

## 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 classrooms to protest a rise in dining charges.

Students under the banner of Ganotantik 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 paise from July next.

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

per meal in the last three years. Authorities said that the rise in dining charges were inevitable because of price hike of essentials. The students say that the decision was taken unilaterally without consulting them. Student leaders had earlier opposed the proposed price hike when authorities discussed the matter with them a few months ago.

"The decision to rise the dining charges is nothing but a part of the conspiracy to lease out universities to private authorities," said Saikat Subhra Aich Monon, president of Bangladesh Chhatra Union.

Meanwhile, agitated students have threatened tougher action programmes if the authorities do not withdraw their decision immediately.

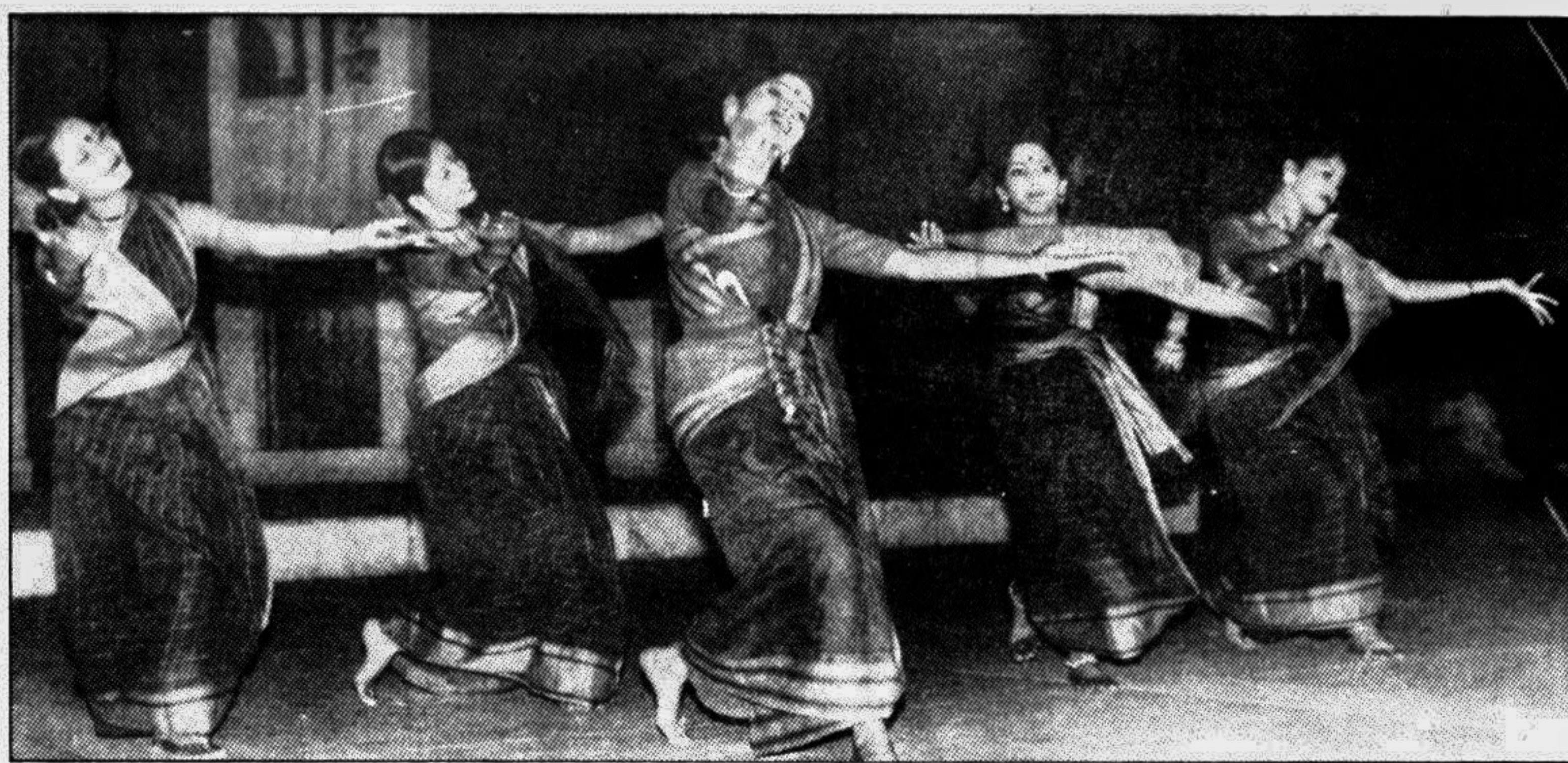
## Fire at Ctg asphalt plant

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.



Nataraj 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.

