# hat's on today . . . .

Annual Sports Day: The annual Sports Day and Prize distribution Ceremony '99 of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College will be held. Chief Guest: Rashed Mosharraf, State Minister for Land. Venue: School premises at 1/A New Bailey Rd. Time: 9.00

Meeting: A general meeting of the Bangladesh T&T Board Retired Officers Welfare Association (ROWATEL) will be held. Venue: Conference room of the central office of BTTB. Time: 9:30

FPAB Awards in journalism '99: Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) will award its Awards in Journalism'99. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 11.00 am.

Talk : Centre for Advanced Research in Social Sciences of Dhaka University will hold a lecture on "Structural Adjustment and Women. Global Perspective." Venue: Seminar room (lecture theatre # 401) of DU. Time: 11.00 am.

Meeting: The general committee meeting of Bangladesh Federation of University Women (BFUW) will be held. Venue: Business and Professional Women Club auditorium. 1 New Bailey Road. Time: 3.30 pm.

Discussion meeting: A discussion meeting will be held to mark the death anniversary of prominent student leader of late sixties Mohiuddin Ahmed. Venue: Jatiya Press Club, VIP Lounge. Time: 5.00 pm.

Exhibition: A photography exhibition titled "Pleasure of life" and a poster exhibition titled "futurebritain" begins. Organisers: Pathshala — the South Asian Institute of Photography and the British Council. Venue: DRIK Gallery, House No 58, Rd No 15A. Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00 pm.

Screening: Londoni Koinya, a teledrama, will be premiered. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 5.30 pm.

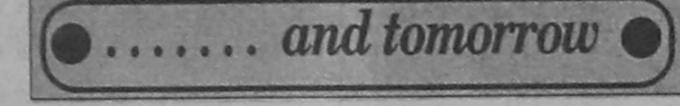
Nat'l Rabindra Sangeet Festival: A reception will be accorded to Prof Kabir Chowdhury on the second day of the 11th National Rabindra Sangeet Festival. It will be followed by a cultural show of recitation and music. Organiser: Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 6.00 pm.

IUBAT certificate awarding ceremony: International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) organises the certificate awarding ceremony of the Human Resources Management under the Centre for Management Development (CMD). Venue: IUBAT seminar hall. Time: 6.30 pm.

PLAGE seminar : Policy Leadership and Advocacy for Gender Equality project of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs will hold a seminar on "Gender and Electronic Media" Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Chameli House, Topkhana Road.

Council: The 3-day long 25th national council sess on of Bangladesh Girls Guide Association will begin. Venue: Assoc

premises at Guide House, New Bailey Rd. ASB meeting: The 8th Biennial general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) will be held. Chief guest: President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed. Venue: ASB auditorium.



Photography exhibition: Institute of Fine Arts (IFA) of Dhaka University in association with Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh will organise a photo exhibition by Kijuro Yahagi, a Japanese photographer. Venue: Zainul Gallery, IFA. Time: 10.00

Nat'l Rabindra Sangeet festival: A reception will be accorded to dance director Rahija Khanam on the 3rd day of the 11th National Rabindra Sangeet Festival. Organiser Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha. It will be followed by a cultural show. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 6.00 pm.

# Weather

# Dry weather likely

Dry weather will prevail over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderate fog may occur over Rajshahi division and river basins of the country, Met Office said adding night temperature may rise slightly over Chittagong division and it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country. The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 29.2

degree Celsius at Teknaf and the lowest 10.4 degrees at Srimangol. The sun sets in the capital today at 5.41 pm and rises tomorrow

at 6.41 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded

in some major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town Humidity in Temperature

	in Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.0	16.3	71	44
Chittagong	28.3	15.1	76	.60
Rajshahi	26.1	13.5	88	66
Khulna	28.0	13.0	78	72
Barisal	27.6	13.0	79	73
Sylhet	27.9	14.1	75	58
Cox's Bazar	28.4	15.6	68	67

# HERE and THERE

### Disaster Management Bureau

CHITTAGONG, Jan 26: A day-long divisional level workshop on Disaster Management was held at the local Circuit House yesterday, reports BSS.

Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong ASM Mobaidul Islam inaugurated the Workshop while Additional Deputy Commissioner Abdus Sattar presided over the inaugural ses-

Deputy Commissioners, Civil Surgeons, Additional Deputy Commissioners, District Relief and Rehabilitation officers of eleven districts under Chittagong Division and representatives of the Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) and UNICEF took part in the work-

Director General of DMB Mahammad Musa, Director ABM Abul Kashem, National Consultant Hamiduzzaman Khan Chowdhury and representative of UNICEF Masud Ahmed took part on subject based dis-

cussions in the workshop. Another training workshop on Disaster Management for the members of the District Disaster Management Committee was held at the same venue

yesterday. About one hundred participants comprising district officials, TNOs, journalists and NGO workers took part in the workshop, jointly organised by the Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) and Chittagong District Administration the workshop was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Mahammad Hasan, the hand out said.

### Seminar

By DU Correspondent A seminar on the "Life and Philosophy of Dr Muhammad Shahidullah" was held at the Arts Building of Dhaka University yesterday.

Professor of Modern Lan-

guage Institute Mansur Musa read out the keynote paper at the seminar organised by the Gobinda Dev Philosophy Re-

search Centre. Dr Anisuzzaman of Bangla Department, Prof Aminul Islam of Philosophy, Prof M Habibur Rahman of Accounting and Prof Pradip Kumar Ray of Philosophy departments took part at the seminar chaired by pro-Vice-chancellor Prof M Shahadat Ali.

### Two snatchers caught in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Jan 26: Two snatchers were caught red handed by their victims with the help of local people in the town as the early hours Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said two youngmen Rubel and Mashiur were on their way to Baghmaya from Shambhuganj bridge at 2 am when the muggers Shahin and Kamrul looted a wristwatch and Tk 200 threatening them with a

sharp knife. Local people rushed to the spot hearing the cries of the youth and beat the snatchers. Later they handed over the snatchers to the police.

# Obituary

Md Shahidullah, a former deputy director of DESA, died of prolonged illness last night at Holy Family Red Crescent Lospital, reports BSS. He was 65 and is survived by

his wife, three sons and two daughters. The namaj-e-janaza of Md Shahidullah was held at Mugdapara Jame Masjid yesterday

morning. Later he was buried at Azimpur graveyard. The qulkhwani of the deceased will be held on January 29 after Asr Prayers at his 96/4 North Mugdapara residence.

# JCD demands release of Sylhet unit leaders

By DU Correspondent Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) has demanded immediate release of its Sylhet Government College unit President Wasimuzzaman Rani and General Secretary Dewan Zakir Flossain Khan.

In a joint statement yester-day. Monjur Elahi and Munsi Bazlul Basit Anju the acting president and general secretary of JCD also demanded release of the other arrested leaders of Sylhet district JCD including Minhaz Ahmed, Razib Ahmed. Shafiq Ahmed, Shakil Morshed, Kaiyum Ahmed.

"The present government has chosen a path of repression and harassment apprehending the on-going opposition sponsored oust-government movement," the JCD leaders said in

the statement. The JCD leaders also demanded withdrawal of false cases filed against its arrested leaders and activists.

### CU asstt proctor submit resignation

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 26: One of the assistant proctor of Chittagong University (CU) submitted resignation to the authorities last night. The reason behind the resig-

nation of Didarul Alam could not be known. Meanwhile, four bombs ex-

ploded in front of the Vice-Chancellor's residence in the city at around 9.30 pm. It was alleged that Islami Chhatra Shibir activists made the bomb attack. However, no casualty was reported.

Shibir terrorists also gave a threat of death to Proctor Gazi Saleh Uddin.

# Nari Samaj

From page 12 ari had been involved in the TSC incident, that was why he made the remarks to save his cadres staying at Shahidullah Hall of Dhaka University," the leader added.

The women leaders termed the proposed public safety law as a 'black law' and said that the law was being made to use it more as a political weapon than anything else. They also urged the government to refrain from processing the law.

The press conference, held at the Jativa Press Club, was also addressed among others, by Advocate Sigma Huda, Advocate Salma Ali, Hajera Sultana, Farida Sultana, Sultana Akhtar Ruby, Rawshan Ara Rupa and Khaleda Khatun.

of emergency rule it is illegal to challenge any actions of the

By asking judges to be sworn in again under the provisional constitution, the army ensures that legal challenges to its rule will not be admitted in court.

"This is certainly the most major development since the military coup," said Abdul Hafiz Pirzada, a constitutional lawyer. There was tension between the court and the chief executive," which is the title Musharraf has taken.

