

Protest against rise in dining charges JU students enforce strike on campus

By JU Correspondent

No classes and examinations were held in Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday after the students enforced a strike and locked all the class-rooms to protest a rise in dining charges.

Students under the banner of Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) brought out processions and rallies on the campus protesting the decision of JU authorities to raise dining charges by one taka per meal from yesterday.

Earlier on Sunday, GCO had given an ultimatum to the authorities demanding withdrawal of the decision.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) also brought out a procession on Monday and laid siege to the Vice-Chancellor's office protesting the rise.

A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) procession paraded the campus yesterday demanding immediate withdrawal of the decision.

Tension gripped the campus after a notice signed by Prof Shamsul Alam, Chairman of Provosts' Committee of JU, was put up on November 25. The notice said that dining charges had been increased to Tk 8 per meal from Tk 7 with effect from December 1 and that the charge would be further increased by another 50 paisa from July next.

Dining charges at JU have been raised by a total of Tk 2.5

Fire at Ctg asphalt plant

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 1: An asphalt plant being used in the development works of Chittagong airport suddenly caught fire this morning. Fire brigade sources said.

The fire that began at around 10.10 am continued for half an hour, the sources said.

The loss of property and origin of fire could not be known immediately.



Natoraj presenting a dance drama at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday on the first day of the Street Drama Festival organised in observance of the Victory Day. — Star photo

'Safe city ensuring committee' in each ward soon

Move to curb terrorism in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Dec 1: Chittagong City Corporation at a roundtable today decided to constitute 'Safe City Ensuring Committee' in each ward and mohalla in a bid to curb terrorism in the port city, reports UNB.

Leaders of various political parties, professionals and businessmen attended the meeting on 'Terrorism Free Safe City and Ensuring Safety of the Citizen' at the press club.

However, the main opposition party BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami boycotted the roundtable meeting.

After an elaborate discussion, the participants decided to form a committee in each ward and mohalla within a month. The proposed committee styled as 'Safe City Ensuring Committee' will compose of political leaders, Imams, lawyers and representatives of social organisations of the concerned areas.

In the next month the committee will hold meetings with local people and make a list of the terrorists with the help of police and local people. The

committee will request guardians to correct their de-railed wards in a month. If they failed to do so, the committee will take legal action against the terrorists and the terrorist families will be socially boycotted.

In his speech City Mayor Mohiuddin Chowdhury said the politics of the terrorism has been over and democracy is dominating all over the globe.

He urged political parties and social leaders to come forward to eradicate this social menace.

He emphasised the need for participation of all political parties and requested BNP and Jamaat to cooperate with the activities of the committees to curb terrorism.

Former City Mayor and Presidium member of the Jatiya Party Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury, JP leader Ibrahim bin Khalil, Saber Ahmed, general secretary of the district (north) Awami League Abubus Salam, CPB leader Shah Alam, BSD leader Rajekujamian

Ratan, Gono Forum leader Imdadul Islam, Kafil Uddin, Mohila Awami League leader Hasina Zafar and JSD leader Abul Kalam Azad spoke at the first session of the meeting.

In the second session, CCCI president Kamal Uddin, president of District Lawyers' Association Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Press Club president Abu Sufian and BMA secretary AQM Sirajul Islam participated.

Meanwhile, city BNP in a statement alleged that it was a new strategy of the mayor to bluff the city dwellers. BNP city unit president and secretary said terrorism would be automatically eradicated if the ruling party leaders and mayor allowed the law enforcing agencies to work neutrally and control their terrorists.

They also alleged that during the last City Corporation election, the mayor bluffed the city dwellers in the name of 28-point election pledges and now, on the eve of current election, the mayor is taking the same path to mislead people.

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Khaleda, Howells discuss prospect of British investment

Visiting British State Minister for Competition and Consumer Affairs Dr Kim Howells made a courtesy call on BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia at her official residence yesterday, reports UNB.

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Sunamganj AL leader dies

SUNAMGANJ, Dec 1: Former Poura Chairman and president of Sunamganj thana Awami League Monwar Bakht Nek, 48, died of peptic ulcer at WYCKF hospital in New York this morning, reports UNB.

He left behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

The body of Monwar will be flown home on December 7.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad and local Awami League leaders visited the residence of Monwar Bakht.

Qulkhwani

The *namaz-e-Janaza* of Justice Mohammed Habibur Rahman will be held tomorrow after Jahnar prayer at the High Court Premises, says a press release.

It will be buried at the Mirpur Shaheed Buddhiji Graveyard.

Justice Rahman died on November 30.

His qulkhwani will be held on Friday after Asr prayer at his residence at Karima's Plaza (2nd floor), 105 Bara Maghbazar.

BSS adds: President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday expressed his profound sorrow at the death of Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman.

The president also visited the residence of Justice Rahman yesterday morning.

Obituary

Roushanara Khatun, wife of M Syedullah, former Managing Director of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) and daughter of late Yaruddin, former Commissioner of Income Tax, died of cancer on November 30. She was 55, says a press release.

She was buried at Shahid Buddhiji graveyard, Mirpur. Her qulkhwani will be held tomorrow after Magreb prayer at her Dhanmondi residence.

Clarification

The report headlined 'Experts suggest at BIIS seminar: Trim defence budget, let vital sectors grow' which appeared on the back page of November 30 issue of The Daily Star will read 'discounting the possibility of conventional military threats will be misleading' instead of 'counting the possibilities'.