## '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 Citizens 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 organisation 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 derelict wards in a month. If they failed to do so, the committee then 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 President member of the Jatiya Party Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury, JP leader Ibrahim bin Khalil, Saber Ahmed, general secretary of the district (north) Awami League Abdus Salam, CPB leader Shah Alam, BSD leader Rajekujjaman

Ratan, Gono Forum leader Mohiuddin 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.

## 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.

During the meeting, Begum Zia and Howells discussed various socio-political issues, particularly the prospect of British investment in energy and industrial sectors.

The BNP chief told Howells that the British government as well as the entrepreneurs can undertake projects in Bangladesh to produce power and fertiliser by using the country's gas.

Dr Howells, who has been in the city to open a British trade fair, hoped that the industrialists attending the trade fair will be encouraged to invest in energy sector as well as setting up industries in Bangladesh.

British High Commissioner in Dhaka David Walker and the head of the trade delegation, two British businessmen were present on the occasion.

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Morshed Khan, Moyeen Khan and M M Rezaul Karim were also present.

## 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 Jhor prayer at the High Court Premises, says a press release.

He will be buried at the Mirpur Shaheed Buddhijibi 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 Buddhijibi graveyard, Mirpur. Her qulkhwani will be held tomorrow after Magreb prayer at her Dhanmondi residence.

## Clarification

The report headlined 'Experts suggest at BISS 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 possibilities of conventional military threats will be misleading' instead of 'counting the possibilities'.

This part of the news item was creeded 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.

The 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 seminar on 'Prime Minister's declaration on not to call hartal: its positive effects on country's health sector' was organised by Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society (BPS) in the National Museum auditorium.

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

senate member Azizul Islam Bhuiyan, Bangladesh Dental Society president Prof Anwarul Alam and noted short story writer and Executive Director of Beximco Pharmaceutical Purabi Dutta took part in the discussion.

BFS acting president Selim Azad Chowdhury presided over the function while BFS acting general secretary Ishtiaq Ahmed presented the keynote paper on the subject.

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.

Asaduzzaman Noor, a renowned TV artiste and an activist for AIDS awareness in the country, opened the exhibition. The theme for this year's AIDS Day is 'Young People A Force For Change'.

A total of 120 works including photographs by world famous photographers like Gigi Cohen, Gideon Mendel, Eugene Richards, Barry Lewis and Chris Pillitz are being exhibited at the show.

This year's exhibition is being held in cooperation with the Sir Elton John AIDS Foundation, Levi Strauss and CO, Terence Higgins Trust and Network Photographers.

'Positive Lives' will be available on the Internet at [www.drik.net/positive-lives](http://www.drik.net/positive-lives).

