

RU VC exchanges views with teachers about campus situation

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY. Dec 4: Prof M Eusuf Ali, Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University, exchanged views with the teachers of the university about campus situation on November 29 last. Prof Eusuf apprised the teachers about recent incidents that occurred on the campus and steps taken by the authority.

Teachers present in the meeting assured their full cooperation to the Vice-Chancellor in bringing back the congenial atmosphere on the campus. The teachers also viewed that the government's initiative in restoring congenial atmosphere on the campus is also essential.

Prof M Aminul Islam, President of Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA), Prof Abul Kasem, student adviser were among others who spoke on the occasion while acting Registrar Sayeed Mustak Ali was present in the meeting held at Senate Hall.

Second convocation ceremony of Islamic University to be held on Dec-13

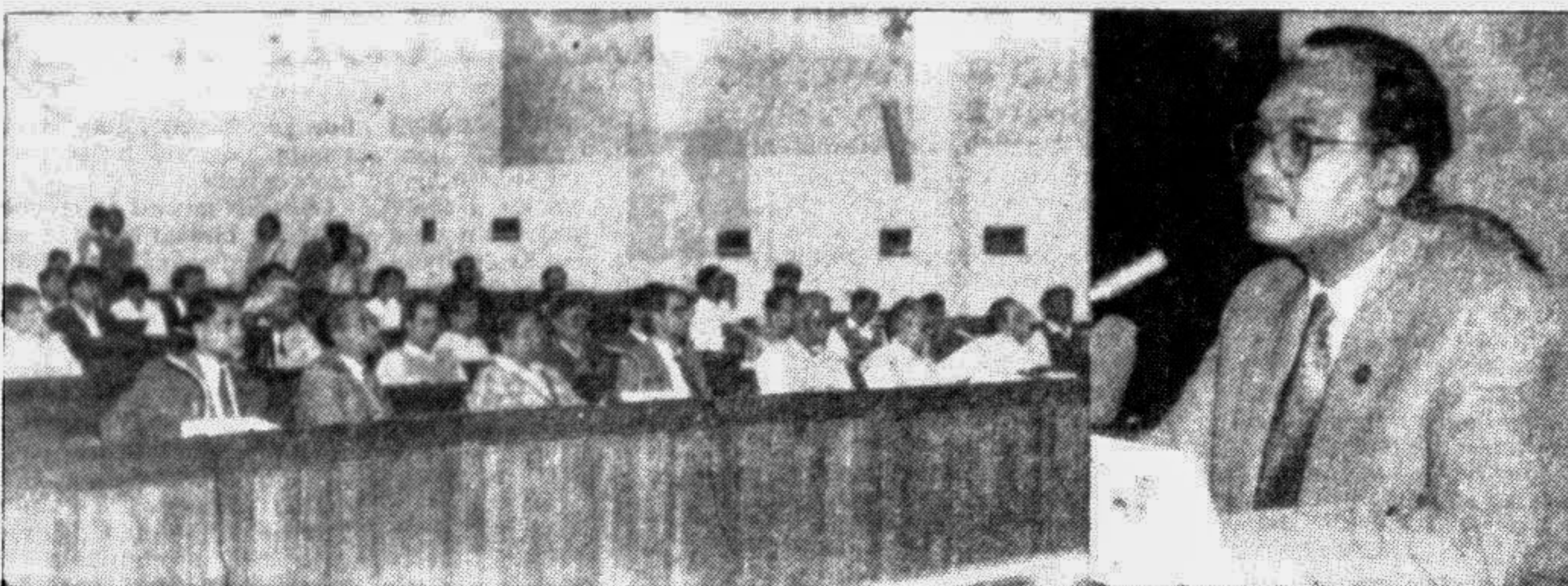
KUSHTIA, Dec 4: The second convocation ceremony of the Islamic University will be held on December 13 at the varsity campus, reports UNB.

Chancellor of the university Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will distribute certificates among the 590 graduate and post graduate students.

Certificates will also be given to one student who completed PhD and two others who finished M Phil.

