Student politics

Medical College

restore congenial educational

Teachers, students and guard-

The college reopened yesterday.

organisations were present at the

Dr Bari said the college opened

yesterday peacefully and most of

the students arrived at the dormito-

ries. "The college administration

Academic Council's decision

Meanwhile, the student organi-

regarding student politics." he said.

sations expressed their reserva-

tion over the decision of the college

Mukur Chowdhury, vice-

president of central Jatiyatabadi

. Chhatra Dal and ex-president of

the district JCD, said he was in the

would try to implement the

atmosphere on the campus.

was taken at a joint rally of

Bari in the chair.

authorities.

banned at

Dinajpur

UNB, Dinajpur

Israeli attacks

violation of HR'

Bangladesh Permanent Representative in Geneva Dr Toufiq

Ali said Israel's brutal use of force

against civilians in Lebanon is a

flagrant violation of human rights

and international humanitarian laws

He was speaking at the special

session of the Human Rights

Council in Geneva on Thursday,

according to a message received in

at the Israeli atrocities in Lebanon. A

thousand Lebanese civilians, many

of them children, women and

elderly, have been killed in Israeli

attacks. Thousands more are

injured or maimed, and millions

displaced or marooned. Their

homes and properties are

destroved or demolished." he said.

shelling of cities constitutes a fore-

seeable and unacceptable targeting

of civilians. International humanitar-

ian laws are clear on the supreme

obligation to protect civilians during

hostilities. International law also

demands accountability. We must

also arrange for the prosecution of

those involved, particularly in posi-

tions of command and control, for

in Lebanon, the world is faced with a

grave humanitarian crisis. The

situation is alarming. The victims are

in desperate need of food, shelter

and medical assistance. Aid work-

ers find it extremely difficult to reach

them under relentless Israeli bom-

bardment. Israel must ensure

unrestricted and secure passage of

The special session of the

Human Rights Council was con-

vened at the request of OIC mem-

bers of the council, and some other

all humanitarian assistance.

"As the Israeli atrocities continue

personal criminal liability."

Dr Ali said, "The indiscriminate

"We are appalled and outraged

Dhaka.

and that it must stop immediately.

on civilians

a flagrant

Parties sell nominations to corrupt people

Prof Muzaffer tells seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday came down heavily on the political parties for nominating corrupt people for the general elections, saying that such trend would preelected to parliament.

"Political parties are selling nominations and ministership to corrupt people. So, it is not possible for good people to become lawmakers in the present system," said Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, president of Shujon, an organisation working to promote good governance.

While the average expenditure of an election candidate in 1973 was Tk 2,000, the figure ranged between Tk 1 crore and Tk 27 crore in the last general election, he said, adding that it stands testimony to the criminalisation of politics.

A parliament member who spent Tk 27 crore in the last general election gave Tk 8 crore to a 'particular Bhaban' and the same amount to the party that nominated him and spent the remaining on electioneering. Prof Muzaffer said in his keynote speech at a seminar on 'Electoral reforms' organised by Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) at TSC auditorium in the city.

"This MP, who sits in the back row in parliament, again expressed his interest in contesting the election and now he wants to know from his party colleagues that how much he needs to spend to sit in the front row," said Prof Muzaffer, also chairman of the Board of Trustees of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).

Explaining why the candidates bribe the local administration in the run-up to the polls, he said, "Once I have asked a lawmaker why do you send envelopes to the deputy commissioner (DC), officer-incharge (OC) and Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), he replied that his supporters would not be allowed to take out procession if the OC is not given an envelope.

"Should the people vote for those who were involved in looting money from banks and grabbing the lands of the people?" he asked.

Criticising the present system of filing cases regarding election disputes, he said only 26 cases were lodged after the last general elections, but defendants in 11 cases did not challenge those while the hearing of 13 cases did not take

He also said around Tk 100 crore was spent on the project to distribute identity cards among the voters,

বাংলাদেশ অর্থনীতি সমিতি

but finally it bogged down. Candidates now resort to intimidation to get votes instead of going door-to-door to seek votes, he said.