## BCL protests President's comments

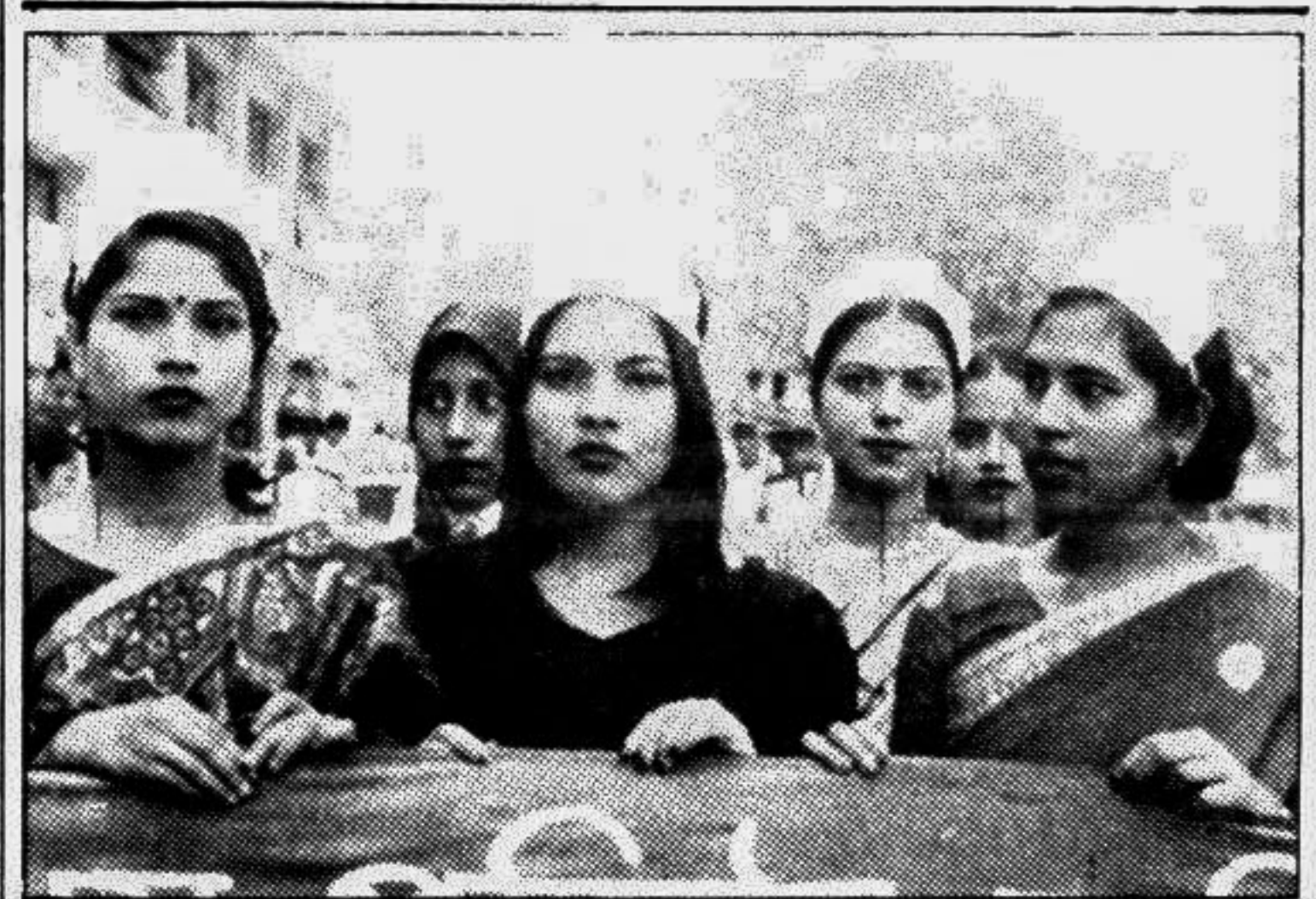
Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) protesting the statement of President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, yesterday said that none of its leaders had become millionaires through illegal means, reports UNB.

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 Oparajaya 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.

## What's on today....

**CIRDAP Meeting:** The regular meeting of CIRDAP Executive Committee will be held. Chief Guest: Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Md Zilur Rahman. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, 17, Topkhana Road. Time: 10 am.

**Discussion meeting:** A discussion meeting will be held to mark the 1st anniversary of the CHT Peace Accord. Venue: Engineers Institute auditorium. Time: 3 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** A discussion on 'Child Rights Charter and Child Rights in Bangladesh' will be held. Chief Guest: Abdul Matin Khasru, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. Venue: Shishu Academy premises. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Reminiscence session:** A reminiscence session by artist Syed Jahangir will be held to mark 50 years of fine arts movement in Bangladesh. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy gallery. Time: 4 pm.

**Condolence meeting:** Sammilito Sangskritik Jote will hold a condolence meeting in memory of late Noren Biswas. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4 pm.

**Exhibition:** A 10-day long painting exhibition titled 'Bengal Image' by Mohammad Eunus will be inaugurated. The exhibition will remain open from 9 am to 9 pm everyday. Venue: Divine Art Gallery at Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Painting competition:** A painting competition for children will be held commemorating the 77th birth anniversary of painter Qamrul Hasan. Organisers: Bangladesh National Museum and Patu Qamrul Hasan Olithyo Parishad. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 5 pm.

**Rotary club meet:** The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Burianga will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club meet:** The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 PM.

**Prize distribution:** The prize giving ceremony of the Dhaka Club President's Cup Snooker Championship '98 will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 7 pm.

**Recitation programme:** A recitation programme titled 'Duanday bhora chanday chhara', scripted and directed by Kazi Arif will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy gallery. Time: 7 pm.

**Theatre:** Nagorik Natya Sampradaya will perform 'Galileo' by Bertolt Brecht. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

## জাতীয় মহিলা সংস্থা

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## Docs, nurses on strike in N'ganj hospital

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 1: Patients at the 200-bed Narayan-ganj 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 right of the downtrodden 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, Shaiful Islam, at Priyangan, 15, Dhanmondi Residential Area, Road No 15 after Asr prayer.

Rafiqul Islam died of old age complication on Monday.

## BFUJ biennial polls on Feb 13

The biennial elections of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) will be held on February 13, reports BSS.

BFUJ Chief Election Commissioner Gholam Sarwar announced the election schedule on November 27, a union press release said in the city yesterday.

As per the election schedule, list of voters and representatives of the affiliated unions should be sent by December 25. Final voters list will be published on January 1.

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.



## 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 Abakashi at Mohakhali.

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



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

— Star photo