## **DHAKA SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2003 CPJ concerned at** attacks on newsmen

BNP and its front organisations in

The meeting decided to keep

tion and register mass GD (general

diary) seeking security of the

Police arrested a total of 1,821 peo-

journalists.

vesterday.

### **UNB**, Dhaka

protest against the attacks. The Committee to Protect A black flag flew atop the at Jhalakathi Press Club, protesting the ransacking of the club allegedly Journalists (CPJ) has expressed its deep concern at what it said was an ongoing string of attacks on by the BNP activists. newspersons in Jhalakathi by The decision of news boycott activists of the ruling BNP.

came from an urgent meeting of In a letter faxed to Prime the press club with its president M Minister Khaleda Zia on Thursday, Abdur Rashid in the chair. the New York-based CPI conveyed the details of the attacks that began all press clubs across the country on December 4. informed about the latest situa-

 $As \,an\,independent\, organisation$ of journalists and dedicated to defending its colleagues world-wide, the CPJ called on her administration to put an end to the attacks by her party activists.

1,821 more held "Journalists are entitled to equal protection under law to UNB, Dhaka safely report the news without the threat of reprisal," the letter said.

"The BNP men must be held accountable for the violence against media community and should be prosecuted," it added.

Meanwhile, the journalists of Jhalakathi at a meeting yesterday decided not to cover events of the



### **Temperature may rise**

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today

Light to moderate fog may occur at places over the river basins in the morning, Met office said, adding that night temperature may rise slightly. Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.2 degree Celsius was recorded at

Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 11.8 degree at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:13pm today and rises at 6:32am tomorrow.

The 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	28.1	16.2	72	62
Chittagong	29.5	16.5	69	58
Rajshahi	28.3	14.5	75	77
Khulna	27.8	15.6	90	80
Barisal	27.4	14.8	94	88
Sylhet	29.5	16.0	59	57
Cox's Bazar	30.2	19.0	76	79



### The Daily Star

City AL meeting

Film show

An extended meeting of Dhaka City

Awami League will be held. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 5.30pm.

Academy Film Society will screen an

American film titled 'Wit'(2001). Venue:

A meeting of the Golden Jubilee

Celebration Committee of Rajshahi

University will be held. Venue:

Swanirbhar Bangladesh, 5/5 Block-C,

DHAKA

TOMORROW

PHOTO: STAR The Bangladesh Garments Oikya Forum took out a procession in the city yesterday in protest against repression on workers across the country.

ple, including seven listed crimi-nals, during their ongoing drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00am Outlaw held in They also recovered four fire-arms, one weapon and six bullets. Six cases were filed against two people under the Arms Act. Khulna, eyes gouged out

> A regional commander of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) was arrested by detective police from Jabusha village of Rupsha upazila on Thursday night. Haider Mridha, son of Daud Mridha of Mahishaguni village of the same upazila, was admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital with both of his eyes gouged out on

the same night. Police Super Habibur Rahman said eyes of the outlaw were gouged out by angry mob who snatched him while he was in

police custody. Local people, on the other hand, alleged that his eyes were gouged out by police.

According to police, Haider was accused in 12 cases including murder, dacoity, arson and extortion.

He surrendered to police with an outdated shutter gun on June 25 in 1999 to take advantage of general amnesty. But he again joined the outlawed party after his release.

Police also arrested another outlaw Monir on the same night from near Khulna thana, but he was let off by the officer-in-charge of Rupsha thana early yesterday morning for reasons unknown.

## **Conspiracy against USTC on: VC**

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A vested quarter has been conspir-Ing to halt the activities of University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC), said Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Nurul Islam at a press conference yesterday

He mentioned the name of a leader of the Bangladesh Medical Association, Chittagong chapter, alleging that the leader was behind the vested quarter.

Dr Nurul Islam, also a national professor, said the authorities would not give in to any evil pres-sure. "If needed, the USTC campus would be shifted to Dhaka," he said.

He called on all to help resist the 'plot' hatched by the vested quarter and cooperate with the authorities to continue the activities of the university

He urged the guardians to send their wards to the university, saying that all activities on the campus have resumed

The VC also assured that the university authorities would ensure the security of the students. He further said notice would be served on the agitating teachers if

# they do not join their duties soon.

"And if they do not pay heed to the notices, they would be dis-missed," he warned.

Regarding those who have already been suspended, Prof Nurul Islam said they will have to appeal to the authorities for reinstatement.

Replying to a query, he said they were suspended with the approval of the syndicate.

