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Mass wedding in academia: A new kind of 'taboo- breaking'

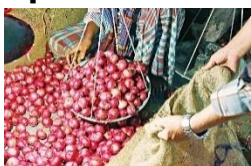
ON THE OCCASION OF VICTORY 2.0; SHAHID SURGENT JAHURUL HAQUE HALL, UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA ARRANGE MASS MARRIAGE TO AVOID OBSCENITY

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

I thought it was a joke, one of those social media pranks. But when mainstream media picked it up, the reality struck: students at my university are organizing mass wedding ceremonies on September 20. The poster proclaims that the event commemorates Liberation 2.0, hoping that the initiative will break down the "taboos" associated with marriage. The provosts of the concerned residential halls, however, are quick to deny any link between this celebration of collective uprising and the mass marriage initiative. They are unaware of the nuptials taking place under their roofs.

The calculus of knowing and unknowing defines the taboo that is planned to be "broken" through this tying of the knots. The known poster is merely the tip of the iceberg, surrounded by unknown columns.

Indian govt removes minimum export price on onion



The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) removed the MEP on Onion with immediate effect, reports our New Delhi correspondent.

In May this year, India lifted the ban on onion exports but imposed a \$550 per tonne as the minimum export price, which essentially meant farmers could not sell their produce overseas at lower

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than this rate.

"The Minimum Export Price (MEP) condition on the export of onions is removed with immediate effect and until further orders," a DGFT notification said. The decision to remove the MEP on the onion has been taken despite the high retail prices of this key kitchen item.

Our youth needs financial literacy to combat banking scams

FILE VISUAL: REHNUMA PROSHOON

In an era where financial scandals have become alarmingly commonplace, the importance of financial literacy for our youth cannot be overstated. A Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) [report](#) published on



August 12 paints a grim picture of our banking sector, revealing that a staggering Tk 92,261 crore was embezzled in 24 major banking scams between 2008 and 2023—more specifically, during the 15-year rule of the Awami League. This amount, equivalent to 12 percent of

Bangladesh's national budget for FY2023-24 or two percent of the GDP for FY2022-23, highlights the dire state of our financial institutions. The banking sector, meant to be one of the pillars of our economy, has instead become a house of cards, teetering on the brink of collapse.

Meeting with

BSF: BGB condemns border killings

Photo: BSS

The Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has strongly protested and condemned border killings, highlighting the incident where a 15-year-old Bangladeshi youth, Jayanta



Kumar Singh, was shot dead by BSF at Baliadangi point in Thakurgaon on September 9.

BGB (Rangpur Region) raised the issue when Indian Border Security Force (BSF) North Bengal Frontier held a courtesy meeting with BGB at the Banglabandha-Phulbari Integrated Check Post ICP on the Bangladesh-India border on Thursday, according to a BGB press release issued yesterday.

Campus politics should focus on education

Newly appointed DU VC
Prof Niaz shares his views

The focus of student politics should be issues relating to academia, said [Professor Niaz Ahmed](#)



[Khan](#), the new vice-chancellor of Dhaka University.

"I believe that if politics is to be done on campus, it should be related to education. We will talk about curriculum, the relationship between the university and society and between students and teachers. These should be the main aspects of student politics," he said.

Prof Niaz was talking to The Daily Campus & Society and other media outlets yesterday, his first day as the VC. He spoke about the crucial issues of student-teacher politics as questions were raised on partisan politics polluting the campus.

Prof Niaz said a greater social consensus is required to decide whether such politics should exist on the campus. "It is difficult to decide on our own."

Asked whether he wants to make Ducus (DU Central Students' Union) effective again, Prof Niaz said he will take measures to make the university's existing structures operational so that the students' and teachers' opinions are taken into account. "However, we will know how long it will take to do that after discussions with the stakeholders."



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