RU gets legal

notice against

546 staff again

Rajshahi University (RU) authorities

were served with a legal notice

yesterday to stop the recruitment of

move to hire

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HIROSHIMA DAY OBSERVED

'Establish peace to build a better world'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion vesterday called on all the peace-loving people to come forward to establish world peace in order to build a better world for the next generation.

War or violence can never be a means of resolving any kind of crisis or problem. Rather, it destroys the civilization, violate human rights and put the humanity at stake, they said.

Condemning the acts of aggression in the Middle East and other parts of the world, they said the people of the world should work together to establish peace.

Muktijoddha Gono Parishad organised the discussion at Mahanagar Natya Mancha in the city to mark the 'Hiroshima Day', the 61st anniversary of the nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Parishad also honoured freedom fighters and other eminent personalities at the programme.

They are language movement veteran Abdul Matin, Col. (retd.) Ziauddin Ahmed Bir Uttam, William AS Ouderland Bir Pratik (posthumous), Akku Chowdhury, Sharmin Murshid, Shaon Mahmud, daughter of Shaheed Altaf Mahmud, iournalist Shahin Reza Nur. son of Shaheed Sirajuddin Hossein. Akkas Ali and Ale Mae, a Japanese

Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, who was present as the chief guest, handed over crests to them

Addressing the ceremony, Mirza Abbas called for an end to acts of genocide being carried out different parts of the world, including the Middle East.

Presiding over the ceremony, Maj. Gen. (retd.) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim Bir Pratik said, "We want peace for the sake of the next

Muktijoddha Gono Parishad Vice-president Sved Abul Bashar said lakhs of people have sacrificed their lives for independence, but the country is yet to be freed of all kinds of exploitation and corruption.

Ale Mae urged the political leaders to work together for establishing peace and development of

Milly Rahman, wife of Shaheed Bir Shreshtha Matiur Rahman, Maj. Gen. (retd.) Amin Ahmed

Chowdhury Bir Bikram, Col. (retd.) Ziauddin Ahmed Bir Uttam, Dr Nazimuddin Ahmed, Gono Parishad President Ishtiaq Aziz Ulfat, and First Secretary of the Australian Embassy Michael Long also spoke

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Peace Council, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies of Dhaka University, Liberation War Museum and Hiroshima Bhashkor Prakolpo also marked the Hiroshima Day with various programmes.

Bangladesh Peace Council organised a discussion in the city where the speakers said it is time to strengthen campaign and mass movement to stop proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Presided over by the Peace Council President Ali Aksad, the discussion was also addressed by Justice KM Sobhan, Manjurul Ahsan Khan, Rashed Khan Menon, Hasanul Hague Inu and Amena

Liberation War Museum organised a youth conference and cul-



Bangladesh Community Primary Teachers' Association begins a hunger strike at Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday to press for its demand for nationalisation of their jobs.

7 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least seven people were killed and nine members of a family injured in separate road accidents in Narsingdi, Khulna, Patuakhali and Jhenidah yesterday.

UNB from Narsingdi reports: Four people, three businessmen and their driver, were killed when a bus rammed into their private car on Narsingdi-Gazipur road in Sadar

Police and local sources said a Narsingdi-bound bus collided with a Dhaka-bound private car at Bhatpara Char Madhabdi at about 2:00pm. leaving all the three passengers and the driver of the car dead.

The dead were identified as businessmen Bulbul Ahmed, 70, Shawkat Ali, 40 and Matiur Rahman 70, and driver Badal Mia. 40.

Police sent the bodies to Sadar Hospital morque. Police also seized both the vehicles.

The accident occurred when the victims, hailed from Kandail in Kishoreganj, were going to the capital on business purpose," says a witness

Our Staff Correspondent from Khulna reports: Khulna Mohammedan Sporting Club football player Shohan, 22, was killed in road accident at at Mujgunni at Khalishpur

The accident occurred at 5:00am when a Khulna-bound passenger bus run over him while he was cross-

Police seized the bus, but its driver managed to escape.

Our Correspondent from

Patuakhali reports: Two children were killed in separate road accidents in Galachpa and Dumki upazila in the district yesterday.

Sonia, 3, daughter of Hasan Mridha of Char Kazal village under Galachipa, crushed under the

BCL expels 8 JU activists

JU CORRESPONDENT

Eight activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Jahangirnagar University (JU) were expelled for different terms while show cause notices were served on three others yesterday for their involvement in different anti-organisational activities

on the campus. The orders came from the central committee of BCL in the wake of intraparty feud over the last few months that left at least 10 injured. Jahangir and Azibur were expelled permanently from the organisation while temporary expulsion orders were issued against six, including Mahfuzur Rahman, 7ahid Parvez Pulok, two joint secretaries of JU BCL. Igbal Hossain, organising secretary of JU BCL. The others who were expelled temporarily are Shamir, Bony and Nahid.

