Restore image of DU'

By DU Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar here vesterday called for bringing back the image of the Dhaka University by removing terrorism from the campus and improving the education standard.

Dhaka University Alumni Association (DUAA) organised the seminar on "75 Years of Dhaka University: Its Tradition and Heritage" at the now deviated a bit from their Teachers Students Centre to mark 75 years of DU and 50 years of the DUAA.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed addressed the seminar as chief guest while Dr Momtazur Rahman Tarafdar of the Department of Islamic History and Culture presented the keynote paper.

The seminar, chaired by Prof Innas Ali, president of DUAA, was also addressed by The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam, Prof Anisuzzaman, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddique, Prof Aktar Imam, Prof Harunur Rashid, Prof Aminul Islam, Prof Muntaswir Mamun.

Prof Momtazur Rahman said Dhaka University had earned the reputation as one of the best educational institutions in the subcontinent this regard he recalled the great contributions of Sattendra Nath Basu. Shusil Kumar Deb. Dr Mohammad' Shahidullah, Kazi Abdul Wadud, Abul Hossain, AF

Rahman. From 1947 til 1971, the university had a glorious period with allround developments. Besides academic pursuit, students, teachers, officials and employees of DU took part in different movements and proved their awareness about their social commitments.

But the teachers have commitment. The 73 Ordi nance has given us academic freedom but it should not be misused." Dr Taraidar said.

Prof Emajuddin Ahmed said, despite its failures in different fields "the university in still unique in the field

Referring to terrorism the VC said it is not possible for us to combat terrorism as we are not trained in it." The government as well as the opposition political parties know well who are the terrorists. "If they want, it is so simple a matter to remove terrorism from the campus."

Referring to 'teachers' politics, the VC said there will be politics so long there will be provisions for election in the Ordinance. But there within a few years of its should be consensus among establishment in 1921. In the teachers regarding academic matters.

The VC said, there will be no session jam in DU if the existing academic atmosphere can be continued for a

FBCCI: Protest strike

From Page 1 related with business to come out closing their work and stand up on the streets in front of their work places for 15 minutes from 12 noon," Salman said.

"At this critical political situation when one group is calling week long hartal and another group is preparing to resist the programme - the business community who are the worst victim of the situation, cannot remain a silent spectator," the FBCCI president said.

He said the business leaders irrespective of their party affiliations have supported the programme.

"We are not going to protest against the programmes announced by the opposition political parties but we are protesting the political deadlock created by the political leadership," the FBCCI chief said. He held responsible the ruling and op-

position parties for the crisis. Responding to a question whether they are helping the government by the programme he said, in parliamentary democracy the Opposition is also part of the government. So they can not avoid their responsibility of removing the sufferings of the common people, Salman

asserted. The FBCCI chief further said the present political crisis was affecting the law and order. Businessmen are being kidnaped and killed by the miscreants. Toll collection, abduction, violence and other social crimes have also increased due to serious deterioration of the political situation, he alleged.

On a question on the recent steps taken by the Election Commission to debar the loan defaulters from participating in the general election, the FBCCI president said they support the move but demand inclusion of tax evaders in the provision. Transparency and account ability should be applied to

In this context he informed the press that he had decided to contest the next general election from Dhanmondi-Mohammadpur constituency as an "independent" candidate.

"There is no political party in the country which is familiar with my views and beliefs. That's why I want to be an independent candidate," said Salman Rahman, one of the leading industrialists and business tycoons.

One chopped to death in city

By Staff Correspondent Police recovered the body of a young man from Laboratory Road in the city in the

early hours of yesterday. Shaheen, 22, son of one Ishaquddin Talukder, was chopped to death by some unidentified men, said Dhanmondi police adding that they recovered the body after receiving a ghost phone

Police were looking for Shaheen for a long time as there are a number of cases against him.

Ishaquddin lodged a case with the Dhanmondi police but no arrest was made till late last night.

