

# Hartal observed in Khulna, Jessore industrial areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A daylong hartal was observed in Khulna and Jessore industrial areas yesterday in response to a call by a Jatiya Party election candidate to woo jute mill workers.

Abdul Gaffar Biswas, convenor of Regional Transport Owners and Workers Association who filed nomination paper from Khulna-3 (Khalishpur-Daulatpur) constituency as a JP candidate, gave the call on Wednesday night, expressing solidarity with the ongoing

agitation of over 20,000 workers and employees of eight state-owned jute mills in Khulna and Jessore industrial areas.

He also threatened hartal in entire southwestern region if eight-point demand of the workers and employees of the state-owned jute mills was not met.

The demands include payment of all arrears including Eid bonus, reopening of all closed jute mills, reinstatement of retrenched workers and employees and allocation of fund for purchasing raw jute.



Film and Media Department of Stamford University takes out a colourful procession in the city yesterday marking the World Film Day. PHOTO STAR

## Certificate award ceremony of BAF course held

UNB, Dhaka

The certificate award ceremony of No. 73 Junior Command and Staff Course of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) was held at BAF Command and Staff Training Institute in Dhaka cantonment yesterday.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Fakhru Azam attended the ceremony as chief guest and distributed certificates among the graduating officers.

Fourteen from Bangladesh Air Force, one each from Bangladesh Navy, Royal Malaysian Air Force, Indian Air Force and Sri Lanka Air Force attended the course, says an ISPR release.

Squadron Leader of Bangladesh Air Force Mohammad Quamrul Islam was awarded the "Chief of the Air Staff's Trophy" for his best performance in the course.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief of Air Staff thanked the participants for attending the course.

Principal Staff Officers and senior BAF officers were also present on the occasion.