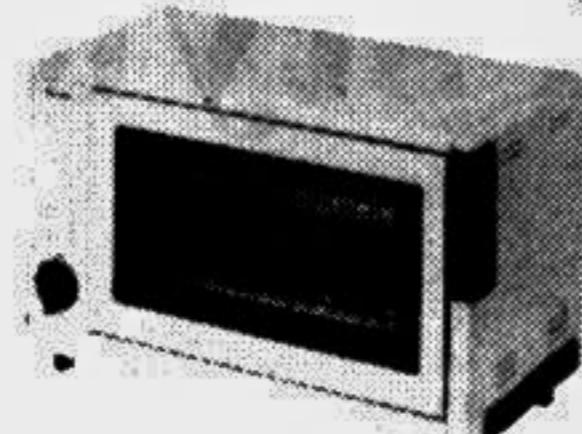


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Help flourish tech to face challenges of 21st century: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government has attached utmost importance to flourishing talent and technology for rapid development of the country, reported UNB.

"In the coming century, the talent-producing capital will be more important than the financial capital," she said, urging the engineers to develop themselves to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Addressing the inaugural function of the 50th anniversary of the Engineers' Institution on its premises, Hasina said, "The next century will be a technology-dependent century."

Hunger strike

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ity with the token hunger strike programme and make it a success.

The meeting was held at the BNP central office with party Secretary General Abdul Manan Bhuiyan in the chair, said a party press release.

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The meeting also discussed, among other issues, law and order situation, price hike of essentials and problems in supply of water, gas and power.

and the barrier of border to import and export and skilled human resources will be eliminated."

She observed that the present world has now turned into a "global village" due to modern technology and development of communication system.

"We'll have to transform our huge population into skilled human resources to survive in the open global competition of the next millennium."

Hasina said the country's products will have to maintain the world standard to have a place in the competitive world market.

The present government, she said, has been continuing its efforts for ensuring economic emancipation of the people and development in all sectors, including the science and technology.

Hasina said under the 5th five year plan, one polytechnic institute will be set up in each district of the country.

The government has also decided to introduce computer course in SSC and HSC levels for massive expansion of the booming technology, she added.

Prof Iqbal Mahmud of BUET presented a keynote paper in the inaugural session on "Engineering Profession in Bangladesh: Past, Present and Future."

Pak minister

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relief operation here.

Dr Sattar also appealed to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to exert her influence, either in the bilateral level or in the SAARC level, so that the Pakistani government takes the responsibility of taking back the stranded Pakistanis.

The MQM leader avoided a direct reply to another query if he feels that the Pakistan government should make apology for the genocide carried out by the Pakistani occupation forces here during the War of Liberation.

"It was unfortunate and millions of innocent people on both sides were killed," he said.

According to sources, Hasan has so far been in remand for seven days in total after he was taken into custody on April 27.

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The CID prayed to the court for a seven-day remand for the three saying that they needed the time to interrogate the three accused for further investigation.

However, the court granted only a two-day remand. The three accused were produced before the CMM's court after the expiry of a two-day remand.

CID in its prayer for remand of the three on May 5 said they were getting information regarding the involvement of the said accused in the murder. They also said that the activities of the accused before and after the murder have given rise to justifiable suspicion against them. Besides, there were inconsistencies in their statements made so far.

A CID official said last night



The provost of Jasimuddin Hall of Dhaka University checking identity cards of students before allowing them to enter the hall yesterday.

— Star photo

JCD activists

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rehabilitation of the JCD activists.

The rehabilitation process began at 9 am on the day and was completed by afternoon.

The Jasimuddin, Ziaur Rahman, Bangabandhu and Surya Sen halls were evacuated for the purpose and the genuine residents of the dormitories were allowed to enter the halls after checking their identity cards.

The Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-VC, members of the Syndicate, the Provosts' Standing Committee and the DU Teachers' Association were present.

