

SUSTTA opposes boycott of academic council meet

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Shahjalal University of Science & Technology Teachers' Association (SUSTTA) has termed the decision of nine departmental heads and deans to boycott the July 19 academic council meeting 'unjustified'.

It was said at a meeting of its Executive Committee held yesterday afternoon, chaired by its President Dr Mostafa Hasan.

Such activities will surely hinder internal promotion and selection of

new teachers, the meeting asserted.

Meanwhile, the left and AL lean teachers held a meeting yesterday with the former president of SUSTTA Dr Akhtarul Islam in the chair.

They said, the teachers' selection scheduled for July 23 cannot be accepted and will be resisted at any cost.

It will also hold a public meeting at the Court point area on July 23.



Principal Ahad Chowdhury addresses a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. Sammilita Nagorik Andolon organised the event.

Safma dialogue held in Bogra

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A daylong dialogue session was held in Bogra Parjaton Motel yesterday to enact laws in order to ensure free media in the country and to protect the journalists from all kinds of repression.

South Asian Free Media Association (Safma), Bangladesh organised the dialogue with Reaz Uddin Ahmed, president of Safma,

Bangladesh chapter, in the chair.

Vice president of Safma, Bangladesh, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) leaders Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul and Mozammel Haque, BFUJ Secretary General Rahul Amin Gazi, and Jatiya Press Club General Secretary Shawket Mahammad also addressed the session.

At least 80 journalists including journalists of Bogra, Rajshahi and

Dinajpur districts, attended the programme.

This is the first Safma conference outside Dhaka, said Reaz Uddin Ahmed.

Four more seminars will be held in divisional headquarters and district towns to take suggestions regarding free media and journalist-friendly laws, he added.

Pro-BNP men attack RU employees

RU CORRESPONDENT

At least three employees of Rajshahi University (RU) were injured when Pro-BNP employees attacked them in front of pro-vice chancellor office yesterday over calling work abstention programme on July 23.

The injured employees are Afjal Hossain, Abdur Rahim and Mukul.

Earlier, on Wednesday, RU Officer and Karmachari Oikya Parishad leaders met with Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Mammunul Keramat and urged him to meet their five-point demand by July 23 otherwise they will observe five day long work abstention programme on the campus.

Their demands include immediate confirmation of the jobs of 31 employees who were appointed on January 15, 2002, extending age limit of service up to 65 years and cancelling the decision of cutting 20 per cent pension.

Sources said RU Pro VC assured them that RU authorities would fulfil their demand steps by steps.

Sources also said some pro-BNP officers and employees of RU yesterday distributed leaflets among officers and employees at the administration building against the work abstention and attacked the 4th class employees in front of RU ProVC office.



Rabirag General Secretary Liliy Islam speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.