Stay vigilant against misinfo on July charter

Constitutional amendment body urges youths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Special Committee on Constitutional Amendment yesterday urged youths to remain vigilant against what it described as misinformation regarding the implementation of the July charter.

It made the appeal during a views exchange meeting with representatives of various student organisations.

According to a Parliament Secretariat press release, participants noted that the July charter clearly states that reforms are to be carried out through constitutional amendments.

The discussions covered a range of issues, including framing a modern and people-oriented constitution through necessary reforms.

The meeting also paid tribute to the significant role played by students in the uprising.

DSCC begins e-rickshaw reg form distribution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) yesterday launched the registration process for battery-run e-rickshaws operating in areas within its jurisdiction.

Each form can be availed at Tk 100 from Nagar Bhaban and all DSCC regional offices between 10:00am and 3:00pm on working days. Each individual can collect a maximum of five forms.

However, submitting an application alone will not guarantee registration. E-rickshaws must first be modified in accordance with prescribed guidelines and obtain approval or clearance from the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

Applicants must also meet the requirements outlined in the Rules for the Operation of Three-Wheeled Low-Speed Battery-Powered Rickshaws (E-Rickshaws) in City Corporation Areas, 2026, issued by the Local Government Division, before submitting their applications to the city authorities.

DSCC Administrator Md Abdus Salam disclosed the initiative while briefing reporters yesterday.



Students of the International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) block the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway in Sitakunda, Chattogram, yesterday, protesting the death of fellow student Maysha Musferat killed in a road accident in the Kumira area. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

'My whole world has fallen apart'

Breaks down father of IIUC student killed as container lorry hits minibus

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, *Ctg*

"We celebrated her 22nd birthday last Friday with relatives and friends. Maysha was so happy. Today, she is no more. The pain is unbearable."

Shakhawat Hossain, father of Maysha Musferat, 22, broke down while talking to this correspondent in front of the emergency unit of Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) yesterday at noon.

Maysha, a student of the English department at International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC), was killed in a road accident on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Kumira, Sitakunda upazila, yesterday morning. Another student, Razia Sultana, was injured.

Around 9:20am, a container lorry hit a minibus, which overturned onto the two students as they waited beside the road in front of the university gate. Maysha died after being taken to CMCH, while Razia is receiving treatment at a private hospital.

Maysha lived with her family in Mirsarai. Her father, an expatriate, said she had left home for university that morning. Hours later, he received a call from the university and rushed to the hospital with his wife and son, only to find her dead.

"She was my only daughter among three sons. My whole world has fallen apart," he said.



Maysha Musferat

IIUC teacher Prof Mostafa Monir Chowdhury said Maysha had gone to the university, but as her class was postponed, she was waiting for a bus to return home.

CCTV footage showed Maysha and two others standing beside the road when a minibus stopped in front of them. A 40-foot container lorry then rammed the minibus from behind, causing it to overturn onto the students. The lorry driver fled the scene.

Agitated students said the university administration had failed to ensure safety despite several previous accidents at the spot.

Maysha's janaza was held on the highway in front of the university around 4:00pm. Her body was later taken to her home.

Meanwhile, students blocked the Dhaka-Chattogram highway and the railway track from around 10:30am for seven hours, demanding the arrest and prosecution of the lorry driver, a foot-overbridge, removal of illegal structures and unplanned speed breakers, and restrictions on roadside parking.

The blockade caused severe traffic congestion on both sides of the highway and halted four trains on the Dhaka-Chattogram route.

"They lifted the blockade around 4:00pm after the Sitakunda UNO, Chattogram SP and IIUC vice-chancellor assured them of immediate action," said Arifur Rahman, assistant superintendent of police of Highway Police (Cumilla Region).

29 sources polluting Halda river identified

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

A team of researchers from Chittagong University (CU) has identified 29 sources of pollution in the Halda river, one of the country's major natural breeding grounds for carp fish species, raising concerns over threats to its aquatic ecosystem and biodiversity.

