

## Tk 58cr DU budget for 1995-96 proposed

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University yesterday announced a Tk 57.97 crore budget for 1995-96 with a deficit of Tk 12.82 crore.

The budget was presented on the second day of the senate session.

Presenting the budget, Prof Shamsul Huq, the treasurer of the varsity said, expenditure has increased by 11.13 per cent while the income by 2.77 per cent only.

As a result, the university is faced with deficit every year which is now Tk 12.82 crore, he added.

Of the total expenditure Tk 47.50 crore will come from the University Grants Commission while Tk 2.85 crore from the university's own resources.

In the meeting, Prof Huq also announced the revised budget of the passing 1994-95 fiscal. The total revenue expenditures in the year stood at Tk 53.05 crore while total revenue income was Tk 48.35 crore.

In the proposed budget, 59.76 per cent of the total expenditure has been allocated for the salaries and pensions of the teachers, officials and employees while the rest 40.26 per cent for other academic activities.

Besides, funds have been allocated for air conditioning, computerisation and modernisation of the library, scholarships, maintenance of the research equipment and purchase of chemicals for different science departments.

Meanwhile, a group of senators walked out of the first session on the second day of the annual meeting protesting a ruling of the senate chairman.

A senator demanded a ruling from the chairman on the nomination by the Chancellor of a senator, namely Tazmarly Islam.

The senator alleged that she had been nominated in place of Prof Mumtaz Uddin Ahmed who had not resigned.

The chairman in reply said he was not supposed to know whether there was any vacancy. He had the list of five members nominated by the Chancellor and that was final, the chairman added.

At this, some senators walked out of the session for two minutes.

The session resumes at 4 this afternoon.

## Tk 45.35cr RU budget for '95-96

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, June 29: A Tk 45.35 crore budget of the Rajshahi University for the fiscal 1995-96 was announced today showing a deficit of Tk 16.06 crore.

The treasurer of the university, Prof Makbul Hossain, placed the budget at the senate session held with the Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Yusuf Ali in the chair.

Of the total amount, Tk 27 crore will be available from the University Grants Commission, while Tk 2.28 crore will come from the university's own resources.

The senate session also elected Prof Shah Habibur Rahman as a senate nominated member to the university syndicate, the highest decision-making body of the university.

## Seminar on empowering women

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The President said the national media could play its diversified role in highlighting the realistic picture of moral values, the rights of women and their success stories which would create awareness among the people in general and the women in particular.

The information minister called for wide publicity of different activities of advancement of women, specially their success stories, to create public awareness.

He said, media programmes on women would be improved more and more while men and women should work jointly.

He also said that more talented and efficient women would be appointed in the media to highlight the women's programmes.

UNDP Representative watanabe said, in Bangladesh we have a mass media which is very sensitive to gender concerns. We would like to see the mass media in Bangladesh to play a more proactive role in the empowerment of women because they have the power to mould public opinion. We also request them to continuously disseminate information on the UN Fourth World Conference on Women and also the parallel NGO Forum, in a way that people all over the country have access to this information. The Donor Working Group on Beijing stands ready to support initiatives which will enhance this information flow.

Watanabe said information is power and women should have equal access to that source of power.

She said dignity and fundamental equality of man and women are accepted by the world nations for world peace and sustainable development.

State Minister Sarwari Rahman said the women of Bangladesh were making gradual advancement in different fields where both the government and the non-government organisations were making their due contributions.

Referring to different government programmes for women development she said the issue of empowering women should be highlighted to the rural women through the media.

She said the government had formed a 42-member national council for women headed by the Prime Minister and focal point for women affairs were set up in 31 different ministries and divisions.

How many people

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introduced three courses at the training centres in the outgoing fiscal on industrial sewing machine operation and maintenance, radio and television and refrigerator and air condition. Under this new project, 1260 jobless educated youths were being trained annually as skilled manpower capable of meeting the requirements at home and abroad, he added.

