



Teachers and employees of non-government schools, colleges and madrasas continue agitation in the city yesterday demanding 100 per cent salary from the government exchequer.

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EDUCATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

'Transfer employees to revenue sector'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Employees of education engineering department staged a sit-in on the Shikha Bhaban premises in the city yesterday demanding transfer of 231 employees of five projects under the department to the revenue sector and payment of salary arrears for 38 months.

They also threatened to start an indefinite sit-in in Dhaka on July 31 if their demand goes unheeded.

Education Engineering Department (EED) Engineers' Association, Diploma Engineers' Association and Government

Employees' Association jointly staged the demonstration.

Speaking at the programme, the association leaders said about 231 engineers of the department, who are working at upazila and district levels, have played an important role in building the infrastructure under the education ministry.

Although there is a statutory regulatory order (SRO) that the employees of these projects would be transferred to the revenue sector, their fate is now uncertain due to bureaucratic tangle, they said.

About two months ago, the education minister and the secre-

tary had assured them of considering their demand, but no steps have been taken to this end, the leaders said.

They also announced that they would stage two-hour sit-in at 38 zonal offices and at the head office on July 29 to press their demand.

EED Engineers Association chairman Jasim Uddin, General Secretary Shahin Ahmed Robin, Joint Secretary of Diploma Engineers' Association Altaf Hossain and General Secretary of Government Employees' Association Abdul Kalam Azad spoke at the sit-in programme.

Education fair begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A three-day exhibition styled 'Emerge Education Fair Chittagong-2006' will begin here today showcasing complete education solutions under one roof to the students looking for graduate and undergraduate programmes at home and abroad.

Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury will inaugurate the fair as chief guest at the auditorium of Engineers' Institution at 2.00pm.

Emerge, a corporate communications and production company based in Dhaka, is organising the fair for the first time in Chittagong to provide students with accurate knowledge and orientation towards planning and building their career in future. Channel i and The New Age are the media partners of the fair.

While briefing newsmen at a press conference yesterday the organisers said around 40 to 45 institutions including universities and banks will take part in the fair.

"The fair will display graduate and undergraduate programmes offered by leading private universities including diploma programmes on fashion design and interior decoration, and consultancy services for foreign education," said Sabbir Rahman Tanim, chief executive officer of Emerge.

Besides, six workshops on international standard career planning have been arranged for visitors in the fair to be conducted by future leaders, he said.

Parag Dutta, head of operations, and M Rubaiyath Sarwar, head of strategy and creative, Nurul Alam, bureau chief of The New Age, and Chowdhury Farid, Chittagong correspondent of Channel i also spoke at the briefing.

Mosharrarf visits ailing poet Shamsur Rahman

BSS, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrarf Hossain yesterday visited ailing Poet Shamsur Rahman at the National Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases in the city.

The health minister spent some time with the poet and enquired about his health. He also asked the authorities concerned to ensure the poet's better treatment, an official handout said.



Relatives of Habibur Rahman, a shareholder of Hotel Bright House International who was killed by an armed gang yesterday, wail in front of Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue. (Story on Page 1)

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2 get 31 years' RI for keeping heroin

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced two persons to 31 years' rigorous imprisonment for possessing 100 grams of heroin in June 2002.

Judge Mohammad Monzurul Bachhid of the Special Tribunal-5 handed down the sentence in absence of the convicts.

The convicts are Rubel alias Selim and Parvin alias Azmeri of Tejgunipara at Tejoan area in the city.

The punishment of the fugitives will be effective from the day of their arrest or surrender, the judge said.

Earlier, the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of six prosecution witnesses.

According to the prosecution, a team of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) raided the house of Taru Miah at Tejgunipara on June 11, 2002 and arrested Rubel of Cornilla and Azmeri of Narayanganj from the area with 100 grams of heroin.

Later, CID filed a case with Tejoan Police Station against them under the Narcotics Control Act the same day.

KALANDIAR'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH Main accused still at large

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police could not arrest one of the key accused in the case of valiant freedom fighter Kalandiar Kabir's mysterious death even ten days after the incident.

The accused Tushar went into hiding soon after the incident. The other accused Ibrahim, who was arrested after the incident, was granted bail last Tuesday.

Family members of Kalandiar said that Ibrahim, who is now freely roaming around in the locality, may harm them.

"We feel insecure as we fear Ibrahim may harm us," said a member of the family.

The family members alleged that the police are not doing enough to arrest Tushar and that Ibrahim was granted bail due to weak investigation by the

police. Denying the allegations, the police told The Daily Star that they have been searching for Tushar in different places.

"We have nothing to do if the court grants bail to Ibrahim," said Investigation officer Mohammad Zahid.

Kalandiar, 54, committed suicide at his home on July 14 by hanging from the ceiling after an alleged pressure from Ibrahim.

It is learned that Kalandiar acted as a guarantor in a financial transaction when his friend Tushar took a loan of Tk 18 lakh from Ibrahim about eight months ago.

As Tushar failed to repay the money in due time, Ibrahim exerted enormous pressure on Kalandiar to get back the money, which prompted him to commit suicide, family sources said.

MOMIN KILLING 'Bring culprits to justice'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a demonstration yesterday demanded arrest of and punishment to the killers of Kamrul Islam Momin, a student of Dhaka Commerce College.

They alleged that the Investigation Officer (IO) of Momin murder case has been trying to drop the prime suspects from the charge sheet in a bid to save the killers.

Shaheed Kamrul Islam Momin Smriti Sangsad formed a human chain in front of the Supreme Court from 9:30am to 10:00am to press its demand.

The speakers said the killers have filed false cases against the members of Momin's family and also issued death threats to them.

They called on the government to ensure security of Momin's family and bring the killers to justice.

President of the Sangsad Mominul Kabir Masum, general secretary Harunur Rashid Harun and Momin's elder brother Saiful Islam took part in the demonstration.

Momin, 22, was gunned down in front of their Ibrahimpur house on September 13 last year.

New ICU opens at Nat'l Cardiac Institute

BSS, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandker Mosharrarf Hossain yesterday inaugurated a new intensive care unit (ICU) at the National Institute for Cardio-Vascular Diseases in the city.

The minister also inaugurated an 'Emergency vascular operation theater'.

Later, he at a discussion as the chief guest said the national cardiac institute to be provided with modern equipment.

Dr Mosharrarf said the government has given support to some hospitals aiming at expanding cardiac treatment facilities throughout the country.

With director of the National Institute for Cardio-Vascular Diseases in the chair, the function was also addressed by Principal of Begum Khaleda Zia Medical College Prof A K M Azizul Haq, Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Secretary General Prof ZAM Zahid Hossain, Dr Shahidul Alam and Dr A N A Kamrul Hasan.



Covering their faces with black cloths, students of Shamsunnahar Hall, Dhaka University, form a human chain on the campus yesterday commemorating the fourth anniversary of police atrocities on women students at the hall.

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