

## Rise above commercialism

Mir Nasir tells doctors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin yesterday called upon the doctors to rise above commercialism while treating the patients.

"Doctors should be dedicated to their service and maintain the integrity of their noble profession," he added.

The state minister was speaking as chief guest at an international seminar on 'Neuro and Orthopaedic Surgery in Third World Countries' organised by Arab Bangladesh General Hospital at a city hotel.

He stressed the need for competition between the government and private hospitals to promote health services in the country.

"The doctors can play an important role in removing the tendency of going abroad for treatment from the mind of our patients through their sincere service," he added.

Dr Indrajit Roy, special neuro surgeon of India, presented a paper on 'Neuro Surgery in Third World Countries' and Chandra Shekhar Dhar, orthopaedic surgeon of India, presented a paper on 'Knee replacement and how to prevent back pain'.

Dr Roy said all tumours are not harmful. "Tumour is curable through proper treatment and diagnosis," he added.

He also presented different modern strategies of neuro surgery.

Dr Dhar said 80 per cent people suffer in back pain in our sub-continent. "Awareness is needed from the beginning to control the pain," he noted.

In this context, he underscored the need for following some rules like taking rest while driving and working at office.

Dr Mainul Haq Sarkar, associate professor of Sir Salimullah Medical College, said lack of necessary equipment and instrument hamper

proper treatment in our country. Md Saiful Alam Khan Milon, secretary of Ibne Sina Trust, said the government should create congenial atmosphere to develop health care system in the country.

Dr M A Awal, associate professor, Dr ABM Harun, managing director of Shamaria Hospital, and Md Sharif Hossain, managing director of Arab Bangladesh General Hospital, also spoke at the seminar.

## BCL protests killing of Khulna city AL leader

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally on the Dhaka University campus to protest the killing of Advocate Monzurul Imam, president of Khulna city Awami League.

The BCL, student wing of the Awami League (AL), also demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the killers.

Addressing the rally, BCL leaders said the BNP-Jamaat alliance government has been killing the AL leaders systematically since it came to power.

They threatened to launch greater movement if the government fails to punish the killers.

Presided over by BCL DU unit President Delwar Hossain, the rally was addressed by Boloram Poddar, Iqbal Hossain Bhuiyan, Zakir Hossain Maruf, and Hemayet Uddin Khan Himu.

## Car parking facility a must for high-rise buildings: PM

Foundation for Sadharan Bima Commercial Bhaban laid

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday asked the authorities concerned to ensure that high-rise buildings to be built in the city in future must have car parking facility.

She was addressing the foundation laying ceremony of 20-storied Commercial Bhaban of Sadharan Bima Corporation here. The building will have a provision for car parking on its first five floors.

The prime minister also called for making arrangement for more space for car parking on urgent

basis at specific places in busy commercial areas to ease traffic jam.

She urged the private entrepreneurs to construct commercial car parks in different cities including Dhaka.

Sadharan Bima Corporation, a government-owned institution, will construct the building on its land with its own fund at Dilkusha in front of its headquarters.

This is the first step of the government to construct 500 to 600 car parks with government funds in the

capital, aiming to ease traffic congestion.

The building-cum-car park is likely to be constructed applying modern technology and using steel structures instead of traditional RCC filing to complete the project quickly.

The construction of five-storied car park will be completed within six months and the remaining part of the building by one year more if modern technology is applied, the function was told.

The Dhaka City Corporation will

construct another car park on the BJMC land close to this one at Motijheel.

Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka and Adviser to the commerce ministry Barkatulla Bulu also spoke.

Ministers, MPs, high government officials and officers and employees of Sadharan Bima Corporation attended the function.

The prime minister said the government is implementing some of its plans in phases to put an end to the suffering of the people caused by traffic jam.

As part of the plan, Sadharan Bima Corporation is constructing the commercial building along with car park and the Dhaka City Corporation will construct another car park here, she said.