Besides, the minister said the manpower bureau had taken up a new project to set up 11 technical training centres in 11 former districts in fiscal 1995-96. At the proposed centres, nine more trade courses on computer, telecommunications, building architecture, electronics, diesel and secretarial science would be conducted. Some 6000 educated youths are expected to become skilled manpower every year when the project is implemented, he added.



Two minibuses collided head on at Shahbagh in the city yesterday.

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## Budgets political instruments

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the budgets bluffed the people.

Citing an example, he said that in his last budget after the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman in 1981 he had shown a revenue surplus to the tune of Taka 827 crore but in the revised budget it stood at Taka 861 crore.

But during the Ershad regime, he said, revenue surplus in 1982-83 was shown at Taka 1193 crore although in the revised budget it came down to only Taka 700 crore.

He further said that again, in 1986-87, an amount of Taka 761 crore was the actual revenue surplus although it was shown in the budget as Taka 1100 crore. Similarly, in 1987-88, the revenue surplus was Taka 416 crore as against Taka 838 crore projected in the budget, he added.

Saifur Rahman said in 1989-90 Taka 1004 crore was shown in the budget as revenue surplus but the actual figure was only Taka 33 crore.

On the other hand, he told the House, in the revised budget for fiscal 1991-92 the revenue surplus stood at Taka 1970 crore although in the original budget it was shown at Taka 1014 crore.

Giving details, he said in the 1992-93 budget an amount of Taka 2454 crore was projected as revenue surplus but in the revised budget it stood at Taka 2550 crore.

In 1993-94 the revenue surplus was shown at Taka 3035 crore although it rose to Taka 3130 crore in the revised budget, he said.

He further said that in the outgoing fiscal 1994-95, the revenue surplus rose to Taka 3910 crore as against Taka 3689 crore projected in the original budget.

Saifur Rahman said that during the next fiscal 1995-96, a sum of Taka 4380 crore was shown as expected revenue surplus but this might go up to Taka 4500 crore.

The minister observed that the budget was the only document for establishing social harmony and therefore its political implications could not be ignored.

He said that during the Awami League rule, the highest income tax rate was fixed at 70 per cent while the BNP government had reduced it to 25 per cent.

The rate of inflation during the Awami League regime was 66 per cent while the BNP

government had brought it down to only 3.5 per cent.

The opposition parties had termed every past budget 'anti-people'. Now they were criticising this as a 'pro-polls' one, the Finance Minister said, adding: "I cannot understand what kind of budget they want."

He said this government was still carrying the legacy of a shattered economy left by the autocratic ruler.

During late president Ziaur Rahman's period, 66 per cent of the budget was allocated for the development sector while the revenue expenditure was 33 per cent. During the Ershad regime the situation reverted and turned worse.

During the last four years the government of Begum Zia had mended the shattered economy and tried to put it in order.

"Again, this time the development budget is higher than the revenue budget," Rahman said.

Between 1985 and 1990 the revenue earnings rose by 16 per cent on an average annually while the expenditure soared to 20 per cent. But in the 1991-95 period, the revenue earnings rose at a rate of 20 per cent while the expenditure dropped to 10 per cent.

"This is an indicator of steady economic progress," Rahman added.

He said expenditure has been reduced in unproductive sectors and the earnings were increased by economic liberalisation.

BSS adds: The Finance Minister asserted that the tax-GDP ratio in the next fiscal year would increase by at

## Fresh duty relief on 3 items

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman last night proposed new duty relief, ranging from eight per cent to 15 per cent on three items, reports UNB.

Winding up the discussion on the budget proposals in Parliament, he proposed to reduce duty on synthetic fibre, raw materials for tyres, and tubes of bicycles and rickshaws and BP sheets.

Rahman also informed the House that duties on most medical instruments and appliances have been made zero in next year's (1995-96) budget.

