

# Int'l standard children park opens in Rajshahi soon

**UNB, Rajshahi**

An amusement park of international standard, furnished with a panoply of most modern riders and games, will be opened on the outskirts of Rajshahi city soon.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Children Park, set up in Baro Banogram area, sources said.

Meanwhile, the impressive

recreation centre has been opened to visitors on trial basis.

"It has already created a craze for children of all age groups," a supervisor of the theme park told UNB.

Under the supervision Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC), two private companies -- Domestic Electric Technological Success Dates and Usha Engineering Consortium -- have jointly built the park at a cost of Tk 10 crore, said an

RCC official.

A total of 70 riders and games have been installed in the park. Entry fee has been fixed at Tk 15 for entry to the park, which will remain open from 10:00am to 8:00pm.

The authorities expect that people from all walks, including children and teenagers, will enjoy fantastic pastime in an enchanting atmosphere of the big bowl decorated with various theme paintings within and outside.

## Youth drowns in DU pond

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

A youth drowned in the pond of Shahidullah Hall at Dhaka University (DU) yesterday.

Witnesses said Mohammad Palash, 20, son of Lal Mia of Nimtali area adjacent to Shahidullah Hall, drowned when he along with his three friends came there at around 10:30am to take a bath in the pond.

On information, a team from Fulbaria Fire Station rescued Palash from the pond.

They sent him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

# DU deans' election on Feb 27

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Election of deans for seven faculties of Dhaka University (DU) will be held on February 27.

The polls, which was deferred thrice in last seven months, will begin at 10:00am and will continue till 2:00pm at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) with newly appointed DU Treasure Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad as the election commissioner.

Some 800 teachers are likely to cast their votes.

BNP-Jamaat-backed teachers' panel known as 'White Panel' and

pro-opposition-backed 'Blue Panel' merging with the left-leaning 'Pink Panel' are contesting the poll.

Prof Khandaker Ashraf Hossain and incumbent Dean Prof Sadrul Amin are contesting from the Blue and White panels respectively for Arts Faculty, while current Dean Prof Harun-or-Rashid of Blue Panel and Prof Shahed Hasan of White Panel are contesting for Social Science Faculty.

Prof RIM Aminur Rashid of Blue Panel and Prof Tazmeri SA Islam of White Panel are contesting for Science Faculty, Prof Mohammd Anwar Hossain of Blue Panel and

Prof Sayed Salehin Kadri of White Panel for Biology Faculty, Prof ABM Faruq of Blue Panel and Prof Mohammd Abdur Rashid of White Panel for Pharmacy Faculty, and Prof Mizanur Rahman of Blue Panel and present Dean Prof Mohammad Sirajul Islam of White Panel are contesting for Business Studies Faculty.

Dr Borhan Uddin Khan of White Panel is the lone candidate for the Law Faculty as the Blue Panel did not nominate any candidate there.

A Blue Panel leader told The Daily Star that they did not nominate any candidate in the Law Faculty as

a symbolic protest to political appointment of teachers at the faculty.

Blue Panel candidates are approaching progressive and pro-liberation teachers for their support with a pledge to uphold the spirit of the University Ordinance 1973 and maintain the rules in teachers' appointment.

On the other hand, Pro-BNP and Jamaat teachers are pledging for arranging accommodation, computer facilities and scholarships.