

Pak envoy meets Hasina

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between Bangladesh and Pakistan would be strengthened further.

The envoy thanked the former prime minister for extending cooperation in the discharge of his duties during his tenure here.

Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil MP, Kazi Zafarullah MP, Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Jawadul Karim were present.



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JUTA non-cooperation from tomorrow

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) yesterday announced a nine-day 'non-cooperation programme' to press home their two-point demand including the removal of the vice-chancellor.

The other demand is the punishment to the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists who confined the provost and eight house tutors of Shaheed Salam Barkat (SSB) hall on August 11.

The programme was decided at a general meeting of JUTA at the teachers' lounge of the university cafeteria.

Presided over by Prof Amin Mohammad Ali, president of JUTA, the meeting was attended by about 75 teachers including Prof Enamul Huq Khan, Prof Md Nasiruddin Ahmed, Prof Mustahidur Rahman, Prof Dr Afsar Ahmad and Asstt Prof Ali Akand.

The programme will be observed in two phases.

The first phase includes boycott of classes from tomorrow to September 17.

All examinations will be kept out of its purview.

The second phase of the programme beginning from

September 24 includes boycott of all classes and examinations.

During the second phase, all academic and administrative activities of the university will also be boycotted.

JUTA also decided to seek the intervention of Chancellor Prof Iajuddin Ahmad to meet their demands and solve other problems on the campus.

It condemned the decision of the Teachers' Association of Jahangirnagar University (TAJU), another platform of teachers having link with the vice chancellor, on the incident of August 11.

At a general meeting on September 4, TAJU blamed the SSB hall authorities for the incident.

Film festival begins at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

A three-day film festival for freshers, organised by the Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS), began at the Teacher Student Centre (TSC) auditorium yesterday.

Sandip Ray, son of noted filmmaker Satyajit Ray, inaugurated the festival while Tareque Masood, a distinguished short filmmaker, attended the function as special guest.

Prof Arefeen Siddique moderated the inaugural ceremony.

On the first day, DUFS screened four famous films- Run Lola Run (Germany), Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon (China), Notting Hill (England) and The Pianist (Poland).

It will screen Children of Heaven (Iran) at 10.00am, Uttara (India) at 12.30pm, Forest Gump (USA) at 3.30pm and Spirited Away (Japan) at 5.30pm today.

Tomorrow DUFS will screen Roman Holiday (USA) at 10.00am, Amelie (France) at 12.30pm, Life is Beautiful (Italy) at 3.30pm and Shankhonil Karagar (Bangladesh) at 5.30pm.

Current nets, Indian sarees, polybags seized

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Coast Guard members in separate raids in Bhola, Bagerhat and Chittagong districts on Saturday seized current nets, smuggled Indian sarees and banned polythine bags worth about Tk 88 lakh.

Of the items, 2.4 lakh metres of current net worth estimated Tk 84 lakh was seized launching raids at Beduria ferry, Sripur, East Kazir Char, Char Mituria and Pater Hat of Bhola and Khepupara of Bagerhat district.

They also seized 70kg of banned polythine bag worth over Tk 70,000 in another drive at Khepupara Bazar, says a Coast Guard Headquarters press release.

On the same day, the Coast Guard East Zone members seized smuggled Indian sarees worth over Tk 3 lakh from Chittagong.

'3283 Bangladeshis in foreign jails'

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Some 3,283 Bangladesh nationals are languishing in foreign jails or detention centres, Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan told Parliament yesterday.

Replying to a question of Sarwar Jamal Nizam (BNP), he said

Bangladesh missions in the concerned countries were in touch with the local authorities to get them released, provide legal aid or help them return home.

Replying to Tajul Islam of JP, he said the government would soon appoint high commissioners to the Maldives, Kenya and Bhutan.