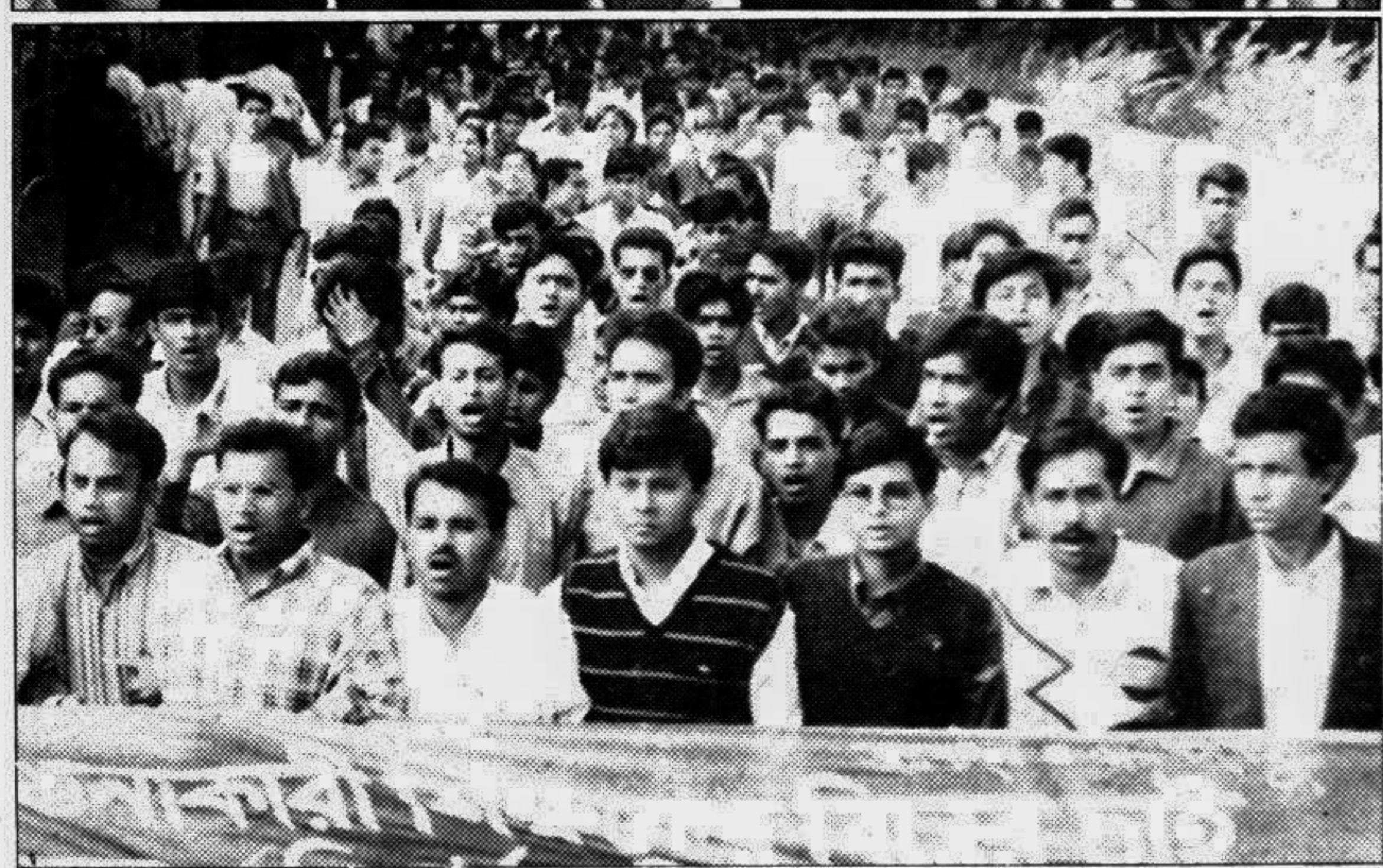


## News



Different student organisations brought out processions on Dhaka University campus yesterday protesting alleged sexual abuses on DU female students by teachers. Pictures show Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (top), Jatiyatabdhi Chhatra Dal (middle) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (bottom).



### Photo journalist Bulu dead

Moazzem Hossain Bulu, a senior photo journalist of the Bangladesh Observer, died of a heart attack at Holy Family Hospital last night. He was 56, reports UNB.

Bulu suffered a massive heart attack last night and was immediately rushed to the hospital where he died at 8 pm.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a host of friends to mourn his death.

His *namaz-e-janaza* will be held at the National Press Club at 9 am today. The body will be taken to his village home in Feni for burial.

Bangladesh Photo Journalists Forum condoled the death of Bulu, who was the founder-president of the forum.

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia visited Holy Family Hospital to pay her last respects to the photo journalist. She prayed for salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.

BNP leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed, Major (Retd) Sayed Iskander and Jubadal leader Abdullah Chowdhury accompanied the BNP chief.

### DU teacher dies

Khairul Anam, Professor of Soil Science Department of Dhaka University died of cardiac arrest at his residence in the city yesterday. He was 62, reports UNB.