The sources include untreated industrial waste, household and market garbage, chemical fertilisers and pesticides from agricultural land, plastic waste, oil discharged from boats, emissions from brick kilns along the river, and dumping of dead animals and birds.

Professor Dr Mohammad Omar Faruk Russell of CU's botany department, who led the research team, presented the findings at an event yesterday.

The team identified the sources while examining plant diversity along around an 81-kilometre stretch of the river between September 2025 and October 2026.

The study also documented 1,029 plant species along the riverbanks, including some rare specimens among 729 recorded for the first time, as well as 51 medicinal plant species.

The newly recorded species include Leisa Garjan, also known as Lengra Garjan, and Patha Tekia.

The team also identified 100 endangered plant species, including Neeljui, Tejbahul, Faiz tree, Sidha Jarul, Kuchi palm, Nat Alkushee, Khana, Ashok and Barun.



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However, natural vegetation was not evenly distributed along the riverbanks. Comparatively fewer plants were found between Nazirhat Bridge and the Narayanhat area along the river.

Researchers believe the expansion of agricultural activities and crop cultivation along the riverbanks reduced the natural habitats of these species.

"Our main objective was to document the plant diversity along the river. In addition, we identified sources of pollution that are harmful to the plants and the river," said Prof Omar Faruk.

The researchers recommended 13 measures to conserve the river's plant diversity and curb pollution. These include protecting rare and threatened plants, planting native trees along the banks, treating industrial waste, preventing river encroachment, and regular monitoring.

Prof Sheikh Bakhtiar Uddin, another member of the research team, said pollution threatened not only fish but the entire river ecosystem, including its plant diversity.

"Government agencies responsible for protecting the river should take effective steps to stop pollution," he added.

The research was conducted with funding and support from Effective Creation on Human Opinion (ECO), a private research organisation, and Bangladesh Steel Re-Rolling Mills (BSRM).

Prof Omar Faruk said the manuscript of the research findings had been prepared and would be submitted for publication soon.

Tourist vessels yet to start trips to Saint Martin's

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, *Cox's Bazar*

No vessel carrying tourists to Saint Martin's Island has yet left Cox's Bazar, despite the tourist season opening on November 1, as operators are still waiting for several mandatory approvals.

Officials concerned said vessel operations could begin on November 5 if the necessary government clearances are obtained by then.

Hossain Islam Bahadur, general secretary of Sea Cruise Operators-Owners Association of Bangladesh, said vessels need clearance from environment ministry, approval from Department of Shipping, route permits from BIWTA and permission from the Cox's Bazar district administration to start operations, and the approval process remained incomplete. "Preparations were underway to start



operations on Thursday or Friday."

Mahmudur Rahman Sayem, magistrate of tourism cell at Cox's Bazar district administration, said no shipping company had yet applied to the district administration for final approval after securing clearances from other agencies.

Nayan Shil, deputy director of BIWTA in Chattogram division, said five vessels had applied for route permits.

A meeting held at environment ministry on October 12 decided that tourists would be allowed to stay overnight on the island from November 1 to March 15.

A maximum of 3,500 tourists will be allowed to visit the island daily during the period.

Mahibul Islam, deputy director (marketing and branding) of the Bangladesh Tourism Board, said vessels would sell tickets according to their respective passenger capacities through designated ticketing agents' websites, all integrated with the Tourism Board's website.

Meanwhile, a source at the district administration said vessel operators were not particularly keen to start services yet, citing uncertainty over passenger numbers until the tourist season gains momentum after November 15.

Woman dies as easybike hits her

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Lalmonirhat*

A woman was killed after being hit by a battery-run easybike in Aditmari of Lalmonirhat on Monday night.

The deceased was identified as Momina Begum, 46, of BSCIC area in Saptibari.

The accident occurred in front of the PTI Training Centre at Saptibari Union in the upazila around 10:00pm. The easybike driver fled the scene with the vehicle immediately after the accident.

Police and locals said Momina was crossing the road when a speeding battery-run easybike hit her. Momina died on the way to the hospital.

Invitation for Tender
Jiban Bima Corporation
Administration Division,
Head Office, Dhaka-1000.

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