Holiday Inn case

From Page 1 A division bench of the HC upon hearing the criminal revision petition issued a rule and stayed all further proceedings of the case

The rule was heard by the division bench of the HC comprising Justice Naimuddin Ahmed and Justice Md Ruhul Amin. Justice Naimuddin Ahmed gave verdict to quash the matter, while Justice Md Ruhul Amin gave a dissenting judgement.

pending in the lower court.

The case was later sent to the Chief Justice who referred it to the 3rd judge, Justice A M Mahmudur Rah-

Justice Mahmudur Rahman upheld the judgment made by Justice Md Ruhul amin and refused to quash

he matter. Barrister Maudud Ahmed challenged the final judgment of the HC and filed the petition for leave to appeal

in the Appellate Division.

Earlier, Md Ataur Rahman. n Anti-Corruption Bureau officer, lodged an FIR on May 9, 1991 with Metijheel Police Station regainst former president is M Ershad. former deputy prime minister Maudud Ahmed (at the time of occurrence), former Minister for Works, Shafigul Gani Swapan, former chairman of RAJUK and Abul Khayer Litu, a businessman. It was alleged in the FIR

that the accuseds in collusion with each other for their personal benefit got a piece of land measuring about 11 bigha at Shahbag, north to the PG Hospital and opposite to the Hotel Sheraton, allotted in the name of M/s Holi-

The FIR accused that the allotee also got permission to pay the price of the land in instalments without any interest thereon. As a result RAJUK was deprived of Tk

13,40,43,636.97. It was further alleged that although the Trustee Board of RAJUK fixed the value of the land at Tk 1.5 crore per bigha, but the accused persons for their personal gain got the price refixed at Tk 1

The Investigation Officer submitted charge sheet on July 18, 1991 under the

same sections. Nasiruddin Ahmed, senior special Judge, Dhaka framed the charges against the accused persons on March 3, 1992 to which the defen-

dants pleaded not guilty. Barrister Rafigul Hug assisted by Advocate Azizul Huq moved for the petitioner. while Barrister Maudud Ahmed was present in the court. Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan assisted by Deputy Attorney General Moazzem Hossain and Shahmsul Alam represented the state.

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Boalmari College BCL factions

clash: One dies FARIDPUR. Nov 2: An young man, injured in a clash at Boalmari on Wednesday evening, succumbed at the Faridpur General Hospital in the small hours today, doctors said, reports UNB.

He was identified as Shamsul Islam, 25, an em ployee of a shop in Boalmari Fifty others were also in-

jured in the clash that took place between Sarwar and Musa factions of pro-Awami League Chhatra League at the

Witnesses said during the clash ruling BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and JP's Jatiya Chhatra Samaj sided with the Sarwar fac-

Local people said the trouble erupted when the Musa faction, who won the major posts of Boalmari Degree College Students' Union election on October 28. brought out a victory procession on Wednesday morning and exploded several handmade bombs.

15 shot dead in Karachi

KARACHI, Nov 2: Fifteen people were killed here early today in an execution-style killing that brought the death toll in violence in the city to at least 24, police said, reports AFP.

Unidentified "terrorists' lined up the 15 men against the wall with their eyes blindfolded, and shot them dead with machine guns, they said.

On Wednesday, police reported at least nine people had been shot dead overnight.

Political violence has claimed some 1,600 lives in Karachi, Pakistan's economic capital, since the start of the

It has flared amid growing confrontation between the government and an ethnicbased opposition party, the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM).

10 hurt as JCD, BCL clash at Barisal College

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Nov 2: At least ten students were injured. five of them seriously, in a clash between the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at the Government Barisal College this morning. .

Witnesses said, the supporters of BCL were attacked by JCD activists when they were meeting on the college campus after a procession demanding students union

PM: JN college

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Referring to the long nine-year anti-autocracy movement, she said, it was necessary at that time to oust the undemocratic and cor-

rupt regime. "But, now there is a democratic government elected by the people at the helm of affairs. There is no need for movements now. Bangladesh cannot afford that luxury to waste even a day in movement. It is high time to expand education and build the nation," she said and sought the cooperation of all in implementing the massive programme initiated by the present government for spreading education and building the nation.

