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Indian Army chief calls on President

The visiting Chief of Indian Army Staff General Shankar Roy Chowdhury made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB. Welcoming the Indian General, the President said neighbouring Bangladesh and India

have friendly and cordial relations since the country's independence. He said the defence cooperation between the two countries started developing with the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1971, said an official handout.

A number of visits at the heads of government and official levels between the two countries were exchanged with a view to promoting socio-economic and bilateral relations, including defence cooperation, Shahabuddin said.

What's on today...

Bulbul Lalitakala Academy: In observance of Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary, the Academy has arranged a cultural programme. Venue: Academy's Wise Ghat centre. Time: 7:15 pm.

Art exhibition: A group art exhibition by BFA (Honours) 3rd year students of the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, will begin. Venue: Zainul Gallery, IFA. Time: 5 pm till Aug 14.

Film show: 'The Immortal' by Alain Robbe-Grillet will be screened. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 10 am.

Cultural evening: Volga Club in cooperation with Russian Cultural Centre (RCC) will hold a charity cultural evening. Venue: RCC auditorium. Time: 6 pm. Chief guest: Russian Ambassador Eugeny P Ivanov.

DYF reception: Dhaka Youth Federation will accord a reception to those who secured top positions in the SSC exams '97 from Dhaka Board. Venue: BCIC Bhaban auditorium, 30-31 Dilkusha C/A. Time: 4 pm.

Seminar: Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh has arranged a seminar on 'The managerial cost efficiency of the Grameen Bank'. Venue: WVA auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

OFA: Old Faujians Association (OFA), Dhaka Chapter will accord a reception to Old Faujian MPs. Venue: Kurmitola Golf Club. Time: 7:30 pm.

Newspaper holiday August 15

All newspaper offices will be closed on August 15 (Friday) on account of National Mourning Day, reports UNB.

Election of JU syndicate, academic council members August 31

By JU Correspondent
Election to the five posts of the syndicate, six posts of academic council and one post of the finance committee of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be held on August 31.

About 330 teachers will cast votes to elect five syndicate members from the categories of provost, professor, associate professor, assistant professor and lecturer.

Three associate professors, three members from the category of assistant professor and lecturer to the JU AC and one teacher representative to the finance committee will also be elected.

Voting will take place at the JU Teachers' Club from 9 am to 1 pm.

Two groups of the JU teachers are yet to nominate their candidates.

3 employees of DUS beaten up

By DU Correspondent

Three employees of the Dhaka University Snacks (DUS) were beaten up by a group of unruly youths yesterday morning.

The victims said that some young men who were not students of the university came to the DUS at the TSC area at about 9:30 am. They took some food from the shop but declined to pay for it.

As the employees pressed for bill, they claimed that they belonged to the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of the ruling Awami League. One of the employees informed the police of the incident. When police came, those young men beat the employees in front of the police, they alleged.

DU rule on hall accommodation causing problems for female freshers

By DU Correspondent

A female student of Dhaka University, who has just got herself admitted into a first year honours course in the Department of Sociology, is being forced to stay in a city hotel with her father for attending classes as she failed to get accommodation in a residential hall of the university.

The student, requesting anonymity, narrated her sad plight to this correspondent yesterday on the DU campus. The girl, who is from Nilphamari, is attached with Kuwail-Bangladesh Friendship Hall of the university. Her classes began from Aug 3.

Every student of the university, male or female, is attached with one of the fourteen halls of the university. The allotment process normally begins eight to ten months after admission.

Moreover, the students of first year honours courses get only four or five seats. Most of the first year students who come from outside the city usually stay with their seniors.

However, DU authorities have recently decided not to allow students in the halls who are not allotted seats.

Despite the rule, outsiders affiliated with different student bodies are staying in different male dormitories of the university, sources said.

The rule is being strictly followed in the female halls, causing immense problems to the freshers.

JS body discusses SP(Amendment) Bill

A meeting of the parliamentary committee on private members' bill and resolution was held at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with its chairman Col (ret'd) Shaukat Ali in the chair, reports BSS.

In the meeting, the committee discussed the Special Powers (Amendment) Bill, 1996, placed by Salahuddin Kader Choudhury in parliament and sent to the committee for scrutiny, a press release said.

A three-member sub-committee was formed with AKM Jahangir Hossain as the convener to collect more information about the bill. Other members of the sub-committee are Prof Panna Kaiser and Md Mizanur Rahman Choudhury.

President, PM greet Singaporean counterparts

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed greeted President Ong Teng Cheong of Singapore on the occasion of the national day of the city state, reports BSS.

In a message felicitating President Ong, Justice Ahmed wished good health and happiness of the Singaporean head of state and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of that country.

In a separate message Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has congratulated Goh Chok Tong, the prime minister of Singapore on the same occasion.

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