

Revolver seized, 4 held in N' ganj

Police in a raid arrested four armed youths and recovered one revolver with four rounds of bullet from Nimtoli red light area of Narayanganj early yesterday, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip-off, the police raided the house of a prostitute and arrested Anwar Hossen, 25, Mizanur Rahman, 27, Shohel, 23, and Tipu Sultan, 28 and recovered the revolver from Anwar Hossen, police sources said. They were taken into custody for interrogation.

A case has been registered with Narayanganj police in this connection.

Stop meddling in country's politics, LDF to foreign powers

By Staff Correspondent

The Left Democratic Front from a rally held at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday (Thursday) demanded stopping of interference by foreign powers in country's politics, said a press release yesterday.

A declaration in this regard was read out by the LDF coordinator Morshed Ali, which was also attended among others by Rashed Khan Menon, Mujahidul Islam Selim and AFM Mahbubul Huq.

Call to free campuses from politicisation

National Professor M Innas Ali yesterday called upon the university authorities to take steps to free their campuses from politicisation of the faculty members and students as well as violence and lawlessness for enhancing the standard and quality of higher education, reports BSS.

The noted scientist observed that terrorism has gripped the campuses in such a way that sometimes the universities become battlefields and the routine speeches and statements of political cadres against such incidents bear no fruit.

Prof Ali was addressing the inaugural session of a two-day seminar on "the role and programmes of the University Grants Commission and education level" organised by Bangladesh University Grants Commission (UGC) in LGED auditorium at Agargaon in the city.

The inaugural session was also addressed by the Chairman of the UGC, Professor Eajuddin Ahmed, Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury and Prof Monirul Huq.

All vice-chancellors, national professor, eminent educationists and faculty members of different universities of the country are participating in the seminar.

Prof Innas Ali said, "The administration and management of the universities appear to be highly influenced by the political wings. The political parties use the student wings as musclemen in the political process."

"Violence and lawlessness have tarnished the glorious achievements of the students in the Language Movement and liberation struggle," he noted.

Recalling the appeals of President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Prof Ali said, "the president has made repeated appeals to the political parties to dismantle their student wings, cadres and maintain a conducive academic atmosphere on the campuses to save the posterity from ruination."

Times-Bangla Trust

Cheques for
Tk 1.32 cr given
to 47 newsmen

The government yesterday handed over cheques worth Taka 1.32 crore to another 47 journalists and employees of the newspapers and periodicals under the Times-Bangla Trust as their outstanding dues, an official handout said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

With this, Taka 4.32 crore has been paid to 117 journalists, officials, employees and press workers who voluntarily retired from the defunct newspapers including the Dainik Bangla and The Bangladesh Times, it said.

The handout said the winding up cell to pay the outstanding dues, which has been opened at the Information Ministry (Building 4, ninth floor, Bangladesh Secretariat) will remain open from 9 am to 12 noon today and from 9 am to 1 pm tomorrow.

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