

Grading system

DU academic body meets today

DU CORRESPONDENT

The academic committee of the sociology department of Dhaka University meets today to finalise a decision on the grading and semester system in the wake of agitation by the students.

The first year students of the department have been demonstrating since August 26 demanding immediate cancellation of the

grading and semester system introduced last year.

The students have been boycotting their classes and staging protests on the campus to press home their demand. They also threatened to go for hunger strike.

The department Chairman Prof. Quamrul Ahsan Chowdhury said the committee would meet today and he would take the final decision on the basis of its recommendations.

30 kg polybags seized, 4 held

UNB, Dhaka

Police in a sudden raid at Karwanbazar in Tejgaon recovered 30 kg polythene shopping bags and arrested four people yesterday.

The arrestees are Mujibar, Sharif, Mamun and Monir. They were charged with selling, storing and displaying the banned item, said a press release.

Meanwhile, police arrested a total of 1,398 people, including 22 listed criminals, during their ongoing countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

They also recovered 18 firearms, five other weapons and 34 bullets.

White panel sweeps CU dean elections

CU CORRESPONDENT

The 'White panel', backed by the BNP and Jamaat, swept the dean elections to social science and arts faculties of Chittagong University yesterday.

Prof. Dr Mohammad Mahbub Ullah of sociology department was reelected dean of social science faculty bagging 36 votes.

His nearest rival Prof. Dr Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury of sociology department was defeated by one vote. He was the candidate of the 'Pink panel', backed by the Awami

League and left-leaning parties. Imam Ali, an independent candidate, secured only eight votes in the election held on the campus yesterday.

In the election to the arts faculty, Prof. Dr Sirajul Islam of English department won the post for dean bagging 48 votes while his nearest rival Prof. Dr Md Lutfar Rahman, a candidate of AL-backed 'Blue panel', got 46 votes.

And the 'Pink panel' candidate Dr. Mahmudul Haque, backed by the left-leaning teachers, obtained 38 votes.