

Govt plans to plant coconut trees along the coast

The government also plans to plant wind resilient coconut trees on the coastal embankments to make them stronger. Coconut plants will be imported from Sri Lanka and Malaysia, reports UNB.

A high official said that unplanned shrimp farming increased the extent of damage. Widespread destruction of mangrove trees by the shrimp farms took place in the Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

Prior permission of the environment department should be made mandatory in leasing out of land for shrimp projects, he observed.

The official also said that the government is likely to seek international help in assessing environmental impact of last month's devastating cyclone and tidal surge in coastal areas and the offshore islands.

Bangladesh worried about the ecological degradation caused by the disaster and its long-term impact on life and livelihood of the coastal people, a high official told UNB.

A number of international organisations including UNDP already offered expertise and other assistance to assess the environmental impact of the cyclone and work out the remedies, the official said.

"We assume the impact has been enormous... long-term tackling of the problem would pose tremendous burden on the country's scarce resources and weak expertise", the official said.

Bangladesh may even ask for compensation from the industrialised countries for the damage wrought by the cyclone on the country's environment, the official said referring to the disaster links between the disaster and Green House effect. He questioned: "We are not responsible for the Green House effect, so why should we bear the cost alone?"

Referring to various types of environmental damages, the high official pointed out that water — both surface and under-

ground, got heavily or moderately polluted by the surge of sea water which brought in organic substances.

There are also reports of large-scale erosion and soil-turning-saline, threatening the productivity of arable land, he added. Long-term impact on aquatic ecology is also very much likely, the official maintained.

Enormous destruction of forest resources would inflict a severe strain on the ecology of the coastal belt, he cautioned.

About immediate remedial efforts of the government, the State Minister said, water resilient mangrove trees would be planted around the coastal belt.

2 Gulf bodies to sacrifice 361 animals for destitutes

A representative of two Middle-East-based Islamic social welfare organisation arrived here on a mission to share the festivity of Eid-ul-Azha with the destitutes of the country, reports UNB.

Zafar Abdul Rahim, representative of the Human Appeal International of UAE and Bahrain-based Islamic Society flew into the capital Friday for the purpose.

He will sacrifice 381 animals on the Eid day and distribute the meat among the poor.

According to his itinerary released to the press by Rabiatul Al-Alam Al-Islami on Saturday.



Bank employees brought out a procession in city on Saturday demanding bonus. —Star photo

Smuggling of obscene Indian books must be stopped

By Shahzad Monju

The book import policy caused division among publishers and sellers as well as intellectuals, teachers, educationists, students and journalists.

The Editor of Tarakalok, Sazzad Qadir told The Daily Star we do not want totally ban on book import but it has to be restricted for our existence.

A national seminar on 'Book and magazine import' organised by Agami Pathchakra was held last year, in which Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury, Editor of the Dainik Janata, Sanaulah Nuri, Editor of the Dainik Desh, Anwarul Islam, Kamal Chowdhury, writer Abdul Mohaimen, Shahriar Kabir, Rezwan Siddiqi, Imdadul Haq Milon, Sazzad Qadir and others took part in the discussion in favour of restrictions on import.

Meanwhile, Fazle Rabbi, Director, National Book Centre, Prof Mohammad Harun-ur-Rashid, Director General of Bangla Academy, litterateur Shawkat Osman, writer and publisher M R Akhter Mukul and Mafidul Haque and others rejected the idea of banning book import. If you stop the import or impose restrictions on import then smuggled substandard books and journals will flood the market, said Akhter Mukul.

Both the groups showed a common view in their discussion believing that no barrier can stand against the flow of information. Both the groups agreed to the issue that substandard books and obscene books or journals imported or smuggled into the country from India must be stopped immediately. They also suggested for a book policy.

In the book policy, according to the specialists, setting up of a national book development council, abolition of the tender system for book purchasing by Public Library, facilities to exporters, training for publishers, paper supply in cheap rate and other book promotional activities both in public and private sector, will have to be included.

Ahmad Chahfa, a litterateur, in his writing published in the magazine 'Book' (Boj) said declaration of publishing house as an industry should be the first step in the proposed book policy so that publishers can get loan from bank on liberal conditions.

As a publisher Mr Akhter Mukul said publishers will be encouraged if the publishing house declared as an industry. The book policy will also include a well defined export policy, the specialists opined.