Show cause notices were served on Monir, Bablu and Imran.

wheals of a motor cycle when she was playing on the road in front of her house at about 10:00am. Delwar, 13 son of Atahar Mollah of Mukaran village was killed on the spot when a pick-up van hit him on Patuakhali-

Barisal highway in Dumki. Our correspondent from Jhenidah adds: Nine members of a family were injured when a microbus collided nead-on with a truck yesterday on Jhenidah-Jessore highway near

The injured are the inhabitants of

Kaliganj upazila. Police said Lutfor Rahman, headmaster of Naldanga Bhushan Pilot High School and his family members, were injured when a

Jessore-bound truck from Jhenidah collided head-on with a microbus coming from Kaliganj at Tatultala at around 10:00am.

The injured are Aktar Banu, 60, wife of Lutfor Rahman, two sons Hasan, 35, and Ruku, 32, Ruku's wife Shyamoli, 25. Lutfor's daughters Sumi, 27, Rumi, 24, and Nipa, 20, Lutfor's son-in-law Saiful Islam Alam, 30, and helper Alam, 22.

The injured were rushed to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

TRAWLER CAPSIZE IN BURIGANGA

Victim still missing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Divers from the Fire Service and the Navy searched for five hours yesterday but could not find out the man who remained missing following a trawler capsize in Buriganga near Basila on Saturday. Sohrab Khan, 45, a Krishak Dal

leader, remained missing after the trawler carrying a picnic party capsized following a collision with a sand-laden trawler, while 11 other members of the picnic party managed to swim ashore

The divers continued their

the Buriganga yesterday but could not find out Sohrab, a resident of Shankar in Mohammadour

The depth of the river where the trawler capsized is about 60-70 feet and the river current is also very strong, said the divers. They also failed to salvage the sunken trawler.

A large number of people, including the relatives of Sohrab, gathered on both sides of the river during the



Light to moderate rain likely

Khulna

Barisal

Svlhet

Cox's Bazar

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over all the six divisions in the next

12 hours until 6:00pm today. Slight rise in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Office said in a forecast.

Highest temperature 33.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishwardi and lowest 22.7 degree Celsius at Dhaka The sun sets in the capital at 6:38pm today and rises at

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town Temperature Humidity in in Celsius percentage Max Morning Evening Dhaka 30.2 22.7 32.3 31.5 Chittagong 25.2 75 90 98 90 78 25.4 Raishahi 81

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WASTE DUMPING IN SAVAR HC issues rule on DCC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday restrained the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) for three months from dumping waste in flood flow zone of Konda and Baliarpur mouzas in Savar, says a press

The bench comprising Justice Syed Mohammad Dusthagir Hossain and Justice Mamnoon Rahman passed the order following a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association (Bela) challenging the dumping of waste.

The bench issued a rule to explain within four weeks why the impugned no objection letter of Rajuk and the site clearance of Department of Environment (DoE) purporting to allow conversion/use of sub-flood flow zone and agriculture land of Baliarpur and Konda mouzas as waste dumping depot by the DCC shall not be declared

The rule also asked the government to show cause why it should not be directed to take appropriate measures to protect the flood flow zone of Konda and Baliarpur villages and frame appropriate rules under the Environment Conservation Act and the DCC ordinance prescribing the procedures for waste management.

The respondents are secretaries of ministries of land, LGRD and Cooperatives, environment and forest and housing and public works. DCC mayor, chairman of Rajdhani Unnyan Kartripakkha and director general of DoE.

Advocate Ozair Faroog, assisted by S Rizwana Hasan, Iqbal Kabir and Tanjibul Alam, moved the petition on behalf of Bela

Tech college teachers announce fresh agitation programmes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Technical College Teachers' Association (BTCTA) yesterday announced fresh agitation programmes to realise its 12point charter of demands.

The programme was announced by BTCTA President Principal M A Sattar at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium.

The programmes included formation of human chain at Muktangon on August 10, discussion on the 'Importance of human resources development and current situation' at the National Press Club on august 19, staging demonstration in all district headquarters on August 28 and a token hunger strike in front of Technical Education Board from 10:00am to 3:00pm on August 31

The demands of BTCTA included registration of students, reduction of examination fees, elimination of salary discrimination between general and vocational education, initiation of a separate pay scale for techtion at the academic programmes of

Principal Sttar said some 4.70 crore youths in the country remain unemployed albeit they might be provided with technical education to generate national income.