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

His *namaz-e-janaza* was held at the university's Central Mosque premises after Asr prayers. Then his body was taken to his village home at Kuchaitali in Comilla.

### Two outlawed Sarbahara Party men held

MEHERPUR, Dec 29: Meherpur sadar thana police arrested two alleged members of outlawed Sarbahara Party from Baradi Bazar on Sunday, reports BSS.

According to police sources, police arrested them when they were preparing for an operation in the neighbouring village.

The arrested persons are Biplob (27) and Rana (30) both of them hailed from Baradi Bazar under Pirozpur union.

Police also recovered one revolver and three rounds of bullets from Biplob.

### JU students protest attack on DU students

By JU Correspondent Gonatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a Combined of five left-leaning student organisations, yesterday brought out a procession on Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus protesting recent attacks on the agitating students at Dhaka University.

They also held a rally at the Arts Faculty premises after the procession.

Addressing the rally, Aniruddha Das Anjan, organising secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Union, JU unit, said, "repeated attacks by the so-called 'conscious students' on the 'Students Protesting Sexual Harassment' (SPSH) prove their link with the persons involved in the assault on the female students of DU."

Bangladesh Chhatra Front (BCF) president Rakibul Hasan extended support to the agitating students at DU and said, "Any attempt to foil their movement will not succeed."

The speakers also demanded stern action against the attackers.

Later, a group of GCO leaders and activists went to the DU campus to stage a demonstration there.

Meanwhile, students under the banner of General Students Unity (GSU) also took part in the demonstration supporting the SPSH at DU yesterday.

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### Foreign vessel salvaged

KHULNA, Dec 29: The Mongla Port Authority has salvaged MV Alexandria, a foreign vessel, that was about to sink in Harbaria channel near the port and moved it to a safer place, reports BSS.

Salvaged crew plugged the leaks and pumped out water from the hold of the sinking ship and saved the vessel from being totally sunk.

Later, three rescue ships of the port authority — Sarathi, Usha and Malancha — towed the ship from the channel to a safer place near an island.

### BCL submits memo to BUET VC

By BUET Correspondent Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday submitted a memorandum to the Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology to press for their demands.

The 16-point demands include setting up of a Liberation War memorial on the BUET Campus, declaring EUCSU '97 election null and void, initiating job fair for enhancing job opportunity, naming the female student hall after Shahid Janani Janahara Imam or Pratilila and computer and internet facilities for the students.

Later, they brought out a procession on the campus.

### Jute mills workers put barricade on Khulna-Jessore highway

KHULNA, Dec 29: Workers of Ajax Jute Mills put up a barricade on Khulna-Jessore highway at Khanjahanagar in the city today demanding payment of their arrears, reports APB.

They also held a rally on the highway.

Their leaders announced that they would put up barricade on the road every day till Thursday and go for tougher programmes if their wages for 14 weeks are not paid.

### Dacoity in Savar

SAVAR, Dec 29: Disguised as policemen, a band of dacoits entered a house at Majidpur in the town and looted cash and valuables on Monday night, reports UNB.

The committee reviewed the reports of six previous meetings.

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### JS body on relief ministry meets

A meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief was held yesterday at the Sangsad Bhaban with its chairman Syed Kamal Bakht Saki in the chair, reports BSS.

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### OT at Narsingdi Hospital remains closed

NARSINGDI, Dec 29: The operation theatre at the Narsingdi Sadar Hospital has been kept closed as there is no anaesthetist for over five months, reports APB.

The hospital cater to the needs of about 18 lakh people of the area. Many patients, particularly from accidents, who need emergency operation, die on the way to Dhaka because there is no facility for operation in the area now.

Sources at the hospital said there are all facilities at the OT to perform emergency operation and on an average, three operations were performed there earlier.

Anaesthetist Dr Golam Mowla was transferred without any replacement. Considering the necessity of an anaesthetist, the hospital authorities did not release him for quite some time. But ultimately the lone anaesthetist had to obey the official order without any replacement.

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### Awarded

By Staff Correspondent

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### 11 arrested with firearms in city

By Staff Correspondent

Police arrested 11 people and seized fire arms and smuggled clothes from their possession in separate incidents in the city during last two days.

The arrested were identified as Ihsanul Kabir, Rafiqul Islam, Mohammad Robin, Shaheen, Kalu, Gopal Chandra, Zahid Hossain Bhasani, Belayet Hossain, Monir Hossain and Jamal Hossain, according to police.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of DB police arrested Ihsanul Kabir, 20, while searching an auto-rickshaw in front of Shyamoli Cinema Hall on Mirpur road at about 11 am yesterday.

Police recovered a gun from the possession of Kabir, a charge-sheeted accused in a number of cases lodged with Shyamoli thana, police said.

In another bid, Motijheel police arrested Rafiqul Islam and Mohammad Robin and recovered one revolver, one gun barrel and looted materials from their possession at about 10:45 am yesterday.

Police said they were arrested after they have committed a dacoity at a residence of Railway Colony under Motijheel thana.

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