Criticising the present system of nominating commissioners for the Election Commission, Prof Muzaffer said if the government nominates even a 'mad man' for the post, he could become a commissioner.

Questioning the sources of funds for the political parties, he said: "As voters, we want to know where the money comes from and how the parties spend this money.'

Earlier, Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury of Dhaka University, iournalist ABM Musa and presenter of 'Hridoye Mati O Manush' Shaykh Serai were awarded 'Gold Medal 2006' for their outstanding contribution to their respective fields.

Presiding over the seminar, BEA President Qazi Kholiguzzaman Ahmad said the BFA is an open forum and that it does not serve the interest of any political parties.

There are some people holding kev positions in important institutions who are undermining the interest of the country and the Election Commission is one of

secretary of the AL, demanded the

government to implement the

announcement of Palestine Day

immediately. He also said the BNP-

Jamaat alliance government

always show their extreme fascina-

tion, but they have no feelings for

alert so that the present govern-

ment cannot cheat them and to

elect a government that has a real

party coordinator Mofazzel

Hossain Chowdhury Maya, the

rally was also addressed, among

others, by AL Presidium Members

Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed,

Motia Chowdhury, Rashed Khan

Menon, Hasanul Haque Inu,

Obaidul Quader, MA Gani, Zakir

Hossain and Mostafa Mohsin

Presided over by Dhaka city 14-

feeling for the Muslims.

Jalil urged the countrymen to be

the Muslims.

dark about the decision. Imran Latif Setu, president of the district BCL, said, "The college administration has no power to ban

Afsar Ali Shah town unit president of Shibir, said earlier student politics was also banned on the campus but the administration 'failed to implement the decision".

The college was closed sine die following a series of fierce clashes between JCD and Shibir activists

Top terror held in Narayanganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A notorious robber of Narayanganj was arrested with bullet wounds yesterday after four hours of frantic effort from the policemen at Kachpur union of Sonargaon

The robber, identified as Delwar Hossain Delu, is also one of the top terrors of the district. He was nabbed with one pistol with 24 rounds of bullets and a revolver. Earlier, police detained two of his

Bangladesh Economic Association awarded 'Gold Medal 2006' to senior journalist ABM Musa, left, Prof Serajul Islam accomplices Rokon and Saidur. Chowdhury, third from left, and presenter of 'Hridoye Mati O Manush' Shaykh Seraj, fourth from left, at a ceremony at Police said, over 50 policemen conducted the drive. Sensing police presence, Delu dived into the pond and hid himself under 14-party condemns Israeli the pond and hid himself under water hyacinths. Police laid seize to the pond and at about 4:00am

> "Delu tried to commit suicide and hit himself with bullet", police claimed, "He did not want to be

Delu is an accused of the killing of Humayun Kabir Bashar, the local Jubo League leader and agent of British American Tobacco Company.

Delu was shown sick at the bail order but soon fixed up a new gang of robbers and started dacoity dividing the district in four quarters, sources said

In the last three months he was involved in 14 incidents of robbery. Police Super Shahabuddin Khan said the crimes in the district

drastically sped up in recent months and to curb the crisis, a special team was formed

Rough Bay

Six fishermen missing as two trawlers capsize

UNB, Bagerhat

Six fishermen remained missing as two fishing-trawlers capsized in the Bay yesterday, amid rough weather for depression.

Identities of the missing fishermen could not be known immedi-

Survivors said two trawlers, with 24 fishermen on board, were turned upside down in the deep sea by stormy winds.

Eighteen of them were rescued by another fishing-boat, while six

others went missing. Hundreds of trawlers have

Detective Branch of Dhaka taken shelter in Dimerchar, Kachikhali and Pakshikhali char areas near the Sundarbans, as weathermen gave warnings about the sea being rough amid the depression.