BTCTA is already in a movement after expressing its solidarity with National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTA) from July 8.

Website on election info launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shujan, a citizens' movement for good governance, yesterday launched a website containing relevant information about elections, including voter list, results of last three general elections and the profiles of prospective candidates in the next election.

Eminent economist Prof Muzaffer Ahmad launched the website (www.shujan.org) at a simple ceremony at the Shujan office in the city. M Hafizuddin Khan, former advisor to the caretaker government, and Badiul Alam Majumder, secretary of Shujan, were present on the occa-

The organisers said the website is aimed at empowering the voters with adequate information about the political parties and their candidates so that the voters can make a more informed decision while choosing their representatives.

Presently, the website contains voter lists of 27 districts. The lists of other districts will be posted soon, said the organisers.

The website also contains the constitutions of major political parties and their previous electoral pledges, the verdicts of the High Court and the Appellate Division regarding the voter list and the High Court verdict regarding information about candidates in parliamentary elections.

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Thai Foreign Minister Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon calls on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

11 workers sued over strike call

MADHYAPARA MINE

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpui

Officials of Madhyapara Granite Mining Company Ltd (MGMCL) sued 11 'unruly' mineworkers yesterday after they beat up an MGMCL official last Monday.

Following the last Monday's agitation, Petrobangla's subsidiary MGMCL has remained Sources said Md

Kamruzzaman, a mining engineer

of MGMCL, filed a case with Parbatipur Police Station on behalf of MGMCL against the 11 They said 280 mineworkers went for an indefinite strike on Monday last demanding their jobs

to be transferred to the government revenue sector and threatened to continue their agitation until their demands were realised MGMCL sources said the agitating workers on August 2 had a scuffle with Md Kamruzzaman over this issue. The angry workers

The workers alleged Blue Star appointed them about six vear ago but their jobs are yet to be in the government revenue sector.

beat him up and snatched his

Local Chairman Md Abu Taher had tried to resolve the matter vesterday but failed to reconcile the feuding parties.

MILD TREMOR

JN Hall students fear building collapse

Demanded new building

DU CORRESPONDENT

Fearing collapse of building in earthquake, students of Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University (DU) took shelter in front of the Vice-Chancellor's (VC) house right after a mild tremor jolted the university area on Saturday night, demanding a new building at the hall.

A'building-collapse' fear sparked among the residential students of the hall, especially among the residents of hall's old-aged East Building, as it was 'jolted heavily' by the earthquake. They came out of the building running and took shelter at open space Some residents of the building

said the building was jolted heavily by Saturday night's earthquake and they feared that it might collapse, adding, the building is now beyond renovation. At a meeting at late Saturday

night, resident students demanded

a new building as early as possible

as they 'do not want to be victims of

another building collapse as happened in 1985'. Provost of the hall Prof Nim Chandra Bhoumik was also present

at the meeting. Thirty-nine students and employees and some of their relatives died in a building collapse at Jagannath Hall on October 15 in 1985. Since

then the day is being observed as

শ্রেইন পদ্ধতিতে

DU Mourning Day.
VC Prof SMA Faiz could not be contacted for his comment in this regard. Some students quoting the VC said he assured them to consider their demand. DU Chief Engineer Md Amir

Hossain told The Daily Star that the authorities verbally informed him about the students' demand but yet to send any formal letter to inspect

Mason falls from 4-storey

A mason died as he fell from a 4storey building at the city's

The incident occurred around 5:00pm when Musa Mia, 32, along with two other workers was painting the outside wall of a 4-storey build-

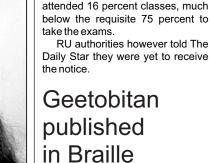
accidentally lost control and fell on

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors

with senior assistant judge's court and the court order for injunction on the recruitment, which was upheld bldg, dies **STAFF CORRESPONDENT** Mohammadpur area yesterday.

ing at Shankar. While painting the exterior, Musa the ground

declared him dead



For the first time in the country,

launched at a ceremony at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium yester-

the book into Braille, a system of raised dots which allows visually impaired people to read.

National Forum of Organisations Working With the Disabled (NFOWD), Handicap International (HI) and Answer Brandsmith Ltd. sponsored the publication of the

They also have a plan to distribute the copies of the book free among the visually impaired singers who sings Tagore songs.

inculcate the spirit of Tagore's musical language in people with visually impairment who do not have access to the mainstream publications, said NFOWD President

He also said NFOWD would launch a nationwide awareness campaign in the next four years to ensure education of 16 lakh physically challenged children, most of whom are visually impaired.

people.