The autocracy, she regretted, had not only ruined the national economy but also destroyed the country's educa-

tion system. She said that her government attached the highest priority to the education sector and was now getting the salutary effects of those policies and measures by the way of enhanced rate of literacy

in the country. Prime Minister, announced that an auditorium would be constructed for the college, grant would be given to complete its under-construction mosque and microbus would be provided to teachers.

She informed that the girl students who are studying in the municipal areas would be brought under free education upto Class Ten from January 1996. At present girls outside the pourashava areas are getting the opportunity of free education.

The government is also planning to introduce free education in the HSC level, she added.

The Prime Minister recalled the contribution of the Jagannath College in the antiautocracy movement and assured it of all support and help.

Later, Begun Zia unveiled the plaque of the Jagannath University.

Tracking down criminals

We aren't well-equipped, police admit failure

By Staff Correspondent

Admitting failure, a senior police official yesterday said that they were unable to rescue the kidnapped child, Naimus Sakib, due to the lack of special equipment to track down criminals by tapping the telephone.

Sakib, 7, was kidnapped from his school at Purana Paltan on Monday and the kidnappers demanded a ransom of Tk 5 lakh. He was released by the kidnappers Wednesday at a place near his house after one of them, Asaduzzaman, a student of Dhaka University was nabbed from near the Surja Sen Hall

of the university. Sakib in his statement before a magistrate at the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday stated how he was kidnapped and released.

His mother while talking to The Daily Star said, "the kidnappers made at least half a dozen phone calls during the two days Sakib was miss-

Officer-in-Charge of Motijheel thana when contacted said: Police is not equipped with "gadgets" to locate criminals over telephone. "We tried to locate the kidnappers with the assistance of the T and T but the procedure is too cumbersome," said OC S M Mohiuddin.

Two other members of the gang, Hafiz and Rashid, could not be arrested till filing of this report last night. Rashid is a student of Dhaka University, police claimed.

According to Sakib statement, Hafiz, who was known to the family earlier, took him from the school and bought him sweets and later took him to a place. He said he saw a lot of guns, where he was kept for 2 days.

Sakib's mother complained about security measures in the Little Jewel Kinder Garten School where her son read. "I won't send my son to that school", she

Incidents of kidnapping for ransom is increasing alarmingly in the city. At least 15 persons including some children, were kidnapped from Dhaka city and its suburb area during the last one week, according to reports published in newspapers.

According to a recent study conducted by Dr A Rab of Dhaka University kidnapping cases in the city increased by at least 20 per cent in the last one decade. Woman lawyers take

responsibility of Lovely

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ. Nov 2 The Bangladesh Mahila Ainjibi Samity yesterday decided to rehabilitate Lovely, a jilted lover, now in the safe custody of the Narayangani court

Earlier, disgusted at the betraval by her boyfriend Lovely, daughter of a former MP from Naogaon, decided to become a prostitute at the red light area here.

The girl was rejected by her lover after she had spent about a fortnight with him in Dhaka.

Shibir ransacks From Page 1 the alleged involvement of the JCD members in the re-

cent Jessore incident.

The Shibir activists ran sacked documents, damaged furniture and broke the pictures of the BNP leaders at the district office. Later they also attacked the residence of the district JCD president. Mother and aunt of Akhtar Chowdhury were also injured in the attack.

Police arrested one Shafiqullah, a leader of the Islami Chhatra Shibir and three cases have been lodged with the local police.