Haphazard car parking is one of the major reasons for traffic jam in the city, she added.

The big cities, particularly the capital city, are the face of a country, she said, adding that foreigners first have a look at the capital city while visiting the country.

Foreigners try to realise the country's overall situation by observing civic facilities first. So the capital city should be made beautiful, neat and clean and well-organised to enhance the image of the country, Khaleda observed.

For this reason, everything in the capital city should be done in a planned way and if necessary, different institutions and establishments may be relocated in specific areas, she told the function.

The prime minister asked the officials and employees of Sadharan Bima Corporation to increase their efficiency and improve the standard of service to survive in the open market economy.



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Bangladesh Krishak Federation stages a demonstration at Muktagang yesterday demanding reopening of closed jute mills.

## JCD vows to resist Shibir at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

The 14th death anniversary of JCD activist Habibur Rahman Kabir was observed on the Jahangirnagar University campus yesterday.

The JCD brought out a procession on the campus to mark day. The JCD also held a rally at the foot of Amar Ekushey.

Habibur Rahman Kabir was killed allegedly by the Islami Chhatra Shibir cadres on 27 August 1989 on the campus.

The JU students under the banner of Sangrami Chhatra Oikya (SCO) protested the killing and

banned all Shibir activities on the campus.

Addressing the rally, the JCD leaders vowed to resist all Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) activities on the campus. JU unit JCD President Parvez Mallick, secretary Harunur Rashid and hall unit leaders attended the programme.

On the occasion a milad mahfil was also held at the central mosque on the campus.

## DU exams postponed

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka University authorities have cancelled Thursday's all scheduled examinations under the course and optional systems due to unavoidable reasons.

The fresh date of the examinations will be announced later on, says a press release yesterday. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) has shifted the lecture of Major General AAZ Amin Khan, Chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, under BISS Eminent Persons' Lecture Series to Sunday from Thursday.

## 2049 more arrested

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 2049 people including six listed criminals during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

During the drive, they also recovered ten firearms, five other weapons, and 17 bullets and filed eight cases against 22 people under the Arms Act, said a police headquarters release.

## Khaleda greets Myanmar counterpart

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has felicitated her Myanmar counterpart on his assumption of the office of the prime minister of the Union of Myanmar.

In a message to General Khin Nyunt, she said, "I take this opportunity to express my firm belief that during your tenure the existing bonds of friendship and cooperation between Bangladesh and Myanmar will be further consolidated and strengthened to the mutual benefit of our two peoples."

## Savar pouura polls Aug 31

AL, JP complain of voter intimidation

JU CORRESPONDENT

The election to Savar Poursabha (municipality) is going to be held on August 31 after nine years.

The election was scheduled to be held in 1999 but it was delayed for four years as the Supreme Court issued a stay order on the election process on September 27, 1999, following a writ petition.

The Supreme Court rejected the petition on January 24 this year, paving the way for election. The last election was held in 1994.

Over 77,000 voters, including 35,011 women, are expected to cast

votes in 35 centres under nine wards of the poursabha.

Three candidates are vying for the post of chairman. They are Alhaj Refat Ullah from four-party alliance, Ashraf Uddin Khan Imu from Awami League, and Haji Mozammel Hossain from Jatiya Party (Ershad).

Forty-seven candidates are also in the race for the posts of nine ward commissioners while 13 female candidates are contesting for the three reserved seats.

The electioneering has reached its peak with the supporters of the candidates along with party leaders going door-to-door to woo the voters.

The supporters of AL and JP have complained that the four-party men are intimidating the voters and threatening the people, particularly the minorities, who are campaigning for their candidates.

Shobha Rani, a resident of Nama Bazar of Savar, said that some BNP men warned us not to cast vote in the August 31 election.

The AL and JP activists also accused the local MP of violating the election code of conduct.



## Reza Ali honorary consul of Slovakia

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