



Locals and passers-by crowd around a pick-up van that turned turtle after crashing into a road divider at Kuril in the city yesterday. However, there was no report of casualties.

## Add 2,500 mw power to be produced by 2007

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two thousand five hundred megawatts additional power will be generated in public and private sectors by the year 2007.

This was contained in a report of the Power Development Board (PDB) submitted to the parliamentary standing committee on energy and mineral resources ministry on Wednesday.

The report suggested that if the

demand for electricity during the peak hour could be reduced then it will be easy to solve the load shedding problem.

The demand for electricity remains highest from 5.00pm to 11.00pm, it added.

The report said 44 officers and employees of PDB have either been terminated or suspended from service for corrupt practices.

The parliamentary body urged the

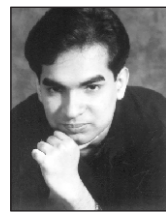
PDB to ensure sufficient power supply to the consumers.

It said different ministries have already adopted austerity measures in using electricity during the peak hour.

Shahidul Islam, chairman of the committee, presided over the meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan.

Committee members and officials concerned were present at the meeting.

## Photography exhibition



The first solo photography exhibition of M. Y. Khan titled 'Man and Culture' begins in the city today, says a press release.

Noted photographer Chanchal Mahmud will inaugurate the exhibition at M A Beg National Gallery of Bangladesh Photographic Society at 11.00am.

The exhibition will remain open till November 21 from 10.00am to 9.00pm daily.

## JU students stage sit-in

JU CORRESPONDENT

General students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday staged a sit-in in front of the administrative building, on the first day of their programmes demanding congenial atmosphere on the campus.

The one-hour sit-in began at 11:30am. The students held a rally in front of the administrative building during the sit-in.

The students at the rally blamed the university authorities for the ongoing deadlock in academic and administrative activities.

"We are facing 18 months session jam following the movement of Jahangirnagar

University Teachers' Association (JUTA) since September 2002 to press their demand for election to VC panel.

The teachers are only pursuing their own interests, paralysing the academic lives of the students, said the students at the rally.

The students at a press conference in front of the building sought the government interference to solve the problem.

They will form human chain in front of the administrative building at 11:00 am tomorrow.

The students began agitation as the indefinite strike called by JUTA entered 23rd day yesterday.

## Daulatpur Agri College students ransack principal's office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Students of Daulatpur Agriculture College yesterday resorted to violence when the authorities refused to fulfil their eight-point demand including the shifting of examination date.

The college authorities announced the date for diploma course examination on Saturday next.

The students said the principal became furious and turned them out of his office when they appealed for shifting the examination date.

The angry students then went on rampage and caused extensive damage to furniture, windowpanes and other

valuable things of the office of the principal.

They also confined the principal in his room keeping it under lock and key. Later he was rescued by joint forces.

The students blamed the principal for the situation and threatened to launch greater movement.

They also decided to boycott the classes till their demands are met.

When contacted, Principal Siddiqur Rahman termed the demands as unacceptable and illegal.

He also expressed his determination not to bow down to the pressure of the students.

## 'Set up water resource management authority'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The diploma engineers yesterday called for setting up a water resource management authority to save the rivers.

They also called for proper enforcement of Wetland Protection Act to protect the water bodies and increased use of surface water.

Rivers are losing their navigability and encroachers are active to grab riverbeds, they said and demanded re-excavation of rivers and stern action against the land grabbers.

A one-stop water management is a must to protect the rivers, the diploma engineers said at a press conference.

The Institute of Diploma Engineers of Bangladesh (IDEB) organised the press conference to mark the 33rd founding anniversary of the institute.

The founding day which falls on November 8 will be observed as 'People's Engineering Day', said AKMA Hamid, general secretary of IDEB.

Dwelling on agriculture, Hamid said that the economy is still dependent on agriculture, but no step has been taken to introduce modern technology in this sector.

IDEB President Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan and Vice-President Mirza Nazrul Islam were also present.

To mark the founding day, the IDEB, which has about 85,000 members, has taken elaborate programmes, including a colourful procession, discussion and reunion.

## Ailing Nirmal Sen likely to be sent abroad tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Preparations have been taken to send ailing Nirmal Sen, a veteran journalist and politician, abroad for treatment tomorrow.

"All necessary arrangements have been completed and we hope to send him to Singapore on Saturday," said one of his relatives yesterday.

Nirmal Sen, a leader of the Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal, suffered a brain stroke on October 11, leaving him paralysed down his left side and unable to see, talk and eat.

