

NU to hold first convocation

BSS, Dhaka

The National University (NU) is taking preparations for holding its first convocation.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Aftab Ahmad said yesterday that work has

already started for printing original certificates for the students who secured bachelor and post-graduate degrees from the university.

About 10 lakh students are studying at 1,482 colleges, including 67 law colleges, under the university.

Around 80 per cent students of the country are pursuing higher education under the NU and over two lakh students are coming out every academic year.

Prof. Aftab also mentioned various steps taken for improving the

quality of education.

He said teachers from affiliated colleges are being given training regularly.

Construction of the new 14-storey academic building is nearing completion, he added.



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The Sundar Jiban, a social welfare organisation, forms a human chain at Shahbagh yesterday demanding steps to check noise pollution.

CPB condemns secret pact with US

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Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday lambasted the Bangladesh-USA pact under which American soldiers charged with criminal offences would not be tried in Bangladesh or sent to the International Criminal Court for prosecution.

They called on the government to scrap the secret pact immediately.

The agreement was signed in Washington on August 17 and Foreign Secretary Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury at a press briefing on Thursday acknowledged it.

The agreement was signed secretly and under the cover of darkness in a way the criminals commit crimes, CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim said in a joint statement.

They termed the signing of the pact a violation of the Constitution as well as contrary to international law. "It manifests the criminal character of the United States," the statement said.

They said it also proved the alliance government's subservient policy in favour of 'imperialism'.