## Unemployment will reach 30 pc

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The regional perspective report on "Jobs, poverty, and working conditions in South Asia" paints a grim picture of the region consisting of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, which together have 430 million workers or about a fifth (17.5 per cent) of the world's labour force.

In terms of per capita consumption, South Asia is the poorest region in the world. The report notes that in 1990, almost 59 per cent of the region's population consumed less than 30 US dollars a month in terms of purchasing power parity, while this share was 53 per cent in Sub-Saharan Africa, 28 per cent in Latin America and 15 per cent in East Asia.

Growth, at 4.1 per cent, in South Asia between 1980-90 has been slower than in any other developing region except Africa, it said.

In the early 1990s, investments ranged from about 12 per cent in Bangladesh to 23 per cent in Sri Lanka and India, compared to 34 per cent in Malaysia and 40 per cent in Thailand. The average South Asian worker uses only 2,513 dollars of capital, compared with a developing country average of 13,000 dollars and an industrial country average of 150,000 dollars, the report points out.

Most workers in South Asia will benefit from globalization of the world economy

following the Uruguay Round through increased international migration, foreign trade and capital flows, but a few, operating in inefficient pro-

costs and raise productivity through skill upgrading, more investment, improved technology, and backward link-



World Bank Resident Mission chief Pierre Landel-Mills speaking at a press conference on the occasion of releasing the World Bank report in the city yesterday. Hafiz Ghanem, an economist of the Bank, is seen on his left. — Star photo

tected sectors, will lose out, it says.

The report, however, cautions that the workers in South Asia's booming garments industry, who have benefited in the past from OECD quotas on imports, will have to deal with tougher competition.

For example, as China and Vietnam become more effective exporters of garments, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka could lose market share, and jobs in those sectors would shrink, it says. "To remain competitive, South Asian exporters will have to lower

## Majidul Huq

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Prime Minister's office, said that Begum Zia was shocked by the whole thing and immediately made up her mind to move Huq from the Agriculture Ministry.

"Not a single member of the cabinet knew about the change," the source said.

"Only Food Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan was informed by the PM that he would have to take the additional responsibility."

Majid ul-Huq himself learnt of the decision Tuesday evening when he was attending Parliament. A treasury bench member had heard the news on TV and told a minister who in turn asked Huq if it was true. Huq reportedly expressed total ignorance.

Senior officials at the PM's office came to know about the major development just before noon, the source added.

Even BNP Secretary General and Huq's cabinet colleague Abdus Salam Talukder heard the news first from a reporter at around 11:30 pm. Other ministers also admitted they had no inkling about the change.

In the past the Prime Minister usually consulted some of her senior ministers who are believed to comprise the kitchen cabinet.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said that Majid ul-Huq's performance as head of two vital ministries — Agriculture and Water Resources — was questioned time and again by his cabinet colleagues. Especially, speculation was rife that Huq may be relieved of the Agriculture portfolio in the wake of the recent fertiliser crisis. Many quarters openly blamed him for actions leading to the crisis which really hurt the ruling party's image among the farmers and general public. Many also wanted him to own responsibility by resigning from the cabinet. Eventually, it was Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan who shouldered the blame for the fertiliser bungling and resigned.

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar was also conspicuous by his absence at the Gazipur convocation.

## JCD-Shibir clash in Sylhet: 30 injured

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, June 29: At least 30 persons were injured in sporadic clashes between the activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and the Islamic Chhatra Shibir here today. Of them, eight were admitted to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, while others to private clinics.

Police arrested Sultan Ahmed, president of the MC College unit Islami Chhatra Shibir and 3 other workers of the party and seized two motor cycles from the college campus.

The clash began on the MC College campus at about 12:30 pm when some activists attacked their rivals in retaliation for yesterday's clash. Police used batons to disperse the rival groups. Later, the clash spread to the other parts of the town.

