

# Islami Oikya Jote dissolved

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Founder Chairman of Islami Oikya Jote Shaikhul Hadith Azizul Huq formally dissolved the jote yesterday.  
 Speaking at a press conference in the city he said, "We formed an alliance with BNP and Jamaat before 2001 general election and our alliance ended with the expiry of the government."  
 "Now we are taking preparation for contesting the election separately," said Azizul Huq, also the Amir of Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish, in a written statement.  
 He, however, said ahead of 2007 general election his party can also form alliance with any party having similar ideology and political demands.

"If BNP regrets its past mistakes and pledges to work together in future we can also form an alliance with it in the upcoming general election, said Azizul Huq.  
 He alleged that the BNP-led alliance government ignored many opinions of Oikya Jote while taking important political decisions in different occasions.  
 The Shaikhul Hadith also blamed the BNP for conspiring to breaking up the Islami Oikya Jote.  
 Nayeb-e-Amirs Shahidul Islam and Habibur Rahman, General Secretary Abdur Rab Eusufi and Organising Secretary Humayun Kabir also spoke at the press conference.



Chiefs of three services made a courtesy call on immediate past Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday.

# CG headed by President himself unconstitutional

## Say university teachers

**UNB, Dhaka**  
 Describing the caretaker government led by President himself as "unconstitutional", some 880 teachers of different universities yesterday urged him to act as per constitution.  
 In a joint statement, the teachers said the country people are surprised about his (President's) intention to be the chief of caretaker government instead of appointing an acceptable person in the post.  
 If the President takes the charge of caretaker government, it would be a "clear violation of the constitution", they said.  
 The signatories to the statement included Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Dr Harun-or-Rashid, Prof Akhtaruzzaman, Prof. Abul Barakat, Prof Golam Rahman, Prof Sekandar Hayat Khan, Prof Mihir Laal Shaha, Prof Ramendra Nath Ghosh, Prof Chowdhury Zakaria, Prof Nurul Anwar, Prof Ayesha Siddiqua, Prof Manjurul Alam, Prof Abdul Mannan Chwohdury, Dr Prithila Naznin Nilima and Prof Sanat Kumar Shaha.

## DU exams postponed till Nov 11

**DU CORRESPONDENT**  
 All examinations under course system of Dhaka University (DU) have been postponed till November 11, said an urgent press release.  
 Earlier the authorities postponed all classes until November 9 in view of the country's volatile political situation.  
 The press release, signed by DU controller of examinations, said considering students' preparation the authorities had postponed the examinations till November 11.  
 The other schedule of examinations will remain unchanged and fresh dates for postponed examinations will be announced soon.

# 'Ensure security of people'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Shushashoner Janney Nagorik (Shujan) and Bangladesh Manobadhikar Samonnay Parishad (BMSPP) formed a human chain in the city yesterday with a call to ensure security of the people during this critical situation and make the country free from corruption and discrimination.  
 They urged all political parties to exercise restraint to tackle the critical situation.  
 They also called on the president to select the chief adviser of the caretaker government immediately in order to resolve the current political deadlock.

The human chain was formed at Green Road in the city. President of BMSPP AHM Noman moderated the programme while Swapan Saha of Shujon, Dr Nuruddin of Bapa, Osman Gani, Advocate Shamsuddin, Dilip Kumar Sarkar, Babul Kumar Odhikari of Dorp and Khaledur Rahman Shaheen spoke.  
 Representatives from Sheba, Shampriti and TSP also took part in the programme.  
 BMSPP, Shujon and Nagorik Uddog will take out a peace procession from Asad Gate at 11:00am today.

# EC concerned about violence

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Head of the delegation of the European Commission (EC) yesterday expressed his concern about the ongoing violence and said solution to the present political problem is there in the constitution, which should be applied.  
 "Violence we see is on television and we are concerned about it. We would urge everybody to make sure that this violence stops as it does not help much," Dr Stefan Frowein, ambassador and head of delegation of the EC in Bangladesh, told reporters after attending a meeting with the foreign investors in the country.  
 Foreign Investors' Chamber of