Hasina's reply to PM

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bloodshed has failed to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people and the House had lost its effectiveness one and a half years ago. As a result, the country is in a grave crisis. But I notice with much regret that your letter does not give any direction towards a settlement nor does it contain any guideline about the agenda for the

talks. "With goodwill and sincerity, it is always possible to solve a problem through meaningful discussions, however complex a problem or crisis might be. But it is to be remembered that no discussion can bring about fruitful results without a definite agenda. That is why, I think it is necessary to fix an

agenda before any dialogue. "What can be the objective or goal of the dialogue in the context of the present political situation? That must certainly be getting out of the prevailing crisis. You are certainly aware that the entire Opposition and the people have been agitating for the last one and a half years demanding national elections under a non-party neutral caretaker government in the interests of ensuring the democratic process and the right to vote of the people as enshrined in the Constitution. During this democratic movement, people have suffered much and sacrificed a lot, the opposition leaders and workers have been made victims of persecution and harassment, many leaders and workers have been jailed and there has been much bloodshed

"Not only that, the country is also in a grave social and economic crisis. The deteriorating law and order situation, repression on women, terrorism, utter insecurity of life and property, rampant corruption, severe food crisis, famine and the continuing rise in the prices of essentials have made people's life unbearable. "Your letter makes no

mention of any agenda for talks on a settlement of the current political crisis. Our people are not unaware of the bitter experiences of meaningless time-killing and aimless discussions of the past. We, along with the democracy-loving people of the country, firmly believe that only a non-party neutral caretaker government can guarantee the people's right to vote, and ensure a free and fair election. So, I request you to accept the concept of a non-party neutral caretaker government for holding elections in order to achieve political stability through free, fair and impartial voting and thus create a conducive atmosphere for a dialogue. We can meet anywhere and at any time, once the atmosphere for a dialogue is cre-

Gen Mahmudul Hasan dead

Bangladesh Ambassador to Turkey, Major General Mahmudul Hasan died of heart failure at his official residence in Ankara yesterday morning. Foreign Office sources told BSS last night.

General Hasan was 53. He was appointed ambassador to Turkey in August, 1992. President Abdur Rahman

Biswas has expressed his profound shock and sorrow at the death of Mahmudul Hasan in a condolence message

President Biswas recalled the services of late General Hasan and said in his death the country has lost an able and sincere diplomat.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also expressed her deep shock at the death of Mahmudul Hasan. In a similar message the

Prime Minister recalled that General Hasan performed his responsibility with sincerity and devotion.

She conveyed her deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

2 kidnapped girls rescued

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 2: The two kidnapped school girls. Amina and Moina, rescued from Hossainpur area in the town today 11 days after

their abduction, reports UNB. Family sources said one Tapu aided by his five associates picked up Amina Khatun, 13, and Moina Khatun, 14 from Baghbati High School on October 22 at

gun point. Police raided the house of one Abul Kalam in the area and rescued the girls at about 5 am. But the culprits, however, managed to escape the arrest. The girls were allegedly violated by the miscreants several times. They are now in police custody.

Second letter

From Page 1 asked if the PM had accepted Hasina's proposal for accepting the concept of a caretaker government for holding the next elections, the minister, preferring anonymity said "Why should she agree to such a condition before the proposed dialogue takes place."

14 new cos

From Page 1 that another 40 companies are expected to be listed dur-

ing current fiscal year. Among the 14 listed companies, 10 belong to Beximco Group and the others include Kasem Dry Cells Ltd, National Bank Ltd. Bangladesh Shipping Corporation and Reckitt & Colman Ltd, CSE sources

Meanwhile, Chittagong Stock Exchange marked a bullish trend for the past few days due to brisk trading. CSE started floor trading from October 10 with 33 listed companies.

All preparations are afoot for the formal inauguration of CSE on November 4. The inaugural function will be held at Hotel Agrabad. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will attend the function as chief guest while Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will be present as the special guest.

CSE started functioning in a rented house at Kaspia Plaza at Agrabad commercial

Now floor trading is held at CSE on 'cry-out' system and an on-screen system will be introduced from July next year, CSE officials said.

World Bank aid strategy

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build a consensus on reform. "Bangladesh's success in transforming its economy and reducing its number of poor will depend to a considerable extent on the evolving political economy," the WB noted.