## Nirmul stages anti-communal rally in city

The Ghatk Dal Nirmul Committee at an anti-communal rally yesterday at the Central Shaheed Minar demanded to formulate necessary laws to exclude the 'war criminals' from the voter list, reports UNB.

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## The Midnight File

### Pro-Dostam jet bombs Kabul

KABUL, July 29: The Uzbek militia of General Abdul Rashid Dostam launched a jet attack against Kabul today, but no casualties were reported in the pre-dawn bombing. The attack was the second on Kabul in less than two weeks. Two bombs were dropped but thank God nobody was injured, a resident said reports AFP.

### Court told during hearing of writ

## 11th Amendment covers Rouf's return to bench

Justice Mohammad Abdul Rouf had all requisite qualification to become a judge of the Supreme Court and thus there was no illegality in elevating him to the Appellate Division, the High Court was told yesterday, reports UNB.

Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Khan, appearing for the State, said Justice Rouf had all requisite qualification, as required under Article 95 of the Constitution, and he was appointed by the proper authority with his oath being administered by the Chief Justice.

Placing his arguments in the writ petition challenging the validity of Justice Rouf's appointment as a judge of the Appellate Division, he said it was speculative whether there was any consultation or not with the Supreme Court prior to Justice Rouf's appointment to the Appellate Division.

The writ was filed by convener of the "Coordination Council for Lawyers" Advocate Shamsul Huq Chowdhury on June 11 before the division bench comprising Justice Habibur Rahman Khan and Justice M M Ruhul Amin.

### Seminar

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transparent."

The BIDS economist urged the government to devise a mechanism which can ensure the participation of the poor in the planning process including the budget-making.

He also stressed the need for effective monitoring to see whether their [poor] suggestions are being implemented or not.

M Syeduzzaman said "Macro-stability is not enough, unless we have long term plan which will help flow of resources for the poor."

Dr Mahbub Hossain said, "Over the time the indirect taxes (currently 85 per cent) have gone up, which indicates that the government is taxing the poor while giving concession to the rich."

Syed Ali Kabir called for formulation of a legal framework for setting up of banks for the poor, which could ensure smooth banking for the poor.

Termining poverty — a state of mind, Mahfuz Anam asked "Will it not be self-defeating, if we term them poor only for being economically disadvantaged, although they have skills, patriotism and honesty?"

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Refuting the contention of the petitioner's lawyer Barrister Amirul Islam challenging a portion of the Fourth amendment of the Constitution, Khan said the Constitution provides for amendments.

Unless it can be shown that Justice Rouf's appointment had been done in violation of the Constitution, an amendment to the Constitution cannot be struck down, he submitted.

The government lawyer further submitted that the return of former CEC Justice Rouf to the bench is covered by the 11th Amendment which, he said, is a part of the Constitution.

He said the terms and conditions of service and the mode of appointment and removal of judges have been provided in the Constitution.

As he concluded his submission, another Additional Attorney General, Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, started making his submission before the same court on another writ challenging the holding of two constitutional posts — of the Chief Election Commissioner and a judge of the High Court Division — simultaneously by Justice Rouf.

The second writ was filed by Advocate Saleem Ullah on June 11, 1994. Earlier, Advocate M I Farooqi, lawyer for the petitioner, completed his submission and the two-member bench issued a rule upon the respondent.

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a combing delicately through gaps of concrete debris in a race against time to save the lives of shoppers trapped deep below and still screaming for attention.

Remote cameras tracking through the debris showed people caught by beams and eiders.

### Asst Judge

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article in The Daily Star on February 6, 1995 under the caption "The Parliament and the Judiciary at Loggerheads" which the court felt contained some objectionable and contemptuous matters.

The court observed that in the article the writer quoted some objectionable matters which were offending. Being a judicial officer of the lowest rank Karmakar criticised the highest court of justice in the country, the High Court observed.