Commerce & Industry (FICCI) organized the monthly luncheon meeting at Radisson Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka where Frowein attended the meeting as the guest of honour.  
 Mentioning that a peaceful solution is foreseen in the constitution, the EC head in Bangladesh said, "I think you should go that way. It is not for us to comment on caretaker government system. It is unique in Bangladesh. You must apply it and find solution that way."  
 "We would urge everybody and parties to be as peaceful as possible," he said. "We are closely following the situation and we keep saying that free and fair elections have to be organised."  
 Speaking at the meeting, Masih Ull Karim, president of FICCI said, "At the backdrop of political conflicts prevailing in the country at the moment we urge upon all political parties to come to a consensus about appointment of the Chief of the caretaker government and

create an environment to hold the elections peacefully."  
 Otherwise, foreign investors would further be frustrated and foreign direct investment would shy away, he said adding ongoing situation is damaging to Bangladesh's image abroad.  
 Foreign investors would think ten times before coming to Bangladesh, he added.  
 About the experience of foreign investors who are already in Bangladesh, Karim said in this pre-election period, it is currently in fashion in the country to criticise foreign investment and this is doing a long lasting damage.  
 The criticism of good foreign investors in Bangladesh -- whether they be in mobile telephones, banking, coal, steel or other -- are now widely on record, he said adding a rush to find ways to penalise foreign investors is also now a matter of record.

# Prof Yunus returns tomorrow

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Nobel Peace Prize winner Prof Muhammad Yunus will return home tomorrow, concluding his visit to Seoul, Beijing and Tokyo, says a press release of Grameen Bank.  
 Prof Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank, went to South Korea to receive the Seoul Peace Prize.  
 In Beijing, he inaugurated an international seminar on microcredit. He also met the Chinese foreign minister and deputy governor of the Central Bank with a view to expanding microcredit facilities in China.  
 Peking University has awarded honorary doctorate degree to Prof Yunus.  
 In Tokyo and Hiroshima, Prof Yunus joined the board meeting of UN Foundation.  
 He also met Bangladeshi expatriates in Beijing and Tokyo.

# JCD attack on AL procession

**DU CORRESPONDENT**  
 Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of BNP, still keeps a hold on the reins of control on the Dhaka University (DU) campus as no activities of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of the opposition Awami League, were seen during the last few days.  
 An AL procession that entered the campus through Shahbagh intersection yesterday afternoon came under attack by the JCD.  
 Witnesses said a procession of Dhanmondi AL was going towards the TSC. When it came near the Central

Library, JCD activists carrying bamboo sticks and iron rods exploded some six bombs near the TSC and chased the AL men who fled through Suhrawardi Uddyan.  
 At noon, JCD men took out a motor-bike procession on the campus.  
 Later, the JCD held a rally at TSC where General Secretary Shafiq Bari Babu, Senior Vice-President Sultan Salauddin Tuku, Joyanto Kumar Kundu, Nurul Islam Nayan and Hasan Mamun spoke.  
 Against the backdrop of political unrest, some teachers think that the authorities might ask the students to vacate dormitories in a couple of days. However, university authorities ruled out such possibility.  
 When asked about JCD's violent activities on the campus, Proctor Prof AK Firoz Ahmed said he knew nothing about such incidents. If JCD activists are involved in such activities, action should be taken against them, he added.

# NU Eid vacation extended

National University authorities have extended the Eid vacation for three days due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.  
 The University will now reopen on November 5.  
**BOU vacation**  
 BSS adds: Bangladesh Open University (BOU) authorities have extended its vacation up to November 5 from November 1, a BOU press release said here yesterday.



Rickshaws lie idle at roadside at Tejgaon as the pullers failed to reach the city due to political unrest after Eid-ul-Fitr.



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# Death anniversary

Today is the 7th death anniversary of Iqbal Ansari Khan, a freedom fighter and eminent social worker, says a press release.  
 Iqbal, popularly known as Henry, was the vice-president of students' unions at Jagannath College and Dhaka College. He actively took part in the language movement. He was also the joint secretary of the National Democratic Front.  
 A powerful actor, Iqbal played a pioneering role in establishing the Drama Circle, a theatre group. He was also the district governor of Rotary International District-3280.  
 He authored three books -- two of which are 'The Third Eye' and 'The Babri Mosque', and the third one is a book of jokes.

# Free eye care for acid victims

Free eye care will be provided to the acid victims at the Acid Survivors' Foundation (ASF) in the city until November 2, says a press release.  
 British Ophthalmologist Dr Steward D Cook has been providing the free treatment since October 27.  
 Interested acid victims may contact the following address for free treatment:  
 Acid Survivors Foundation, House- 12, Road 22, Block- K, Banani, Dhaka- 1213.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Dry weather likely

**UNB, Dhaka**

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.  
 Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.  
 Highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and lowest 19.0 degree Celsius at Dinajpur and Sayedpur.  
**The sun sets in the capital at 5.21pm today and rises at 6:04am tomorrow.**  
 Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.8	23.2	66	51
Chittagong	34.2	25.0	90	82
Rajshahi	31.6	20.6	79	74
Khulna	32.0	23.0	79	75
Barisal	31.6	23.8	84	92
Sylhet	32.2	20.4	60	73
Cox's Bazar	32.9	25.5	83	74