Meanwhile, the low-lying areas of three coastal upazilas of the district were inundated under oneto-two-foot-deep tidal waters due to the impact of the monsoon depression over northwest Bay off

Orissa-West Bengal coast. Thousands of people in Mongla,

Sarankhola and Morelganj

upazilas have been reportedly

marooned following the flash flood.



Jono Adhikar forms a human chain on Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding repeal of Official Secrets Act.

JCD ATTACK

RU Fine Arts students call strike from today

RU CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 students of Fine Arts Department of Rajshahi University (RU) were injured as cadres of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) attacked them with hockey sticks vesterday noon.

The department students called indefinite strike on the campus from today protesting the attack. Among the injured, Ariful Islam, former RU Chhatra Union president, Ifti and Bishnu Podder Raju were admitted to Rajshahi Médical College

Others including Humayun Kabir and Hirok received first aid at RU medical centre. Officer-in-charge (OC) of Motihar Police Station Ramzan Ali said that some 10 JCD men attacked the students as they were demonstrating demanding withdrawal of a teacher.

Students were furious with the teacher because he assaulted the department chairman on the other day in front of students. The attackers were led by Rajib, the OC informed.

The attack sparked angry protests by students who damaged window panes of the department. Later, agitating students staged a demonstration on the campus and laid seize

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

stages of life.

Chowdhurv.

ing such attitude.

Disability is not a problem or curse,

rather it's a general human experi-

ence and anybody could be a victim

workshop on 'Writing the rights'. Disability orientation for journalists',

jointly organised by National Forum

of Organisations Working with the

Disabled (NFOWD) and Dhaka

Sub-Editors Council (DSEC) in

association with ActionAid Bangladesh and Handicap

International at the National Press

Club yesterday.
NFOWD Chairman Khondoker

Zahirul Alam, DSEC General

Secretary Shahana Sheuli and

workshop coordinator Shah

Mutassim Billah delivered welcome

address at the inaugural session of

the workshop presided over by

DSEC President Humayun Sadek

Zahirul Alam said the general

attitude towards the people with

disability is not positive and that the

media can play a vital role in chang-

NFOWD is working to remove the stigma attached to disability and

help the physically challenged

people to contribute to the national

adequate budgetary allocation for

them and its proper utilisation.

He also stressed the need for

Dr Nafisur Rahman, Faisal Bin

Majid and Saima Chowdhury of

NFOWD and Mahbub Kabir of

ActionAid Bangladesh conducted

the working sessions.
Fifty sub-editors from various

national dailies and the electronic

Dr Nafisur Rahman said physi-

cally challenged persons are

Metropolitan Police (DMP) seized 18

films containing vulgar and objection-

able scenes from a house at

Shantinagar in the city on Friday

police raided the residence of Sharif

Khan Dipu at Shantinagar Road and

seized the films, a DMP press

persons in this connection. They are Bazlur Rahman and Mohammad

The DB police also arrested two

The vulgar films were illegally

screened at different cinema halls of

the country. Legal actions were

taken in this connection, the release

release said yesterday.

Abu Taher.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of DB

18 vulgar films

seized in city

media took part in the workshop.

development, he added.

This was observed at a daylong

3 killed in road accidents

At least three people were killed and 12 others injured in separate road accidents in Manikganj, Narsingdi and Sirajganj yesterday. Our Correspondent from

Manikganj says: One rickshaw

passenger was killed and rickshawpuller was injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Bhatbaur area in Manikgani Sadar upazila yesterday. Police said the accident took place at around 10:15am when a

Paturia-bound private car hit the juteloaded rickshaw from behind Passenger Mainuddin died on the spot. Mainuddin was going to a local market at Toraghat for selling jute. Rickshawpuller Zobed Ali was

admitted to Manikganj Sadar Hospital in critical condition. UNB from Narsingdi adds: The

owner-driver of a minibus was killed and 10 others were injured as his vehicle turned turtle on Dhaka-Narsingdi road in Khatohara area in the district yesterday. The dead identified as Sumon