He is now undergoing treatment at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital.

UNB adds: Prime Minister Khaleda Zia donated Tk five lakh and Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil and some left-leaning politicians gave Tk six lakh yesterday for his treatment.

The prime minister handed over the money to Nirmal Sen's nephew, Kankan Sen, at her office. She also inquired about Nirmal Sen's condition and wished him early recovery.

Sen's niece, Mala Sen, Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, PM's political secretaries Harris Chowdhury and Mosaddek Ali and Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal leaders Kazi Hatem Ali and Rezaul Islam were also present.

AL leader Abdul Jalil accompanied by some left-leaning leaders visited the ailing politician in the evening and handed over the money to his relative.

Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon, Gono Forum leader Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal leader Hasanul Houque Inu, Sammyabadi Dal leader Dilip Barua and AL leaders Abdul Mannan and Ashim Kumar Ukil were present.

Earlier, Jalil made a commitment to arranging funds for Sen's treatment abroad.

Meanwhile, Abdus Samad Azad, acting AL president, also visited Nirmal Sen in the afternoon.

## Obituary



Taufiq Nazir Rupak, son of Ahsan Nazir, ex-secretary of Abahani Club Ltd. and ex-district governor of Lions Club International,

died in a road accident on Dhaka-Chittagong highway on November 3. He was 31, says a press release.

A milad mahfil and doa will be held at his residence at 333 Elephant Road after Asr prayers today.

## Death anniversary



The first death anniversary of Maqsood Karim, wife of Manzoor UI Karim, a retired secretary, will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

Founder-principal of Dinajpur Mohila College, she also established Mayflower International Tutorial at Dhanmondi.

A doa mahfil will be held at 77 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan # 1, at 4.00pm tomorrow.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the programme.

## Abdur Rahim Ichhapuri

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The 19th death anniversary of Moulavi Abdur Rahim Ichhapuri, a renowned politician, will be observed today.

A close associate of Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq, he was born at Ichhapur village in Kalihati under Tangail district in 1903.

A discussion and an iftar party will be held at Ichhapur lodge in Tangail town today.



A painting exhibition, organised by the Underprivileged Children's Educational programmes (UCEP), was inaugurated on its premises in the city yesterday. The exhibition will remain open till Thursday next from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily.

## Changes in Armed Forces Day programmes

BSS, Dhaka

Like previous years, Armed Forces Day will be observed this year on November 21 in a befitting manner.

However, reception to the gallantry award winner freedom fighters and members of the Shaheed families as well as the evening reception programme at Senakunja will be held on December 3 instead of November 21, says an ISPR press release here yesterday.

Last year, November 21 fell in the month of holy Ramadan. It was observed that it became difficult for the guests to attend the Tarabih prayers in time who attended the evening reception at Senakunja hosted by the prime minister on the occasion of the Armed Forces Day.

This year, November 21 also fell in the month of holy Ramadan. Moreover, the day is Friday and Jumatul Bida, the press release says.

Considering the religious significance of the day and the need to attend the Tarabih prayers in time and also to uphold the solemnity of the Armed Forces Day, it has been decided to hold the reception to the gallantry award winner freedom fighters and members of the Shaheed families at Armed Forces Division and evening reception at Senakunja to be hosted by the prime minister on December 1 instead of November 21.

## Rajshahi lawyers boycott courts

A RU CORRESPONDENT

The lawyers of the Rajshahi Bar Association boycotted the courts yesterday to protest against the decision of shifting of the Additional District and Sessions Judge's court-1 from Rajshahi.

The lawyers at a protest meeting with Bar Association President Syed Ekramur Rasul in the chair demanded restoration of the court. The shifting will increase sufferings to the justice seekers as it will overburden the other courts.



## Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country till 6pm today.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 32.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 18.8 degree Celsius at Srimongal and Sitakunda.

**The sun sets in the capital at 5:16pm today and rises at 6:09am 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	30.5	22.5	66	68
Chittagong	31.6	21.6	60	62
Rajshahi	30.6	19.5	95	82
Khulna	32.0	22.1	79	79
Barisal	31.0	21.0	88	90
Sylhet	30.2	20.6	94	87
Cox's Bazar	32.0	21.0	77	63



Participants at a seminar on Population Issues held in the city yesterday. Independent University, Bangladesh organised the seminar.



Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba poses with Chief of Naval Operations of the US Navy Admiral Vern Clark during the 16th International Sea Power Symposium held at the US Naval War College in Washington recently. The navy chief returned home on Sunday ending his four-day official visit to the USA.