Pro-VC (acting) Abdullah Al Harun Chowdhury, Director (ad-ministration) Col. (retd) Eskander Honsulation Col. (lett) Estander Hossain, Chairman of Pharmacy Department Md Mohiuddin Chowdhury and a number of teachers and guardians were pres-ent at the press conference held at the local press club.

Earlier, a meeting of the guard-ians was held on the USTC campus with Prof. Nurul Islam in the chair.

The meeting formed a sixmember Guardians' Forum which assured the authorities of their all-

out support to resist any conspir acy against the university. The forum also demanded

immediate resumption of al

### **BASA** executives STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Badiur Rahman, a Planning Commission member, and Mohammad Haider Ali, chairman of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, have been elected president and secretary general of Bangladesh Administrative Service Association (BASA) for 2004-05.

ASM Abdul Halim, Md Abu Solaiman Chowdhury, AHM Nurul Islam and Md Mortuza Hossain Munshi were elected vicepresidents.

Mohammed Ayub Mia was elected treasurer while Alamgir Hossain Khan and Mohammed Towhidur Rahman deputy treasures.

The joint secretary generals are M Siraj Uddin Mia, Dr Md Abdus Sabur, Abdul Khaleque, and ASM Saleh Ahmed.

Shahinul Islam, Md GolamYahia, Md Samsul Alam, AJM Salah Uddin Nagori, Md Faridul Islam, Mohammed Mahbubur Rahman, and Begum Kaniz Mowla were elected assistant secretary generals.

The office-bearers of 45member central executive committee were elected unopposed at the annual general meeting of BASA yesterday.

The 32nd death anniversary of three martyred brothers --- Selim Reza, Nasiruddin Ahmed and Azmal Hossain -- will be observed today, says a press release.

On this day in 1971, the Pakistani

**Rafiqul Haider Chowdhury** 

anniversary of Rafiqul Haider Chowdhury, a martyr of the liberation war, will be observed today, says a

On this day in 1971, Rafiqul Haider was picked up from his Shahidbag residence in the city by the Pakistani army and their collaborators.

A mild mahfil will be held at Aminbagh Jame Mosque after Asr prayers today.



### **Victory Day** programmes

The opening ceremony of a four-day Victory Day programmes, organised by Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, will be held with eminent artist of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra Ajit Roy to inaugurate. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.00pm.

Society auditorium, 21 Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm. Photography exhibition Meeting

The inauguration of a photography exhibition titled 'Britto', organised jointly by Chhinnomukul Bangladesh and Map Photo Agency, will be held. The participating photographers are Chandan, Kiron, Khaled, Mahmud and Sujon. Venue: La Galerie, Banani. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till December 20 from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily

Discussion

academy. Time: 10.30am.

Lalmatia. Time: 4.00pm.

**Musical evening** In observance of Martyred Intellectuals Maeezbhandari Gausia Haque Day, Bangla Academy organises a discussion with Prof Shahidul Islam MP, Committee organises a seminar and musical evening with Communications chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on cultural ministry as chief guest. Venue: Seminar room of the Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Institute of Engineers'

DAB rally

TOT programme Doctors Association of Bangladesh The inauguration of a six-day training (DAB) will hold a rally to commemorate programme for trainers, organised by the Martyred Intellectuals Day. Venue: Soil Resources Development Institute BSMMU campus. Time: 7.30an (SRDI), will be held. Venue: SRDI **Nazrul Institute** 

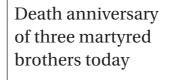
> In observance of Martyred Intellectuals Day. Nazrul Institute organises a recitation competition for the children. Venue: Kabi Bhaban, Dhanmondi Time: 3.00pm.

Workshop Bhuiyan as chief quest. Venue: National

British Council organises a day-long workshop on street theatre to be conducted by British trainer Faynia Williams. Venue: Shilpakala Academy Gallery, Segun Bagicha

### Swechhasebok League will be held with Film show

Awami League President Sheikh Academy Film Society will screen an Hasina as chief guest. Venue: AL American film titled 'Jungle Fever' President's office, Dhanmondi. Time: (1991). Venue: Society auditorium, 21 Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.



army and their collaborators picked up three sons of late Asgar Hossain of 'Pubail House', 19 Siddheshwari Lane.

A milad mahfil will be held at Pubail Station Jame Mosque in Pubail after Maghrib prayers today.

The 32nd death

press release.

Press Club. Time: 3.30pm. **Concluding session** The concluding session of a two-day meeting of Bangladesh Awami



3.00pm.

In observance of Martyred Intellectuals Day, BNP organises a discussion with party Secretary General Abdul Mannan

auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