Mia, 23, was driving his own bus.

deprived of their rights although

these are enshrined in the constitu-

physically challenged persons in the

with disability feel that they are often

tortured by the dominant section of

society the way the majority repress

Even there is no exact figure of

Mahbub Kabir said the persons

Help change attitude towards

people with disability

Speakers urge media

upside down on the road as the driver of the Narsingdi-bound bus from Dhaka lost control over the steering while trying to give side to a rickshaw. "Sumon died on the spot." The injured were rushed

Police said the minibus turned

Sadar and district hospitals.

Our Correspondent from Sirajganj reports: A housewife was killed and her husband was injured in a road accident on the Dhaka-Bogra highway at Coddar Mor area, western side of the Jamuna bridge in Sirajganj yesterday.

The victim is Rabea Khatun, 20, wife of A Momin of Chunia Khali illage in Sadar upazila.

The accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound speeding truck ran over Rabeya, while she was going to a photo studio in the town at 6:30pm, police and witnesses said. She died on the spot and her husband Momin was injured. Momin was admitted to Sadar Hospital. Police recover the body and sent it to Sadar Hospital morgue for

the minority people

Writing the Rights'

Disability Orientation for Journalists

Different topics such as 'Disabil-

ity: Bangladesh Scenario', 'National

and International Commitments',

'Role of NFOWD', 'Words Matter',

about Disability' were also dis-

cussed in the working sessions.

CU officials' ultimatum to authorities **CU CORRESPONDENT**

Chittagong University (CU) Officers' Association here yesterday gave a 24nour ultimatum to the university authorities demanding implementa tion of its 14-point demand.

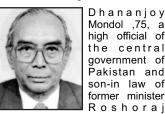
The demands include promotion of the officers from due date and extending their service limit to 65 years like the teachers, said a press release of

They threatened to observe a daylong work abstention tomorrow if

their demands are not met by this time. They made the decision at a meeting of the organisation held at

the association office with its dent Zakir Ah

Obituary



high official of the central government of Pakistan and son-in law of former minister Roshoraj

Mondol passed away due to old age complications at the BIRDEM hospital in the city yesterday.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters and a host of

His cremation will be held today

at Postogola ground.

Death anniversary



sary of Dr Nahid Sultana, daugh-Ashraf Uddin Ahmed of village Sutiakati at Swarupkati

Today is the first

under Pirojpur, says a press release. On the occasion, Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at her village home. Foods will also be distributed among the destitute. Similar programmes will be held at her workplace at Sonadanga in Khulna on August 18.

Tanveer Mahmud Rupak



Today is the seventh death anniversary of Tanveer Mahmud Rupak, says a press release. On august

13. 1999, while

being a student of class seven of Qudrat-e-Khuda house at the Residential Model College, he was alleged to be drowned in a pond of the institution. To pray for the salvation of his

departed soul, Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and reminiscing meeting will be held at Dhaka Residential Model College, his residence at the city's Imamganj area and his village home at Ranipur in Borguna.

Participants at the inaugural session of a workshop on 'Writing the rights:

Disability orientation for journalists' held at the National Press Club vesterday. From left are Shah Mutassim Billah, Mahbub Kabir, Shahana Sheuli, Humayun Sadek Chowdhury, Khondoker Zahirul Alam and Dr Nafisur

Roundtable Nirapad Khaddo Andolon organises a

roundtable on 'Toxic vegetables: Our health problem'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:00am Discussion

Bangabandhu Parishad will hold a

discussion on 'The assassination of Bangabandhu and today's Bangladesh'. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium. Time: 4:00pm. Inaugural ceremony

The inaugural ceremony of Daffodil IT Academy will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11:00am.