But sources in the halls said last night that tension was prevailing in the trouble-torn four halls as activists of rival parties were staying in the same halls.

Though leaders and activists of JCD came back to the halls, activists of BCL were "controlling" the dormitories, the sources added.

No untoward incident was reported till last night, after the rehabilitation of the JCD activists.

Meanwhile, Sayeed Hasan, a garden supervisor of Natural Garden Centre on Park Road, Baridhara, on Thursday wrote a letter to the CID headquarters claiming that he was fearing for his life, as he was being threatened by Hasan.

They were still investigating the involvement of other persons in the crime as the event of the fateful night was unravelling.

Meanwhile, Sayeed Hasan, a garden supervisor of Natural Garden Centre on Park Road, Baridhara, on Thursday wrote a letter to the CID headquarters claiming that he was fearing for his life, as he was being threatened by Hasan.

The supervisor alleged that some people in a private car on Wednesday night came to Pintu Nursery on UN Road, Baridhara, and was searching for him.

Gardener Hasan in the letter to CID alleged that the search by the two persons was a threat on his life. He alleged that the incident was a sequel to a complaint which he made to Latifur Rahman in front of contractor Hasan on April 5 last about his financial irregularities.

According to sources, Hasan has been working in the renovation work of Latifur Rahman's house for more than one year. Recently several instances of financial irregularities have been found amounting to large sums of money. This has prompted investigation of his total renovation work, and also about those of other construction work that Hasan did earlier in factories and sites owned by Rahman's family.

Police raided their suspected hideouts till 5:30 am yesterday and recovered one 303 rifle and two country-made guns.

The Syndicate met for more than six hours and reviewed the situation. It condole the death of Ayub Ali.

The meeting squarely blamed 'Chhatra Shibir, the anti-liberation force' for the armed attack, and accused the police, camped in front of the halls, of playing the role of 'silent spectator' at the initial stage of the attack.

"Why they [police] did not return the fire," questioned the Proctor of Shah Amanat Hall.

More than 200 Shibir activists brought out procession in Chittagong city yesterday morning. They chanted slogans demanding resignation of the Vice-chancellor and punishment to BCL activists who forcibly ousted them from the halls on April 28.

Hanif goes to KSA for treatment

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their administrative posts.

Meanwhile a press release issued on behalf of the 13 teachers said, "The state of affairs now and the way they have been presented have passed the real issue, which is the matter of the admission test, the committee for future admission test and a separate institute and importantly at present the subject of our reinstatement."

The spokesman said that the resignations were not aimed at quitting jobs.

The joint resignation was a token of protest," said Shamsul Wares, adding it was not aimed at quitting jobs.

Magurjhara

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About the animals, he said that the reserved forest and the adjoining tea garden had been shelter to a variety of wildlife, including a large concentration of Hoolock Gibbon and Capped Langur, two species in the country.

The forest was home to Pig-tailed Macaque, Phayre's Leaf Monkey, Slowloris (tailless monkey), Rhinoceros monkey, Barking Deer, Squirrel, Wild Boar, Scaly Anteater, Cat, Civet, Hare, Fox, Jackal, Jungle Fowl, Pied Hornbill, Python and Rat Snake.

The pythons, deer, hares and birds, which could escape the inferno were killed or taken away by poachers waiting on the fringe of the forest, the committee member said.

The committee is planning further visits to the area before it submits its final report.

Three medical colleges

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college was causing major problem in the progress of medical education."

He noted that some other issues hampering providing quality education were topics linked to resources, staff, in most colleges poor budget and space. Besides, academic training for the internees was of very inferior quality, he added.

The government had invited Prof Bryce for a series of QAAR in medical colleges to standardise a mechanism for standardising medical education in the country and improve teaching quality. Earlier, the government had formed a quality assurance body (QAB) for medical education.