The students who passed between 1990 and 1993 from different departments of the University have been requested to submit applications by December 2 for joining the convocation.

All relevant information will be available at the Registrar's office, a varsity press release said.



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Prof M Aminul Islam addressing a rally organised by Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) on November 29 last at Sabash Bangladesh. He stressed the need for united efforts of teachers, students, guardians and political leaders to re-establish congenial atmosphere on the campus. — Star photo

Law and order situation deteriorates in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Dec 4: The overall law and order situation in the district continues to deteriorate further despite police efforts to control it.

According to the local people, crimes like theft, robbery, murder, rape, gambling, cowlifting, railway diesel pilfering, snatching, unabated menace of gay girls, illegal VCR shows, and ganja plantation have increased.

At least 12 robberies, 30 thefts, three rape, four snatching were committed in all the seven thanas of the district during the last two months. Besides, pick pocketing has also taken a serious turn. The rate of divorce and child marriage is increasing alarmingly in the district.

According to reliable sources, over 50 women were given divorce in seven thanas during the period. Husbands abandoned their wives for not realising demanded dowry by putting slur or character.

Besides marriages of minor girls are being solemnised in seven thanas despite government ban. Girls under 18 year are not eligible for marriage. Local elite have urged the authorities to enforce anti dowry law strictly and impose restriction on divorce without any valid reason.

Ganja plantation in different char areas at Dewanganj, Jamalpur sadar, Islampur and some areas of Melandah thanas have increased alarmingly. Narcotics and Liquor Department recently seized several ganja plants from Dewanganj thana, Islampur and Melandah thana. Police recovered ganja plants from several village recently. Local people alleged that some dishonest Narcotics and Liquor Department officers are taking bribes from ganja cultivators on a large scale.

Illegal sale of liquor in different areas of the district towns and other thana towns are going on unabatedly. A large number of stationary and grocery shops are illegally selling liquor freely without any valid licence, it was alleged.

At night the youths are found waiting in queues to purchase liquor at exorbitant price. Competent sources said that number of such unauthorised wine shops is increasing in the town areas giving rise in the anti-social activities.

Cow-lifting has become rampant in different parts of the district. Over 50 cows were stolen during the period.

Gay girls on the otherhand have become active in De-

wanganj, Bahadurabadghat, Sarishabari town, and Jamalpur railway station creating social problem and spreading venereal diseases among young people, mostly students. In most cases the gay girls continue their business in exchange of illegal gratification. They come mostly from erosion affected areas. Finding no other alternative they adopt prostitution.

Gambling in broad day light has become a regular practice in all thana towns. Some dishonest elites are directly involved in gambling, it was alleged.

A bus dacoity was committed at near Ttpallah bridge 7 mile distance from Jamalpur town recently. The dacoits barricaded a Dhaka-bound mini-bus and looted over Taka two lakh from passengers. Two passengers were stabbed to death by the dacoits. The victims were Abdul Hakim, 45, and Habibur Rahman 40.

On the other hand, five dacoities were committed in the district town during last two months. Police arrested three dacoits for involvement in different cases.

On October 16 Jamalpur GRP thana police acting on a secret information recovered at least 200 bottle of Phenidyl from Ekota intercity

train. Police arrested one Chand Miah in this connection.

A snatching was committed in the town during the period. Two snatcher Jainal Abedin and Borhan were caught red handed by people. Amir Ali were arrested by police for involved in a rape case at Bahadurabadghat.

Seven persons were murdered in different areas of the district in this period. Police arrested eight persons for involvement in the separate murder cases.

About 500 gallons of diesel are pilfered daily from railway engines, steamers, and other vehicles from railway department at different points in Jamalpur district.

An organised gang of miscreants in connivance with some corrupt railway employees are stealing diesel and lubricant oil from the railway engines and ferry steamer engines on Jamalpur-Mymensingh, Jamalpur-Bahadurabadghat, Jamalpur-Jagannatganjhat, Bahadurabad-Teesta-mukhghat routes. Eyewitnesses said, the railway employees gather near the engines and collect the diesel and oil within a short time. This oil is always found being sold in the adjoining bazars to deep and shallow tubewell owners.

