে দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন দরপত্রের সাথে উক্ত পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ফি পরিশোধের রশিদ সংযুক্ত না থাকলে দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

৯। নিরাপত্তা জামানতের পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফস এবং দরপত্রের মূল্য বাবদ পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আলাদাভাবে দাখিল করতে হবে।

১০। যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার সম্পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন। উহার জন্য কোন কারণ দর্শাতে কর্তৃপক্ষ বাধ্য নহে। অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি জানার জন্য কারা অধিদপ্তরের নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর সহিত যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

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