Mansur Ahmed Chowdhury, director of Impact Foundation Bangladesh, called on the computer programmers and entrepreneurs to come forward to extend their service to visually impaired people so that they can have easy access to infor-

Wahidul Huq, a Tagore song exponent, and Titu Chowdhury also spoke at the programme conducted by actor Khaled Khan.

Three visually impaired people sing at a publication ceremony of a book 'Geetobitan' by Rabindranath Tagore at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium yesterday. The book was published in Braille.

Obituary

Shahana Khatun, wife of renowned musician of the subcontinent Ustad Phuljhuri Khan, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at Suhrawardy Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 80.

daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death. Her qulkhwani will be held at her 93 West Rampura residence on

She left behind her five sons, five

Death anniversary



Today is the third death anniversary of Md Nabab Ali Mia of Gidari village in Gaibandha, says a press On the occasion, a milad mahfil and Qurankhwani will be held at his

the madrasa premises of his village. Foods will also be distributed among the destitute. Relatives and admirers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

residence at Station Road and on

Presentation programme Bangladesh First-Bangladesh 2025 organises a presentation programme

Consultation meeting Centre for Policy Dialogue organises a consultation meeting on transparent,

efficient and accountable administrative

system. Venue: Cirdap auditorium.

Seminar

Time: 2:30pm.

Time: 9:30am.

East West University (EWU) organises a seminar on 'Spatial inequality, territorial politics, and economic development: The case of the Province of East Bengal and Assam'. Venue: EWU administrative building. Time: 4:30pm.

Annual show

The annual show of the Laurels will be held. Venue: Shishu Academy. Time:

Reception The Hunger Project will accord a

team. Venue: Liberation War Museum. with Justice Muhammad Habibur Time: 3:00pm. Rahman as the chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre. **Photo exhibition**

reception to Bangladesh Math Olympiad

Alliance Française de Dacca hosts an exhibition of Photographer Alok. Venue:

La Galerie. Time: 6:00pm.

Seminar Darul Ihsan University organises a seminar on 'Education system of Syed

Ali Ashraf on spiritual basis'. Venue:

University campus **Anniversary**

First anniversary of fashion magazine 'Canvas' will be held. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre. Time: 6:00pm.

Orientation

Orientation programme of Lions Club of Dhaka Shariatpur Central will be held. Venue: Thai Chai Chinese Restaurant.

the 546 controversially appointed class three and four employees. The notice said if the authorities did not stop recruitment within two weeks, legal action would be taken. Workers Party Politburo member Fazle Hossain Badsha in the legal notice said the 'illegal and antipeople recruitment' would be challenged at the High Court (HC)

if it was not stopped. The legal notice was addressed to the RU vice-chancellor (VC), pro-

division of the Supreme Court (SC)

VC, the treasurer and registrar. In the notice, the RU authorities were blamed for 'desperately moving to finalise the recruitment process before the end of the ruling alliance government's tenure'. A copy of the legal notice was also

sent to journalists of different media. It also blamed RU of legalising controversial appointments under the cover of fresh appointments in order to circumvent the SC order.

The notice pointed out that around 50,000 job seekers applied for the advertised posts but the authorities are issuing interview cards only to those applicants who were controversially appointed RU authorities appointed 546

employees in 2004 in an unprecedented manner without any advertisement and violating the university rules and university grant commission circulars, the notice said. A law suit, filed by Rajshahi Bar Association member Abu Aslam, against the recruitment is pending

by HC division, is also pending with RU authorities sought applications in 355 posts of officers and employees by publishing eight

advertisements within one month for fresh recruitments. The notice also blamed the RU of continuously trying to politicise the university and thus acting against national interest and destroying the sanctity of the educational institu-

Chhatra Shibir President Mahbubul Alam Salehi and raised allegations that the RU authorities had double standards on student affairs and illegally allowed him to sit for his master's examinations.

Salehi, an accused in Prof S

Taher Ahmed murder case, had only

The notice referred to RU Islami

below the requisite 75 percent to RU authorities however told The

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Geetobitan, a collection of songs and poetry by Rabindranath Tagore, has been published in Braille for visually impaired people. The book in ten volumes was

Poet Titu Chowdhury converted

The publication is an initiative to Khondkar Zahurul Alam.

Prof Sanjida Khatun, a Tagore song exponent, said the songs by Rabindranath are a source of inspiration to physically challenged

mation technology.