

COLLEGE OF LEATHER TECHNOLOGY Teachers not paid for 17 months

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Academic activities of Bangladesh College of Leather Technology (BCLT), the country's lone institution producing technologists for the leather sector, virtually came to a halt as most of its teachers and staffs are observing work abstention demanding payment of salary arrears.

as they are under revenue sector, sources said. "These teachers and staffs have not joined the work abstention programme but have sympathy with our demands," said Dr Md Abdul Mottalib, academic in-charge of the college.

NU LLB exam postponed

The 3rd paper LLB last part examination of 2005 under National University (NU) scheduled to be held today has been postponed due to some unavoidable circumstances.

Obituary



Abeda Khatun, a social worker and mother of Farhana Reza, executive director of Narikantha Foundation, passed away on Wednesday at city's Monwara Hospital at the age of 65, says a press release.

Death anniversary



Today is the third death anniversary of Sheikh Niamat Ali, a national and international award winning filmmaker, says a press release.



Students seeking admission to the government medical colleges stage a demonstration in front of the High Court in the city yesterday protesting alleged question leakage and demanding cancellation of the results.

MBBS ADMISSION TEST

Cancellation of results demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A number of students, who had appeared for MBBS Admission Test on November 17, have demanded cancellation of the result published on Tuesday last.

admission test for the greater interest of medical education in the country. They demanded exemplary punishment to persons responsible for the leak of question paper.

They also faxed a copy of the leaked question paper to The Daily Star office. They mentioned that the leaked question paper was found at a coaching centre in Chittagong.

Work together for fair polls

CA urges all UNB, Dhaka

President/Cchief Adviser to Caretaker Government Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday said all would have to work together towards holding the forthcoming elections in a fair way.

Declare 'Bangabhaban siege programme'

Mohiuddin urges Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

City Mayor and Chittagong Divisional Coordinator of AL-led 14-party combine ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury called upon Awami League President Sheikh Hasina to announce 'Bangabhaban Siege Programme' to press home their 11-point demand which aims at 'a free, fair and credible election.'

thin presence of activists and supporters. BNP Joint Secretary General and former minister Abdullah Al Noman and other leaders addressed the rallies.

BBA admission test postponed

UNB, Dhaka

The BBA admission test of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka, scheduled to be held today has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

Bari donates eyes posthumously

Abdul Bari Chowdhury, hailed from Kalihati in Tangail, donated his eyes posthumously yesterday, says a press release.

"Justice KM Hasan is gone and Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MA Aziz followed the suit. But these aren't enough to ensure a free and fair election. Please, immediately declare a siege programme to the Bangabhaban," he urged Sheikh Hasina adding if it is necessary the leaders and activists of 14-party from Chittagong will be heading towards Dhaka with 1,000 trucks to make the siege programme a success.

RU classes, exams deferred until Nov 28

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) authorities yesterday suspended all academic activities till November 28 fearing intensified political unrest on the campus.

Qulkhwani



Qul Khwani of Bazur Rahman, former deputy director of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, will be held at his house at 1 Khanpur in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Dr Asadur Rahman



Qul Khwani of Dr Asadur Rahman, former lawmaker and vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Agriculture University, will be held at his residence at 4 Circuit House Road in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Md Hasib Ul Islam



Qul Khwani of Md Hasib Ul Islam, former deputy director of Bangladesh Ansar and VDP, will be held today, says a press release.

Ambia Khatun

Qul Khwani of Ambia Khatun, wife of Md Ishaq, former general manager of Bangladesh Bank, will be held at Uttara (House no 39, Road-7, Sector-3) after Juma prayers today, says a press release.

Bogra journos demand arrest of attackers

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protested the Wednesday's assault on Hasibur Rahman Bilu, staff correspondent of The Daily Star in Bogra, who was apparently attacked by activists of four-party alliance.

The journalists held a rally in front of Netrakona Press Club following the procession. President of Netrakona Sangbadik Samity Shamolendu Paul presided over the meeting while General Secretary of Netrakona Press Club Mahbabul Kibria Halim spoke to the rally among others.

Bilu, a correspondent in Kurigram reports. Kurigram Press Club President Rabindra Nath Ray chaired the meeting while General Secretary Mominul Islam Monju and district correspondents of national dailies and private TV channels addressed the meeting.

Justice Mahfuz makes himself acting CEC

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meeting at 11:00am to authorise himself as the acting CEC. Sources said no EC Secretariat officials, except the EC secretary, knew anything about the meeting presided over by Mahfuz.

On leave without authorising any member to act as the CEC, former CEC Justice Abdur Rouf referred to article 118(5) of the Constitution. "Subject to the provision of any law made by Parliament, the conditions of service of Election Commissioners shall be such as the President may, by order, determine," says the constitution.

Zakaria and Mahmud Hasan Mansur—on Wednesday claimed that they did not know why the CEC was absent from the office that day. However, after holding the sudden meeting yesterday, Justice Mahfuz said, "Hearing the president's address, we came to know that the CEC took leave of absence."

Aziz's work

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three-month leave, Mahfuz said he will complete the tasks Aziz could not complete. Before being appointed as an election commissioner on January 16 this year, Mahfuz was not very well known.

Justice Mahfuz was appointed as a High Court (HC) judge during the BNP rule in 1992. He retired in 2000. Later, he served as the chairman of the Administrative Appellate Tribunal.

Aziz decided unilaterally to prepare a fresh voter list on August 6 last year, ignoring opposition from the then two election commissioners—M Munsef Ali and AK Mohammad Ali.

The HC on January 4 directed the EC to revise the existing voter list. Following the judgment, CEC Aziz remained absent from his office for a few days as the two election commissioners were in favour of implementing the HC judgment.

Mahfuz's remarks, however, were proved wrong when the Appellate Division upheld the HC judgment. After the appointments of Mahfuz and Zakaria, Aziz convened an EC meeting on January 19 and with their support decided to appeal against the HC judgment.