Bangladesh now exports finished books and book sheets worth Taka 15 lakh a year, according to book export standing committee.

The committee said there is no effort from the government for promotion of exports. However, the operators further said that the lack of initiatives and competitive spirit are the main obstacles to export books particularly to India where there is a hidden demand for Bangladesh books.

They pointed out that in India, initiatives are made at both government and private levels to hold regular displays, introduce good authors and promote markets abroad. Mohiuddin Ahmed in a writing proposed that in the book policy the question of signing the memorandum of understanding between Bangladesh and India for a balance and healthy book flow between the two countries should be considered.

UNESCO world congress on books in 1980 at London recommended such ideas towards a national plan to achieve a reading society by the year 2000 in the developing countries. These are mainly: Formulation of a national book strategy, recognition of book industry as a vital industry, integration of the new technologies into the book chain, stimulation of international cooperation to build national book capacities and two way flow of books across borders.

In another article about national book policy published in the New Nation on August 26 last year, Ahmed said many countries had long recognised the role that books play in developing a nation's human resources and had decided on the establishment of book policies.

College girl commits suicide

By Staff Correspondent

A student of Eden Girls' College committed suicide in Lalmitia late Friday night.

Police said that Farhana Rahman, a third-year student of the Economics Department of the College, committed suicide setting herself ablaze after dousing herself with kerosene oil in 7/6 Block-B, Lalmitia at around 11-30 pm on Friday. Police identified her as the daughter of late Mustafizur Rahman.

The body was taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy. A case has been registered with the Mohammadpur Police Station. However, the reason for the suicide could not be known.

Restoration of discipline in banks urged

RAJSHAHI, June 22: The State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperative (LGRD) Kabir Hossain visited Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) recently. He exchanged his views with the senior executives of the bank, says a press release.

In his short address he urged upon the bankers to work dedicatedly with honesty and sincerity to reach the fruits of the bank to the general mass, specially the people engaged in agricultural activities. He spoke about the government is present policy of development regarding restoration of financial discipline in banking sector.

M M Nurul Haque, Managing Director of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank thanked the Minister for his kind visit on behalf of the employees. In a nutshell he appraised him about the bank's programme, its problem and prospect.

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Sales Purchase Tender & Employment News

- (1) An International Bank wants two Senior Officers. Applicants must have University degree and 8 years Banking experience. Please apply with full bio-data and one photograph to GPO Box No 3490, Dhaka-1000 by July 10, 1991.
- (2) Director, Institute of Business Administration, Dhaka University, invites applications for the posts of Lecturers (one Management Science and one Finance). Candidates must have Masters in Business Administration. Please submit 8 copies of applications with attested copies of certificates and testimonials with crossed Postal Order of Tk 30 to Director, IBA before July 31, 1991. For application form please contact the Secretary, IBA.
- (3) Director, Institute of Business Administration, Dhaka University, invites applications for the posts of Assistant Professors. Candidates must have MSc degree and 3 years teaching experience. Please submit 8 copies application with attested certificates and testimonials with crossed Postal Order of Tk 30 to Director, IBA before 31st July, 1991. For application form please contact the Secretary, IBA.

Tender

- (4) Manager (Purchase) BADC, "Krishi Bhaban", 49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, invites sealed international tenders for supply of 30,000 MT (65%) "NCP Fertilizer". Tender documents available from the Cashier of Accounts Division (Cash Section), Krishi Bhaban. Tenders must be submitted to Purchase Division, BADC, Krishi Bhaban, Dhaka at 11.00 am of 21.7.91.
- (5) Manager/Works, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, Works Division, 233, Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka, invites sealed tenders from 1st Class Contractors/Firms organised with any Govt/Semi-Govt Organisation for "Various Repair and Renovation Works of Duty Free Shops" at Zia International Airport, Dhaka. Tender documents available from Accounts Division. Tender must be dropped in the tender box kept at Works Division of the Corporation by 11.00 am of 27.7.91.
- (6) Gafra Habib Limited, Barabkunda, Chittagong, invites applications for enlistment for the year 1991-92 for (1) Tools, Hardware, Iron, Steel including Nail Sack and Sanitary items (2) Electrical Goods all Sorts (3) Printing and Stationery (4) Sand (various type), Fire wood, Saw Dust, Lime Stone etc (5) Motor parts, Tyre and Tubes etc (6) Type Writer and Calculator Machines repairing and servicing (7) Vehicles, Freeze, Fork Lifter, Transformer repairing and servicing (8) Medicine. Applications in letter heads must be submitted to General Manager, Gafra-Habib Limited, Barabkunda, Chittagong by 15.7.91.
- (7) Chief Mechanical Engineer/East Bangladesh Railway Chittagong, invites sealed international tenders from reputed firms of Bangladesh and abroad for repairing of Electrical rotating equipment (Generator, Alternator Motor, etc) for Bangladesh Railway's Locomotives. Tender documents available from 1st July to 31st August, 1991, from the office of Chief Mechanical Engineer/East (CME/E) Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong. Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept at the above office by 11.00 hrs of 2nd September, 1991.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka.