Metropolitan



Bikrampur Chhatra Kalyan Samity organised an orientation and scholarship awarding ceremony at the ICMA auditorium in the city yesterday. Prof. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury is also seen. — Star photo

New committee of DUJA

By DU Correspondent

M K Morshed of The New Nation and Sharifuzzaman Pintu of the Daily Janakantha were elected president and secretary respectively of the Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) for the next year.

The election was held on Friday at its office at the Teacher Student's Centre (TSC) of the university.

The other office bearers are: vice president—Mahfuzur Rahman (Daily Shakal Khabor); joint secretary—Nasiruddin Kachi (Daily Miliat); office secretary (jointly)—M M Aminul Islam Sazal (The Daily Star) and Anwar Al-Din (Daily Ittefaq); treasurer—Azizur Rahman Ripon (The Daily Independent).

40th anniversary of Bangla Academy on Dec 8

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangla Academy celebrates its 40th anniversary this week.

On the occasion, the Academy has organised a day-long programme December 8 at its premises, says a press release.

The anniversary programme will include screening of documentaries on folklore in the morning and a cultural function in the evening.

Besides, a "anniversary lecture" will be presented by Prof Sardar Fazlul at 4:00 pm on the day. The chairman of the Academy, Gazi Samsur Rahman, will preside.

BAITA apex body

The election of the Bangladesh Agricultural Institute Teachers' Association (BAITA) was held at the Bangladesh Agricultural Institute (BAI) recently, says a press release.

Prof Md Shadat Ulla and assistant prof M Zahidul Haque have been re-elected as president and general secretary respectively.

The other office-bearers are vice president — Prof Abu Akbar Mia, asst general secretary Gazi M A Jalil treasurer — Md Afzar Ali, literature secretary — Md Zafarullah, sports and common room secretary — Gopinath Chandra Sutrathdar, office and publicity secretary — Md Anwarul Haque Beg and members — Mohammad Hossain Bhuiyan, Kamal Uddin Ahmed, and Md Shahidur Rashid Bhuiyan.



Nominated for Who's Who

Prof Dr Md Fazli Ilahi of Islamic Institute of Technology, has been nominated by the Marquis Editorial Committee of USA for inclusion in the 14th edition of Who is Who in the World, says a press release.

Prof Fazli Ilahi, a noted personality in the field of engineering education and computer is author of several books and papers published at home and abroad.

He was a professor of Mechanical Engineering at BUET, head of Computer Centre of IIT, UNIDO Fellow, Matsumae Fellow, Commonwealth Scholar, Acting Chairman of Anjuman E Hedayatul Ummat, Secretary General of Foundation for Engineering Education and Development, and is President of BUET '71 Club.

BGPL extends entry time

By Staff Correspondent

The Business Guide Publications Ltd (BGPL) has extended the time limit to include the changed telephone and fax numbers of business houses, in the Yellow Pages a business guide, to December 14.

The Business Guide Publications, like previous years, will publish the Yellow Pages '96 in cooperation with the Export Promotion Bureau carrying addresses, and telephone and fax numbers of 2500 types of business and industrial organisations.

More EC grant for flood victims

European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO) has allocated an additional grant of ECU 700,000 (about Taka 3.76 crore) for various relief measures for the flood victims in northern districts of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

ECHO had earlier given ECU 1.40 million (about Taka 7.60 crore).

The northern districts were hit by floods in June/July and later in early October this year.

Announcement of polls protested

By Staff Correspondent

The announcement of election scheduled by-passing the opposition demand for holding election under neutral caretaker government has obstructed the ways towards participating in the general election.

This was observed by the Workers Party of Bangladesh yesterday at its third day meeting of the fifth national congress.

Workers Party, however, urged to cancel the schedule. Meanwhile, UNB adds: Pro-Awami League Chhatra League protested the announcement of the general election schedule.

The BCL brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday morning to protest the announcement.

