

# Dhaka supports international convention on terrorism

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Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, said Bangladesh will cooperate with the UN in framing an international convention against terrorism.

"Bangladesh condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," he said in a debate on "Measure to eliminate international terrorism" in the Legal Committee (Sixth) of the UN General Assembly in New York on Wednesday, accord-

ing to a message received here yesterday.

However, he stated that genuine struggle against colonial domination or foreign domination does not fall within the purview of the definition of terrorism. Bangladesh herself had fought a War of Liberation, much of which was conducted unconventionally.

No War of Independence has been any different. Terrorism "must not be confused with genuine popular freedom movement," he suggested.

The Bangladesh ambassador

criticised those who attempt to link terrorism with one religion, Islam. "This is not only unfair, but also imprudent. It ignores Islam's great contribution to human civilisation and culture, and only increases the divide separating nations and people", he said.

He told delegations that in order to foster international understanding, the Bangladesh delegation each year introduces a resolution on a "Culture of Peace" in the General Assembly. "We will also do so this year, and will hope for its unanimous adoption", he added.



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Pragotishil Chhatra Jote Chittagong University (CU) unit stages a demonstration in front of Chittagong Press Club yesterday demanding withdrawal of price hike of admission forms.

## CU ADMISSION Price hike of forms protested

**CU CORRESPONDENT**

Speakers at a rally here yesterday termed the price hike of admission forms of Chittagong University (CU) as one sort of commercialising the education and called upon all to resist it.

They were speaking at a student-teacher-guardian solidarity rally organised by Pragotishil Chhatra Jote Chittagong University (CU) unit in front of Chittagong Press Club in the morning.

Leaders of the alliance alleged that it costs only Tk 50 to complete all the process of admission including form and question paper printing and taking test. But, the authorities raised the price to Tk 300 from Tk 250 with an ill motive of sharing the additional money among themselves, they added.

They announced to observe blockade programme at all the banks that sell the admission forms from Sunday unless the authority withdraws the increased price before then.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) CU unit President Kamrul Islam presided over the rally while CU Communication and Journalism Department Assistant Professor Atiqur Rahman, Public Administration Department Associate Professor Hossain Kabir, Bangladesh College University Teachers' Association General Secretary Uttam Sen Gupta, Dr Sushanta Barua, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front President Kanchan Sarker and

General Secretary Zamir Uddin Rassel spoke among others.

## Hurling bomb at RU teacher's residence condemned

**RU CORRESPONDENT**

Rajshahi University Teachers Association (Ruta) yesterday expressed grave concern over hurling petrol bomb at the residence of former Ruta president Professor Nazrul Islam, also a teacher of Accounting department.

Earlier on October 9, unidentified miscreants hurled petrol bomb at the Bonodpur residence of former Ruta president.

Ruta in a statement condemned the incident and demanded immediate investigation into the incident and exemplary punishment of the culprits.

Meanwhile, some pro-Awami League teachers of the university slated issuing of a statement after three days of hurling petrol bombs at the house of its former president.

They said Ruta should be more active and vocal on teachers' issue.

## MoU with Iran for cooperation in education

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Bangladesh and Iran have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for strengthening the existing friendly relations between the two countries and expanding bilateral cooperation in the field of education.

The MoU was signed by Education Minister Dr M Osman Farruk and Iranian Education Minister Mahmud Farsidi in Tehran on October 10 on behalf of their respective sides, said a press release here yesterday.

Under the MoU, Iran will provide assistance for improving the education system of Bangladesh at different levels, particularly technical and vocational education.



Bangladesh Red Crescent Society takes out a procession in the city on Wednesday to mark the International Disaster Reduction Day.



Southeast Bank Managing Director Neaz Ahmed hands over a cheque for Tk 20 lakh to Dhaka Ahsania Mission President and Chief Executive Kazi Rafiqul Alam at the Mission head office at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday.

## More donation to AMCH

The Southeast Bank Limited has donated Tk 20 lakh to Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) Fund, says a press release.

The Southeast Bank Managing Director Neaz Ahmed handed over the cheque for the amount to Dhaka Ahsania Mission President and Chief Executive Kazi Rafiqul Alam at the Mission head office at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday.

Against this donation a five-bed ward of the hospital will be named after the bank. Vice President & Head of Branch Mahfuzur Rahman Khan and Assistant Vice-President & Manager Operations of the bank

Nadira Begum were present on the occasion.

Neaz said his bank is proud to participate in the effort of Dhaka Ahsania Mission to establish a world class cancer hospital in the country. He also assured continued support to cancer hospital. Rafiqul Alam narrated the present status of construction of the hospital at Uttara, Dhaka. He said all donations to this hospital are free from income tax. There are provisions for dedicating beds, wards and cabins in ones own name or in the name of one's beloved ones by donating fixed amount of money.