

Independent EC demanded

Leaders of Five Left Parties and Gono Mukti Andolon in a meeting yesterday demanded formation of an independent Election Commission (EC) reconstituting the present EC, says a press release.

They also threatened that military intervention will not be tolerated and said that political crisis should be solved politically.

The leaders demanded imprisonment and trials of people who are corrupt and declare them as

disqualified for election.

They will stage a demonstration at Paltan in the city on November 19 to press home their demands.

Workers' Party General Secretary Saiful Haque, Jatiya Gono Front Central Coordinator Tipu Biswas, Ganatantrik Mojdur Party President Abdus Salam and Biplobi Oikya Front Convener Moshrefa Mishu also attended the meeting presided by Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal Convener Comrade Khalekuzzaman.

Holy Family Medical College admission test Nov 30

The admission test of Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College for the session 2006-2007 scheduled to be held on November 18 has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

Admission test will now be held on November 30 at 11:00am on the college campus.

Admission forms will be distributed and accepted until November 27.



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Peshajibi Nari Samaj, a platform for women professionals, forms a human chain in front of the Institution of Engineers in the city yesterday demanding reconstitution of the Election Commission and depoliticisation of the civil administration and the police department.

Non-govt teachers' hunger strike today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of non-government high schools, colleges and madrasas will observe a token hunger strike at all districts today and at city's Muktagang on November 19 to press home their demand to cancel the circular of depositing tuition fees to the government fund.

National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE), a platform of 11 teachers and employees' organisations, held an emergency central

committee meeting at its central office yesterday and decided to observe the token hunger strike.

Education ministry recently issued a circular of 100 per cent basic salary from the government coffer but attached a new condition of depositing tuition fees collected from students to the government fund.

NFTE leaders urged the caretaker government to cancel all contractual appointments in education sector and provide 100 per cent basic salary from the government exchequer for the

teachers from 2006-2007 fiscal year instead of 2007-2008.

They also called upon education secretary, director of Bangladesh Institute of Administrative Management (Biam), director general of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE), chairman of National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) and vice chancellors of National University and Open University to resign willingly by November 20.

'Withdraw ban on politics on CU campus'

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), Chittagong University (CU) unit, here yesterday demanded withdrawal of a ban on political activities without prior permission on the campus.

The BCU leaders placed the demand at a meeting with the CU authorities held at Proctor Office yesterday noon.

They also demanded allocation of seats in the CU dormitories according to merits and withdrawal of false cases against BCU and Pragotishil Chhatra Jote leaders.

CU Proctor Prof Dr Didarul Alam Chowdhury, BCU CU unit President Kamrul Islam, General Secretary Monti Boishnab and Vice President Amzad Hossain were present.

Exams postponed
Chittagong University (CU) authorities postponed all the scheduled examinations of different departments and institutes for indefinite period.

The authorities took the decision at an emergency syndicate meeting yesterday.