AUCTION NOTICE

This office Toyota Microbus No. Dhaka CHA-2040, 1979 Model, will be sold in public auction on 4-7-1991 at 11:00 a.m. Intending buyers may inspect the vehicle during office hours. As precondition to participation in the auction Earnest Money of Tk. 25,000 (Twenty five thousand) will have to be deposited in cash. Auction bid below the government decided amount will not be acceptable.

Md. Mazhar Rahman Mia
Metropolitan Magistrate
Collectorate Building, Dhaka

DFP (G) 7486-20/6
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National Sports Council
62/3, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000

No. NSC/F-13-16/P&D Dated: 19.6.91

RE TENDER NOTICE

- Tenders sealed cover are hereby invited in B.D.(NSC) Form No 2911 from the enlisted contractors of National Sports Council the undermentioned work which will be received in the office of the undersigned upto 1-00 P.M. on 10th July, 1991 and will be opened at 1-45 P.M. on the same day in presence of the tenderers, if any. No tender form will be sold on the date of opening of the tenders.
- Description of work. Construction of the Bathroom cum dressing room at South West Corner of Wooden floor Gymnasium-cum-Coaching Centre at National Stadium Complex-1, Dhaka at cost of Tk. 3,48,875.00.
- The tender form together with the schedule of items, specifications terms and conditions may be had from the office of the Director (Planning & Development) of National Sports Council 62/3, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000 during the office hours on cash payment of Tk. 350.00 (non-refundable). Time allowed for completion of the work is 75(seventyfive) days.
- Each tender must accompany with earnest money of Tk.9,000.00(Nine thousand) only in the form of "Protirakha Sanchaya Patra, 5 years B.D. Sanchaya Patra etc. duly pledged T.C. or B.D. from any schedule Bank in favour of National Sports Council, Dhaka without which the tender will summarily be rejected.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP(G) 7498-20/6
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Nurul Haq Prodhan
Director, Planning & Development
National Sports Council.

"RHD, Notice Inviting Tender (2nd Call)"

"Sealed Tenders Invited In B.D. Form No.2911"

- Tender Notice No. : 182/DC-I. of 1990-91. (2nd call).
- Name of work : Providing brick pavement and earth work at different location of Ist Km.(part) and 2nd Km. (part) of Rampal-Dhigirpar Road under Eastern Road Sub-Divn., Dhaka during the year 1990-91. (Ch. to 219-C/A).
- Estimated Cost : Tk. 6,27,400/-
- Earnest Money : Tk. 12,548/- In B.D./T.C./N.D.S. certificate in fav. of Ex. Engr.(RHD), Road Divn. I, Dhaka from any schedule bank.
- Time allowed : 45 (forty five) days from the date of issue of work-order.
- Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'D' class enlisted contractor of RHD of general category.
- Name of offices of availability of tender documents : Office of the Ex. Engr RHD, Road Divn.I/II/III/IV, Dhaka/Planning & Programming Divn./Preliminary Engineering Divn., Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban/Tangail/Mamensingh and S.D.E. (RHD), Joydebpur/Manikgonj/Nayerhat/ Mograpara/Shibpur/Bitikandi & Sreenagar Road Sub-Divn.
- Name of offices to receive tender bids : SE.DRC/SE. Planning & Design Circle/SE. Project Control Circle, Sarak Bhaban/SE. (RHD) Mymensingh Road Circle/Ex. Engr. (RHD), Road Divn. I, Dhaka & Tangail Road Divn., Tangail/SDE(RHD), Joydebpur/Nayerhat/Manikgonj/Mograpara/Shibpur/Bitikandi/Sreenagar Road Sub-Divn.
- Last date of receipt of tender upto 12-30 P.M. on 4.7.91.
- Date and time of opening of bids at 12-45 P.M. on 4.7.91.