The government has called the election unilaterally to stay in power by-passing the people's demand of caretaker government, said the BCL President Enamul Haque Shamim addressing a post-procession rally in front of the Aparajeyo Bangla.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Naogaon Tender Corrigendum Notice. Tender called earlier vide this office memo No. 2851 (18)/WE dated 15-11-95Eng/1-8-1402Beng. and tender notice No. EE/Naogaon-2 (Two) of 1995-96 for the work of construction of 15,000 gallons capacity RCC elevated overhead water tank in connection with the establishment of Regional Duck Breeding Farm along with Hatchery at Naogaon during the year 1995-96, the following corrections are made.

DESA Local Tender Notice. নিয়মিত বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন সন্ধ্যা বেলায় বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহার হ্রাস করুন. DESA invites sealed bids for purchase of Polyphase Electromechanical Meters & Instrument Transformers in local currency, reputed manufacturers/their representative, are eligible to bid in this tender.



SYLHET: A colourful rally was brought out in Sylhet town on the inaugural day of the 14th National Conference of Sandhani recently. — Star photo

12 lakh children in 16 N-districts deprived of primary edn

NATORE, Dec 4: Nearly 12 lakh children in 124 thanas of 16 northern districts of the country are being deprived of primary education due to lack of schools, reports UNB.

According to a survey revealed here recently, there is no government primary school in 301 villages of Natore, 587 villages in Chapainabaganj, 245 villages in Rajshahi, 762 villages in Naogaon, 118 villages in Pabna, 626 villages in Sirajganj and 325 villages in Dinajpur.

The reports said that 605 villages in Rangpur, 247 villages in Gaibandha, 120 villages in Joypurhat, 475 villages in Bogra, 885 villages in Thakurgaon, 421 villages in Panchagar, 185 villages in Kurigram, 137 villages in Nilphamari and 73 villages in Lalmonirhat districts have no primary school.

The survey, conducted by the Social Welfare Department, showed some 12 lakh children of the villages could not avail the facilities of government's free and compulsory primary education for want of schools.

RUTA observes increasing trend of terrorism on campus

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Dec 4: Speakers at a seminar titled, "The Role of the Teachers' Community in Curbing Terrorism on the Campus" observed that terrorism on the campus is increasing as no punitive action against terrorists has been taken so far. The seminar was organised by Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) with Prof M Aminul Islam in the chair at University Senate hall recently.

One killed in clash over fishing

JHALAKATHI, Dec 4: A violent fist caused death to a vegetable vendor at village Pipulita in Sadar thana here on Saturday, reports UNB. Manik Fakir, 45, was killed when his neighbour, Hanif, a young man of 20, struck him with a blow during a brawl over fishing at a village ditch.

A general diary was lodged with the local police station, but none was arrested so far. Police said they were waiting for the postmortem report.

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Most of the speakers pointed out the main cause of campus violence as unfit student leadership, admission of students over the seat capacity, re-admission of student leaders, flexibility of syllabus, lack of accountability of students politics, grouping in the teachers community, party role of university and police administration in punishing the terrorists, and deterioration of teacher-student relations.

The teachers who took part in the seminar also recommended a series of steps with a view to eliminate violence from the campus. They include recovery of arms from the terrorists regardless of party affiliation, enrichment of syllabus, prohibition of re-admission, banning procession and use of mike during class hours, not to give a student more than four years for passing hours classes and two years for masters classes.

Dr Mizan Uddin, General Secretary of RUTA, Prof Abul Kasem of physics, Prof Muhi Uddin, Prof Azharul Islam, Rafiqul Islam, Kaberi Gayeen also participated in the seminar.

জাতীয় সম্প্রচার কর্তৃপক্ষ টেলিভিশন ভবন, রামপুরা, ঢাকা. ডিটিভি-৬২/৯ম স্ব/৪০৬১ তারিখ: ১৫-০৮-১৪০২বাং ২৯-১১-১৯৯৫ইং. টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং টি ৪৪৫-এর সংশোধনী.

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