This part of the news item was censored by UNB.

'Hartal culture must be stopped to achieve economic prosperity'

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said that the 'hartal culture' must be stopped to achieve economic prosperity of the country, reports BSS.

They observed that after the incorporation of the provision in the constitution for holding national polls under neutral caretaker government and the subsequent establishment of democratic rights of the people, there remains no logic or rationality of calling hartals in the country at the cost of untold sufferings of the people and loss of life and property.

The speakers observed that calling a hartal is no doubt a democratic right, but it also must not suppress the fundamental rights of a person to have medical treatment in time of need.

Salahuddin Yusuf said the calling of hartal by BNP at a moment when the entire nation is engaged in post-flood reconstruction to recoup the losses incurred by the century's worst ever natural disaster was nothing but an inhuman step.

Photo exhibition on AIDS begins

By Staff Correspondent

An exhibition titled 'Positive Lives', a photo-documentary on AIDS and HIV was opened at the Drik Gallery Picture Library yesterday on the occasion of World AIDS Day.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf attended the seminar as the chief guest, while general secretary of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) and Dhaka University

BCL protests President's comments

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) protesting the statement of President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, yesterday said that none of its leaders had become millionaires through illegal means, reports UNB.

The President in his convocation speech at Rajshahi University on November 29 said student leaders choose politics as it made them MPs, ministers or millionaires overnight.

BCL president Bahadur Bepari said: 'You will find none in BCL who has become a millionaire through student politics'.

He was addressing a rally at Operajaya Bangla organised on the eve of the first anniversary of the successful conclusion of CHT Peace Accord with tribal leaders.

BCL also brought out a procession before the rally and paraded through the campus chanting slogans in favour of the government.



Sofen, a theatre group, brought out a colourful procession from TSC of Dhaka University yesterday to mark its founding anniversary.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Laxmipur

Notice Inviting Tenders

Tender Notice No. (E/M) 6 of 1998-99

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are hereby invited from the enlisted special class-I, class-II (one) and class-II (two) contractors/firms of PWD and bonafide suppliers/local agents for the undermentioned work/supply and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/B'baria/Chandpur/Feni/Noakhali in their respective offices up to 12:00 Noon of 10-12-1998 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with name of work superscribed on it.
- Name of work : Supplying and installation of Fax and other ancillary equipment, one for PWD Circle, Comilla and another for PWD Division, Laxmipur, during the year 1998-99.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 1,46,341/-
- Earnest money : Tk. 3,000/-
- Time allowed : 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Tender documents consisting of BD Form No. 2908, tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned & all other Executive Engineer under Comilla PWD. Circle on payment of usual charges of Tk. 400/- (non-refundable) per set of schedule and a sum of Tk. 10/- (non-refundable) per sheet of Tender Form No. 2908 up to 9-12-1998. No tender documents will be sold after that time & date.

The intending contractors may purchase tender form himself/theirselfs or his/her representative on production of authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor/firm on production of the registration book of the enlistment along with challan for depositing the current fees at the time of purchasing of tender form as in absence of which, no tender form will be sold. No complain in this respects will be entertained.

7. In case of lowest equal rate the contractor will be selected by drawing lottery. The lottery will be held on 20-12-1998 at 12:00 Noon without further information.

Docs, nurses on strike in N'ganj hospital

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 1: Patients at the 200-bed Narayanganj Hospital suffered most as the first day of an indefinite strike called by the doctors, nurses and employees of the hospital passed today.

The strike was called demanding punishment of persons responsible for attacking a hospital employee Harunur Rashid on Monday.

Doctors, nurses and employees yesterday separately urged senior government officials and local MP to help expedite the process of punishment.

Meanwhile, the victim lodged a case with the Sadar thana accusing one Amjad and two of his accomplices.



Death anniversary

Today is the first death anniversary of Dr Mohiuddin Farooque, the founder of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), says a press release.

A promising lawyer of the Supreme Court, Dr Farooque established BELA in 1992 and devoted his career to the cause of environment. He fought for establishing the rights of the down-trodden people through the intervention of judiciary and within a very short period could set an exceptional trend of performing public duty to protect the interest of the common people.

Qulkhwani

The qulkhwani of Rafiqul Islam will be held tomorrow at the residence of his eldest son, Shafiqul Islam, at Priyangan, 15, Dhanmondi Residential Area, Road No 15 after Asr prayer.

Rafiqul Islam died of old age complication on Monday.

Assoc of UNESCO Clubs' Ikebana competition '98

The national association of UNESCO clubs will hold a Ikebana show competition '98 on December 18 at Parjatan Hotel Abakash at Mohakhali.

Women of any nationality are eligible to participate. Intending participants have been requested to contact: The Flower Club, House No. 11, Road No. 6, Dhanmondi R/A (Phone: 506099) or Reception counter, Hotel Abakash, Mohakhali (Phone: 881548, 607085-7) or Mr. Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, Secretary-General of the organisation, Huq Mansion (ground floor), 13/2, Toyenbe Circular Road, Motijheel (Phone: 017520146 or 245251, Fax: 9565038, 863420) on or before December 10.

According to Election Commission, voting will take place in all affiliated unions under BFUJ including Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) from 9 am to 5 pm with one hour break at 1 pm.



A distressed family sitting under open sky as their shanty was gutted in a blaze at Tikkapara slum in Kamalapur early yesterday. — Star photo

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