### Ershad

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sued production and custody warrants against Ershad and Kamal Uddin Ahmed, asking the Dhaka Central Jail authorities to escort them to Chittagong for appearance in the court Saturday.

Earlier, Ershad could not be produced in the court on June 15 for the hearing of the case.

The CID investigators yesterday submitted chargesheets in the Manzur murder case to the CMM, Chittagong implicating Ershad and the four others.

### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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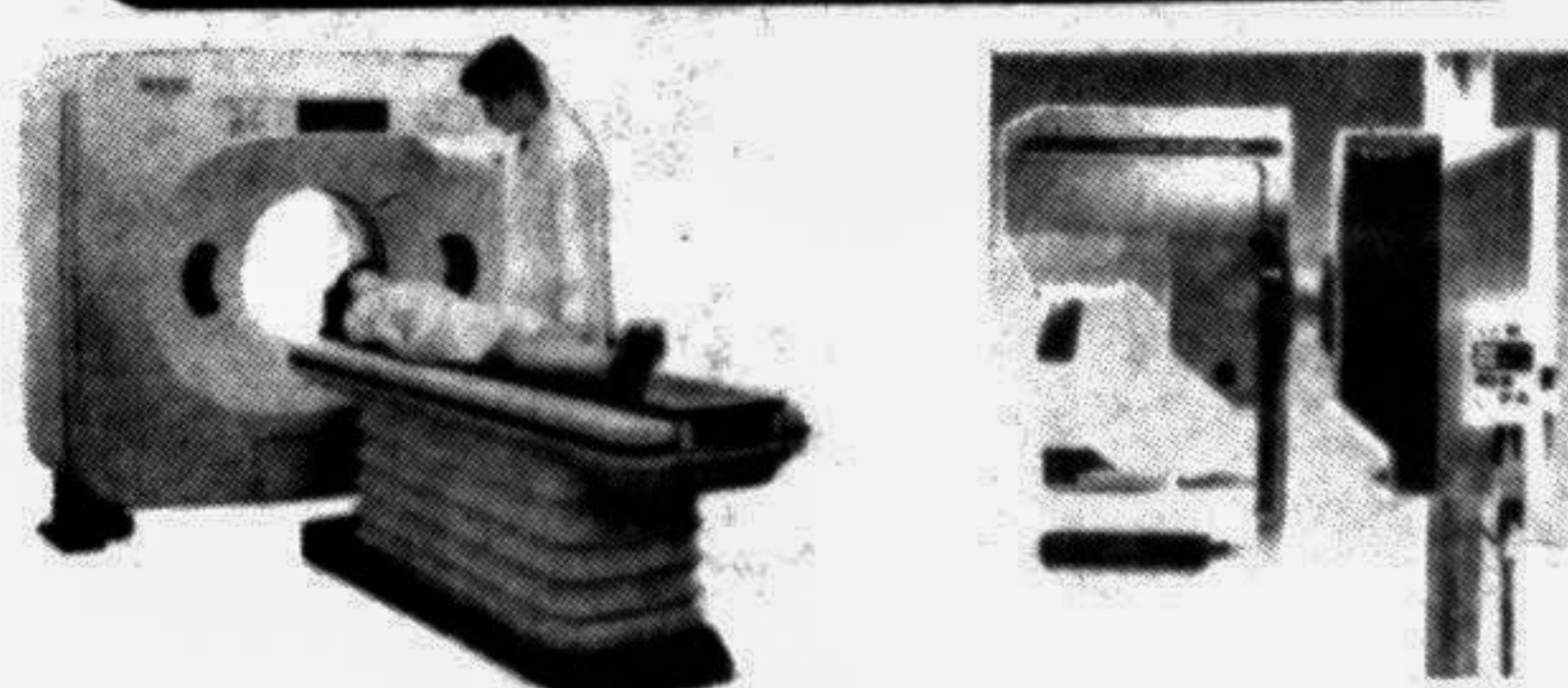
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