

# CU may cancel grading system today

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong University (CU) authorities are likely to cancel the grading system in evaluating the answer script.

Campus sources said the syndicate at a meeting today is likely to approve revival of the old class system.

The students have postponed their today's agitation following assurance from the university authorities in this regard, sources added. The authorities are going to cancel the grading system as the students continue their agitation on the campus.

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Earlier, two meetings were held between the authorities and students on Sunday to reach an understanding over cancellation of the grading system. Later, the matter was sent to the syndicate to take final decision.

The general students under the banner of Sadharan Chhatra Chhatra Sangram Parishad (SCSP) launched a movement on the campus on August 11 demanding cancellation of the grading

system. They boycotted classes and examinations as part of the agitation programmes.

They said, the grade point 3 to 3.5 was considered as first class mark comparing with the class system. If the grade point is above 3.5 it will be considered as higher first class.

"But in some advertisements published in different newspapers recently where the grade point 3.35 was shown as second class marks. Following these, the students who passed under the grading system could not apply for jobs as almost all the students of the university got under the grade point of 3.5 since the system launched in 1998-99 session".

The agitated students also said 92 per cent of the students of the university get third class marks under the grading system due to lack of knowledge of the teachers about the system.

"We did not get job after completion of graduation and post graduation from the university and even can not apply for job due to the grading system. The fate of about 10 thousand CU students has now become uncertain", they added.



An extension of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque is today a pool of stagnant rainwater and possible breeding ground for mosquitoes. Its construction work began during the immediate past Awami League government.

# Hasina returns home August 23

UNB, Dhaka

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina returns home on August 23 from Miami, the United States.

She left here for Montreal, Canada, on August 7 to attend a

ceremony where her lone daughter, Sayma Wazed Putul, received the prestigious "Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Student Award" for her research work.

Her press office told UNB that Sheikh Hasina would straight return to Dhaka from Miami on Saturday morning.



## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy fall at places till 6pm today.

Slight fall in day temperature is expected over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 25.3 degree at Rangamati and Rangpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:28 pm today and rises at 5:36am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.2	25.5	87	86
Chittagong	31.5	26.0	79	73
Rajshahi	34.2	26.2	88	80
Khulna	33.4	27.0	76	92
Barisal	31.0	27.2	89	83
Sylhet	29.3	25.9	85	92
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.9	85	82

## DHAKA TODAY

- Film show**  
Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'The Bourne Identity'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.
- Discussion**  
Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote organises a discussion and recitation on the occasion of the national mourning day. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 4.00pm.
- Publication ceremony**  
The publication ceremony of a book titled 'The Compromised Republic: An inquiry into the development of underdevelopment' by Chowdhury Irad Ahmed Siddiky will be held. Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 4.00pm.
- Inauguration**  
The inaugural ceremony of the Presidency University will be held with Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5.00pm.
- Conference**  
A conference of zonal and regional managers of Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation will be held. Venue: Corporation office, Purana Paltan. Time: 9.00am.
- Council**  
The national council of Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Sena will be held. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.
- Workshop**  
The inaugural session of a two-day workshop on 'World Trade Organisation and Bangladesh', organised by Dhaka Reporters Unity in collaboration with the Centre For Sustainable Development, will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: DRU auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10.00am.
- IPRSP meeting**  
A meeting on 'Primary education and IPRSP', organised by People's Empowerment Trust in collaboration with Commonwealth Education Fund, will be held with State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon as chief guest. Venue: WVA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.30am.
- Meeting**  
The national committee for the implementation of Padma bridge at Maowa organises a meeting with Barrister Moinal Hossain as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.
- Sit-in**  
Dhanmondi Poribesh Unnayan Jote organises a sit-in to protest against the hundreds of illegal business establishments operating in the area. Venue: Road No 32. Time: 10.00am to 12.00noon.
- Film show**  
Academy Film Society will screen two films titled 'Mr and Mrs Iyer' and 'Cry Freedom'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.
- Cultural competition**  
On the occasion of the 27th death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Nazrul Institute organises a competition for children and juveniles on painting, recitation, song and dance. Venue: Kabi Bhaban, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm.
- Meeting**  
A meeting of the executive committee of South Asian Children's Federation of Bangladesh will be held. Venue: All Community Club auditorium, Gulshan.

# 'Raise voice against India's water diversion plan'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Committee of Padma-Jamuna-Meghna Bachao Andolon (PJ MBA) yesterday called upon the people including all political parties, civil society bodies and socio-cultural organisations to raise their voices against the inter-river-linking project of India.

The PJ MBA made the call at its first meeting at the National Press Club with Barrister Mainul Hossain, first member of the committee in the chair.

Speakers at the meeting warned of the disastrous effects of the Indian project on Bangladesh saying this draconian move would destroy its eco-system, damage the environment and ruin the economy.

They urged all to come forward to create national and international public opinion against the project to put pressure on the Indian government to abandon it.

BSS adds: Member-Secretary of the National Committee Quamrul Islam Chowdhury gave a run-down of different programmes which would be launched by the committee to create awareness against the project.

Daily New Age Editor Enayetullah Khan emphasised the need for sensitising the political leaders about the Indian project.

National Press Club General Secretary Shaukat Mahmud suggested consolidated assessment of the adverse impacts of the project.

Three different sub-committees were also formed at the meeting while the technical, legal and media sub-committees would submit the report by next Thursday.

Coordinator of the National Committee Golam Mohiuddin Khan,

IUCN Bangladesh national Committee Chairperson Mahfuz Ullah, BELA Director Syeda Rizwana Hasan and engineer Mahbubur Rahman also took part in the discussion.

## Bangladeshis lauded in US

BSS, New York

Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Monday praised Bangladeshis for responsible and model behavior during the recent blackout in New York and in the eastern coast of the United States.

He was speaking at the concluding ceremony of the Sonali Exchange Football Tournament organised by the Bangladesh Sports Association of North America.

"Bangladeshis extended every possible help during the crisis, not only to one another within the community, but also to their American friends and neighbours", the Ambassador said. "They all behaved as good law-abiding, helpful citizens, which is a matter of pride for all of us", he added.

The ambassador stated that their lives abroad can be enriched by a judicious mix of their own culture with that of their adopted country.

"Bangladesh will always look to her sons and daughters overseas to support her in trade, investments and development," Chowdhury said.

The tournament, which lasted nearly a month, was also witnessed some weeks ago by visiting Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman.

## Indian robber gets life in Satkhira

BSS, Satkhira

GMS Farid, Additional District and Sessions Judge, here sentenced one Indian robber to life imprisonment in an arms case on Monday.

The convict is Chitto Gain, son of Horendra Nath Gain of village Kumirmari under Goshaba Thana of South 24 Pargonas district in the state of West Bengal.

The prosecution story in brief, is that the convict along with a group of compatriot miscreants on three engine boats intruded into Bangladesh territory for committing robbery on April 19, 1999.

As Shyamnagar police challenged the armed intruders at Talpotti in the Sundarbans, the miscreants opened fire on them. Police also returned fire in self-defense.

As the dacoits tried to escape the scene after a gunfight for one and a half hours, the police at one stage encircled them. Chitto Gain was caught red-handed with one pipe gun and five live cartridges from a boat.

After examining relevant documents and hearing the witnesses, the judge delivered the verdict.