Commenting on the persisting political crisis in the country, it says this has so far contributed to "a growing public disillusionment with politics and a diminished pace of reform." But the unrest had little effect on commerce and industry, it adds.

The 'new strategy' seeks to address 'squarely the root causes' of the problems including the political economic aspects saying that emphasis on quantitative measures was unlikely to produce lasting improvements in sectoral performance.

"Accordingly we have shifted our focus of dialogue and are now seeking to build support for more fundamental sectoral reform," the report said. Urging the government to

formulate a longer term

strategy for sectoral reform

incorporating 'well defined' benchmarks for assessing progress, the CAS noted: "Given such a strategy and evidence that political will exists for its timely implementation, IDA will be prepared to make new credits against step by step progress in addressing the underlying sectoral problems."

The report noted that the reemergence of democratically elected government since 1991 has underscored the power of special interest groups like public sector employees, protected business and politicised unions, rural elite and some politicians to block reforms.

"Bangladesh's success in achieving its poverty alleviation goals will be determined in large parts by its ability to reconcile these tensions," it added. After the elections, the

WB plans to review the CAS with the next government to adjust its strategy to incorporate the elected government's policies and priori-The WB will submit to the

next government shortly after its assumption of power a report detailing out the ad-

vantages of 'bold reforms over the next several years and the serious consequences of faltering. To this end, the Bank is undertaking a study titled "Bangladesh 2000" in collaboration with a "broad group" of locals. Disagreement between the

Bank and the government over the pace and implementation of reforms, along with opposition from bureaucracy and interest groups can thwart the reform that has already slowed down in recent months, the Bank ob-The Bank, however, wants

to "make every effort to build a consensus for major change within whatever government emerges from the elections." A major task of the postelection government would

be to counter the special interest groups opposing the reforms and "A low case scenario would occur if there were continuing political instability or the government in office were to place short term political objectives ahead of macroeconomic stability and longer-term poverty alleviation," the CAS

The Midnight Rile

US urges India, Pakistan to hold meet on Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, Nov 2: A senior US official today urged India and Pakistan to hold regular talks to settle their differences on Kashmir and other issues. Robin Raphel, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, told reporters in Islamabad that Washington was "encouraging both countries to stay engaged with each other," reports

Serb-Croat accord

From Page 1 after the formal start of the peace talks.

They would communicate through shuttling mediators. US Secretary of State Warren Christopher opened the talks by saying: "We are here to give Bosnia-Herzegovina a chance to be a country at peace, not a killing filed."

He warned the Balkan leaders that collapse of the peace talks could spell a wider war in Europe.

Christopher had brought with him from Washington a draft peace agreement contained in a 'blue book".

He said any successful accord must, at a minimum, ensure four basic principles.

Besides the draft agreement, the "completely negotiable" proposals charted by the US as a foundation for peace in Bosnia included: a draft constitution

which envisions a single unified state of Bosnia. a document dealing with free and fair elections. a document providing

Bosnia's refugees. a map outlining Bosnian Muslim, Serb and Croatian sectors.

for the return of all of

 a document outlining effort to reconstruct Bosnia once peace is sealed, and a document defining how military forces will be

Jail Killing Day

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The killers were later protected by the indemnity law. Awami League will observe the 'jail killing day' through an elaborate programme.

At 6 am, black flags will be hoisted at the party offices across the country and at Bangabandhu Bhaban at 8 am, party leaders will place floral wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu. At 8:30 am, party leaders

at the graves of the four leaders and fateha. A seminar on the four leaders will be held at the AL central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city at 3 pm.