Seminar Masjid Council and Council for Interfaith Harmony Bangladesh will jointly organise a seminar titled 'National

interfaith seminar on HIV and AIDS'. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre Time: 10:00am. **Drama**

Kanthasheelan will stage a drama titled 'Muktijuddher Kotha Amrito Saman'

Photo exhibition The inaugural ceremony of a photo

exhibition titled 'Life and struggles of the Mro people in Bangladesh' by Mahmud will be held. Venue: Drik Gallery. Time:

Seminar Association for Land Reform and

Development (ALRD) and Nijera Kori will jointly organise a seminar on 'Water logging in Khulna-Jessore region: Land, velihood and good governance'. Venue: LGED auditorium. Time: 4:00pm Report unveiling

A survey report on 'Beggars of Dhaka

Metropolitan City', conducted by Bangladesh Peace and Development Mission (BPDM) and Rover Scout Group of Dhaka Titumir College, will be unveiled. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3:00pm.

Roundtable

Gonotantric Garments Sramik-Karmachari Federation organises a roundtable on 'The present condition of garment industry and its future'. Venue: Shaheed Asad auditorium. Time: Venue: Jatiya Nattyashala. Time:

Light to moderate rain likely

ransack office of TSCC director

the TSC auditorium in the city yesterday.

teachers'

memo to VC

Progressive Teachers Society of

Rajshahi University yesterday

besieged the university syndicate

meeting protesting selection of eight

teachers in the Department of

Marketing against two advertised

dum to the RU Vice Chancellor Prof

Altaf Hossain against the 'illegal'

additional recruitment in the university

RU VC received their memorandum

and assured them to consider their

Earlier, agitating students of

Later, they staged a sit-in

On the other hand, students of

Motihar Hall formed a human chain

at the same place demanding

IU Shibir cadres

programme in front of VC house

from 5:30pm, where syndicate

meeting started at around 7:00pm.

Marketing department staged a

demonstration on the campus

vesterday wearing burial cloth.

demand, sources said.

They also submitted a memoran-

RU CORRESPONDENT

IU CORRESPONDENT

renovation of the hall.

A group of Shibir cadres vandalised the office of the director of Islamic University Teacher Student Cultural Centre (TSCC) at around 2:30pm yesterday allegedly for insulting IU unit Íslami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) president.

Campus sources said a group of Shibir leaders led by its President Abul Kalam Azad went to the office of TSCC Director Md Yakub Ali to hire the auditorium for an Inter-university debate competition scheduled for

The director told them to pay the due of last month's programmes. The Shibir men reportedly said to pay the money through the bank this morning. The director then got angry and allegedly scolded the ICS president as an impolite man and asked him to go out of his office.

The ICS activists then became angry and ransacked the office. Two teachers- Rasheduzzaman and Zakir Hossain- received injuries in the head by broken windowpanes.



RU progressive invasion on Lebanon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condemning the ongoing Israeli

invasion on Lebanon, the Awami

League (AL)-led 14-party opposi-

tion combine yesterday urged the

international community for imme-

diate implementation of the United

Nations proposed ceasefire to

the opposition combine at the

Bangabandhu Avenue in the capi-

tal. The 14-party organised the rally

across the country to protest the

Addressing the rally, the opposi-

tion leaders blasted the prime

minister for her stand at the OIC

meeting recently. They said that the

PM failed to play a significant role in

Fourteen-party coordinator

Abdul Jalil, who is also the general

favour of the Muslim community.

The demand came at a rally of

terminate bloodshed there.

Israeli invasion on Lebanon.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places over coast regions of the county, Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day

temperature over the country. Country's highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 25.4 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar

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

The sun sets in the capital at 6:34pm and rises at 5:33am

	in Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.8	27.8	60	58
Chittagong	33.8	26.5	76	79
Rajshahi	33.6	26.4	74	69
Khulna	31.8	26.4	79	78
Barisal	32.0	27.0	83	83
Sylhet	36.0	27.7	65	60
Cox's Bazar	32.4	25.4	76	80