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Gyas Uddin Ahmed
Executive Engineer (RHD),
Constn. Road Divn.I, Dhaka.

Dhamrai MP hospitalised

Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan, MP, from Dhamrai has been taken to Suhrawardy Hospital Saturday after severe heart attack.

He is in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

Obituary

By Staff Correspondent

Begum Amena Khatun, the wife of late Tota Mia who founded the Jonny Textile Mills and Bourani Textile Mills, died of kidney ailments Saturday evening. She was 68.

Begum Amena expired at her home of Hoult village under Jinjira after suffering from kidney troubles for a long time. She left behind six sons, three daughters and host of relations.

Disgruntled wife does it

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 22: A disgruntled wife in Cox's Bazar Monday severed her husband's genital while he was asleep because of an alleged extra-marital affair.

Police said, the 40-year-old Khurshida Begum cut off the male organ of her eighth husband, Maju Mia, aged 32, with a sharp knife at their Tekpara house in Cox's Bazar town. Following screams by the victim, neighbours rushed to the house and carried him to Cox's Bazar Hospital.

Maju Mia was transferred to Dulahazara Hospital in a critical condition on Tuesday.

Police arrested Khurshida Begum who divorced seven more husbands in the past.

A fisherman Maju Mia married pretty Khurshida, eight years older than him. They have no children.

CU Syndicate fails to hold meeting

From Staff Correspondent

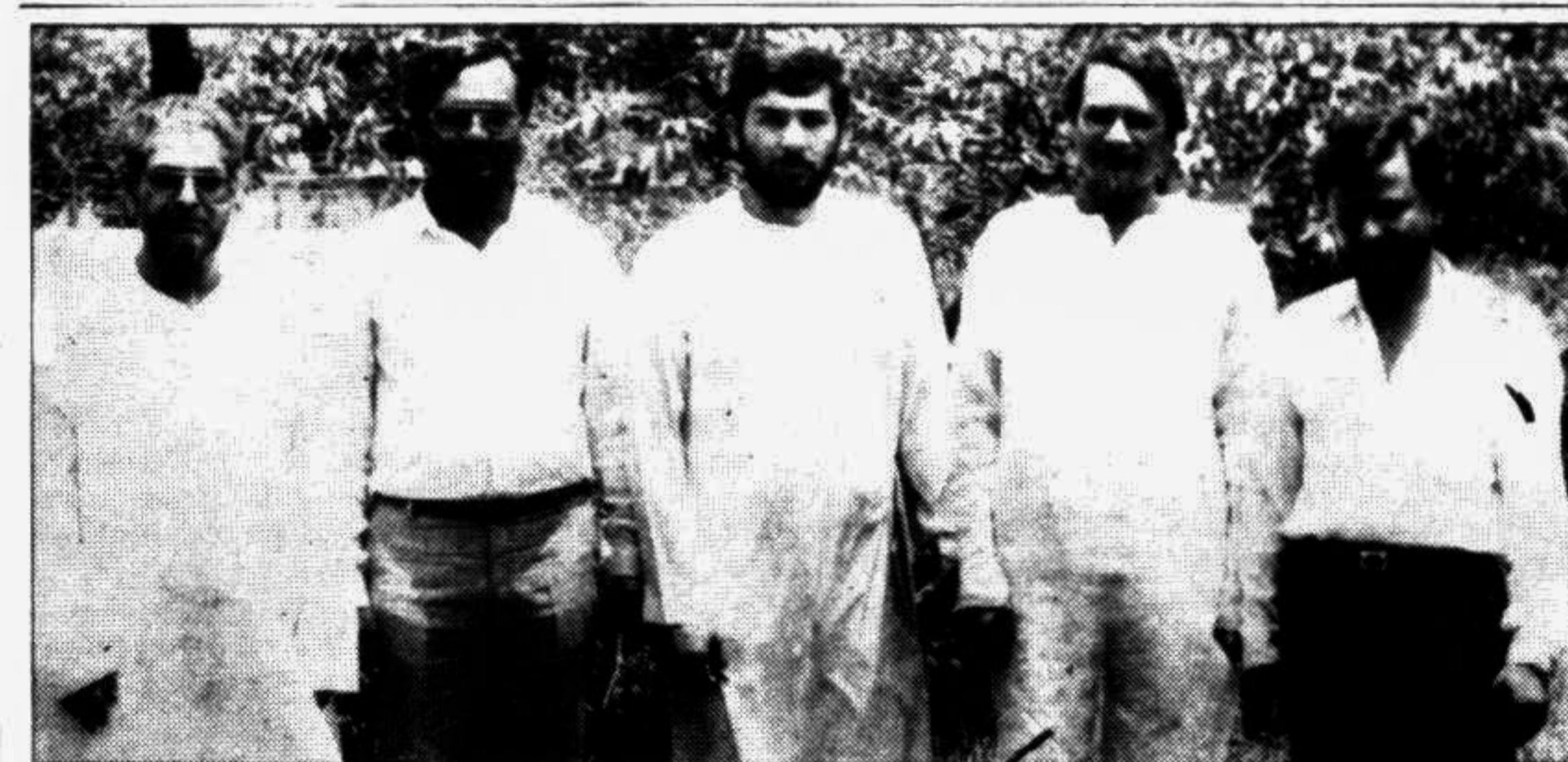
CHITTAGONG, June 22: An emergency meeting of the Chittagong University, Syndicate, scheduled to be held at the CU Club outside the campus this morning, could not take place in the face of protest by Sangrami Chhatra Otkiya and Sammilito Otkiya Parishad.