Party chief Sheikh Hasina

will preside.

and workers will visit Banani

graveyard and place wreaths

tune of Bangla music. The show was followed by a performance by Feedback -

a leading pop group. CSE to broaden base

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Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) - underwriter of majority of the Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) of different companies -Khairul Huda says, "The decision to set up CSE is a landmark in the history of capital market in the country and it will bring dynamism in the share business and also benefit the investors, particu-

larly, small investors." the CSE was of immense importance for the port city both from commercial and cost for the investors of the

"We feel that small investors and newly admitted investors of that region would

he said. ICB has seven mutual funds and one own funds en listed with both the CSE and the Dhaka Stock Exchange, where it makes at least 25

per cent of the dealings. "The activities of the CSE may be hampered due to non-availability of the securities most of which are listed with the DSE," Khairul Huda pointed out. "We hope the relationship between the two stock exchanges will be

Runa Alam of Perri Grine, a foreign investment company, sees the inception of CSE positively but believes that there is still a lot to be done in the country to boost the investment climate.

development of the industrial sector," she said.

Chief of the Treasury and Institutional Banking of Standard Chartered Bank Mamunur-Rashid said that the people's trust in the share market, which was once lost, has

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The group will now seek an appointment with the Prime Minister to convey her the outcome of their meeting

After yesterday's meeting, Faiz Ahmed briefed newsmen about its outcome. He said that the 90-minute meeting with Sheikh Hasina was held in a cordial atmosphere.

During the meeting Hasina was aided by Awami League leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Mannan, Zillur Rahman, Mohiuddin Ahmed, Begum Sajeda Chowdhury. Amir Hossain Amu, Abdul Momen, Tofael Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, Mohammed Nasim and Begum Motia Chowdhury.

Colourful fashion show in city

separated.

By Staff Correspondent

A colourful fashion extravaganza featuring designs by leading designers of the country brought to life the Winter Garden of the Sheraton Hotel last evening.

A bevy of glamorous young models, presented outfits in Bibi's signature fabric - the Grameen Check - and tie-

died silks and block-printed

He noted that creation of industrial point of view. "This will reduce the transaction

Chittagong region." be benefited from the CSE,"

complementary.

The whole market is still emerging. What CSE will be able to do for the capital market still depends on the

Hasina

PM could convey these names to the Awami League.

with Sheikh Hasina.

The lively show featured designs by Bibi Russel, Kumudini and Angana.

cottons. The show enthralled the audience as the models paraded on the catwalk to the

returned. "The CSE will have to consolidate that trust and I believe it will be able to do so.

more small investors will come to the scene," he Sajidur Rahman, a businessman and investor in stock market, termed the CSE," an alternative investment outlet of the small

Because, only then more and

savers in a market friendly "I believe the existence of two share markets in the country will now make investment fairer and more transparent for us. We will now be in a better position to

judge where to invest," he

Art Biennial From Page 1 strengthen the mutual ties and cultural bonds that tradi-

tionally exist between the

The State Minister then

distributed prizes for the

Asian peoples.

best art works of the 7th Biennial, selected by a fivemember international jury committee. Three grand prizes, carrying Tk one lakh and a medal each, were awarded to Abdul

Latif of Syria, Maruma Abe of

Japan and Ranjit Das of Bangladesh. Five honourable mentions were received by Phillip Doggett-Williams of Australia, Jyoti Ranjan Panigrahi of India, Anwar Saeed of Pakistan, and. Mahbubur Rahman and

Mahmudul Haque of Bangladesh. The chairman of the jury board. Australian art cities Roger Butler, and other members of the board - Chia Wai Hon of Singapore, Abdul Mannan Chamma of Syria, and Mohammad Kibria and Aminul Islam of Bangladesh were present at the cere-

mony. Among the winners, Maruma Abe and Ranjit Das accepted their awards in person.

Meanwhile, referring to Begum Minister Khaleda Zia's pledge, made during the inaugural of the 6th Biennial in 1993, of constructing a national art gailery in the capital. Jahan Ara pronounced that it was on the verge of becoming a reality.

"Land and money for its

construction at Sher-e-

Banglanagar has already been sanctioned. A design has also been approved and construction of the much cherished gallery will be completed within the next three years," the minister declared. "I am optimistic that we

shall be able to hold the 9th Biennial inside that gallery." she hoped.