Asked how did the government respond to the idea of improving medical education in the country, he said: "Director General of Health Services Prof AKM Nurul Anwar, who is also Chairman of QAB is a tremendous supporter of the new idea. The DG does cheer the body a lot, I noticed. And he is very enthusiastic about getting things done as quickly as possible."

In reply to a question he said, "Well, it's not just money. It also needs a lot of commitment to get the idea running till it actually reaches a stage where students would start getting the benefit. At the same time, I am going to seek extra funding from different sources in UK and Europe to strengthen capacity of the centres for medical education."

The quality assessment would also be carried out in other medical colleges.

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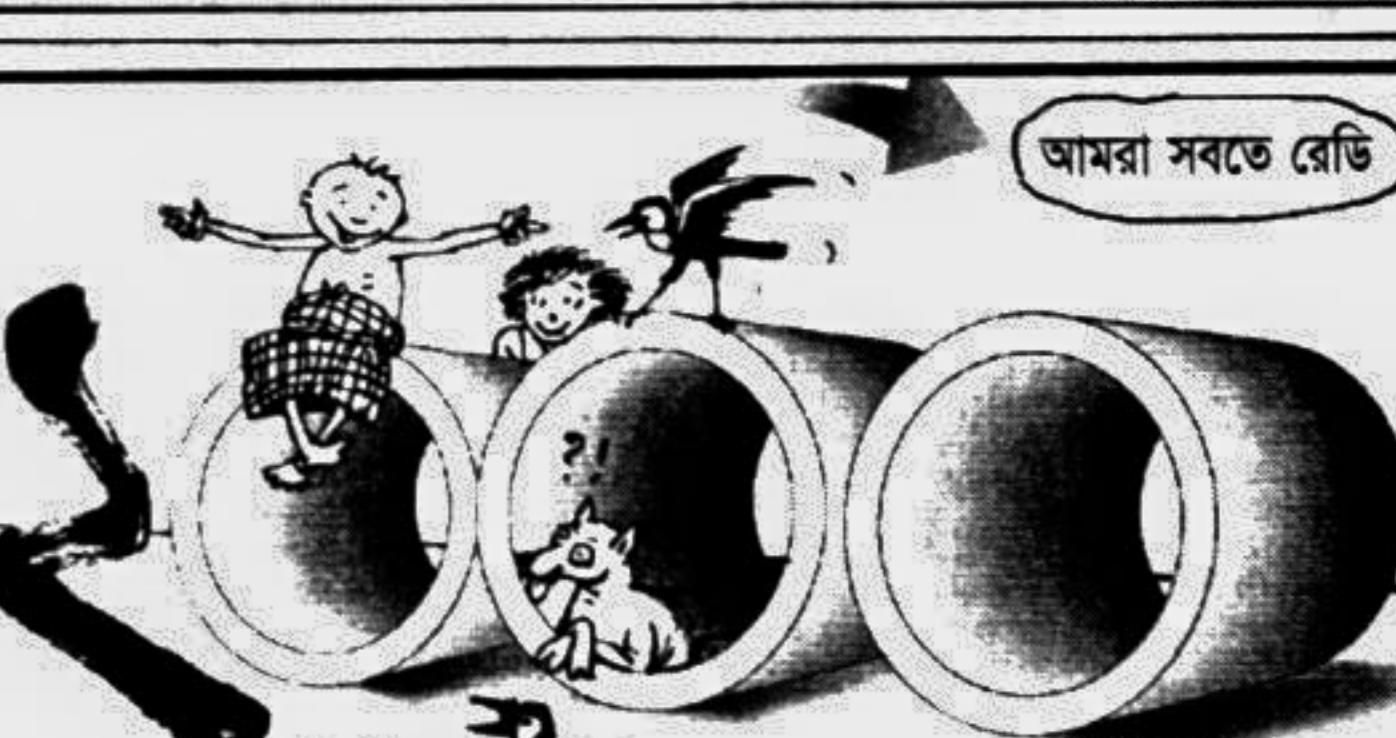
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