The Syndicate meeting was convened to discuss the crisis prevailing in the CU campus.

The two pro-Jamaat students alliances of the university condemned the attempt to hold the Syndicate meeting off the campus and called for demonstrations outside the CU Club in protest. The activists of the alliances agitated in front of the CU Club building and brought out separate processions in the city.

The processionists were demanding resignation of Vice-Chancellor Prof Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin.

Meanwhile, classes of 22 CU departments were held at the city's MES College as an alternative arrangement by a section of teachers and students. The CU campus is still controlled by the Islami Chhatra Shibir workers.



Rabeta Adviser Prof A N M Abdus Zaher and Senior Administrative Officer Kazi Md Nizamul Huq welcoming a special representative of Human Appeal International, UAE, and Islamic Society, Bahrain, Zafar Abdul Rahim on his arrival in city.



Labour Party leader Peter Shore MP speaking at a seminar on "Prevention of Flood, Cyclone and Tidal Surge in Bangladesh" at Toynbee Hall in East London recently. Seen in the Photo (from left to right) are Technical Director of C'wealth Secretariat Dr T. Mashamo, Chief Editor of the Deshbarata Gaziul Hassan Khan and BNP Organiser in UK Shamsul Alam Chowdhury.

Dateline Chittagong

Brisk preparations for Eid

CHITTAGONG, June 22: Brisk preparations are afoot to celebrate the holy Eid ul Azha here with due solemnity on June 24, reports BSS.

The main Eid Jamaat will be held at Jamiatul Falah Maidan at Dampara. Jamaats will also be held at 39 other mosques and eidgahs of the city. Khatib of Shahi Jame Masjid Maulana Abdul Ahad Al-Madani will lead Jamiatul Falah Jamaat, according to a press release of the Central Eid Jamaat Committee.

Meanwhile, buying of sacrificial animals is going on at Bibirhat, Pahartali, Fakirhat, Colonel Hat and other places. According to local people the prices of sacrificial animals are very high as the supply of the same was limited because of

the recent devastating cyclone and tidal surge.

Fine Arts College

Another report adds: Andolon Parichalona Com-mitte of Government Fine Arts College today urged the government to fulfil their nine-point demand.

Jahed al Sharif, student of the college on behalf of the committee told a press conference at the Press Club here it was the only Government Fine Arts College in the country which has no basic educational amenities since it was established in 1973.

The demands include, appointment of adequate teachers and other staff on different subjects and vacant posts introduction of student scholar-

ship and setting up of separate resident hostels for male and female students, arrangement of the office for the student union, extension of the room for holding all classes.

He demanded a judicial enquiry into what, he said embezzlement of college fund and some anomalies in various sections.

He also demanded appointment of a Principal, having fine arts educational background.

He said if their demands were not met by June 30, they would launch a programme.

The other leaders of the committee including, Masud Ali Biswas, Btushan Das, Tanmoy Baru were also present at the press conference.

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