Pirzada did not elaborate. However, there have been several legal incidents in recent weeks. The Supreme Court and provincial High courts have entertained petitions from ousted politicians, who are challenging army rule.

The Shariat Court has riled that Pakistan's banking sy: em is against the tenets of Islam and ordered the army government to impose a new system. Two weeks ago High Court Judge Shabir Ahmed refused to hear the criminal case of hijacking in southern Karachi against Sharif to protest the presence of intelligence agents and paramilitary soldiers in his courtroom.

The last time Pakistan's judges were asked to retake their oath of office under a provisional constitution was during the rule of Gen Mohamed Zia-ul Haq, Pakistan's previous military ruler. Zia ruled with an iron hand for 11 years until crash in 1988.

Those who defied Musharraf's orders immediately cease to be judges, explained Pirzada. Meanwhile, the former Chief Justice who defied t'e army general said his loyalties are with Pakistan's original consti-

tution. In an interview at his home in the federal capital, surrounded by legal volumes, Siddigi said his loyalty to the country's constitution was well known to the army chief, with whom he met on Oct 13 - the day after the coup.

'I told him then that I will work only under the constitution and he agreed with me." said Siddigi.

Under the rules Siddigi is now no longer a judge. But Siddiqi said he won't submit his resignation. 'I have not resigned. I have refused to take oath under the

provisional constitution because it would mean that I am deviating from my earlier oath," he said. "I am absolutely satisfied. I have repeated this position a number of times." Several lawyers expressed

outrage at the army chief: or-'It's a coup against the judiclary,' said Fakharuddin

Ibrahim, a constitutional lawyer and a former governor of southern Sindh province. When sensitive issues are being heard this order has been passed, he said, referring to le-

gal challenges to the arrny's rule in Pakistan. On Jan 31, the Supreme Court was scheduled to begin hearing one challenge.

# Eviction of Amtali slum in violation of HC verdict condemned

· By Staff Correspondent

have strongly protested the sudden eviction of Amtali slum at Mohakhali yesterday in violation of a High Court's prohibi-

In a statement yesterday. Gano Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain and General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik said that the government had bulldozed the Amtali Jhilpar slum yesterday and without giving any notice or time to the dwellers to remove their belongings.

Dr Kamal, who fought a legal fight in favour of slum dwellers during eviction of the slum in August last year, said the government through evicting the slums has completely violated the High Court verdict prohibiting eviction without proper rehabilitation.

The Gano Forum leaders in their statement termed the act as disregard of court verdict, judiciary and democracy. They strongly demanded immediate eviction drive.

Different political parties rehabilitation of the slum

In a separate statement, the central 11-party alliance also condemned and protested the eviction of Amtali slum and termed the government act as a clear violation of humanity, human rights and the Constitu-

It demanded immediate rehabilitation of the dwellers. Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) convenor Khalequzzaman has also expressed sur-prise and protested the sudden

demolition of Amtali slum. In a statement yesterday, he said that though the government had temporarily halted the eviction of the slum after the High Court verdict it actually had not stopped its conspiracy

Demanding proper rehabilitation of the evicted people, the BSD convenor called upon the slum dwellers to build up an united movement against the

# 'Cooperative Movement to be strengthened'

velopment and Cooperatives Advocate Mohammad Rahmat Ali yesterday said that the cooperative movement would be strengthened to achieve economic freedom, reports BSS.

"There is no alternative to strengthening the cooperative movement to play an effective role for development of the country" Ali said while exchanging views on "cooperatives movement" with officers and employees of the Cooperative Directorate.

Secretary, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Amiyanshu Sen, Registrar of the Directorate S M Shamsul Alam. Joint Secretary of the Ministry Dr Joynab Begum and Kazi Riyazul Haque, among others also spoke on the occa-

"After assuming power, the present government has been relentlessly working for rapid

State Minister for Rural De- development of the country, the state minister said and added that different development projects like Asrayan, 'Back to Home' and Shanti Nibash are being implemented to change the fate of the rootless

He said the cooperative movement has an important role to play in making the country self-reliant in food by making available agricultural inputs, loans at nominal interest, irrigation facilities and improved technology for cultivation and high yield variety seeds to the poor peasants.

He said the present government has already started rehabilitation and self-employment activities in 136 thanas under 54 district across the country through Asrayan projects and construction work of 100 barracks is going on full swing to rehabilitate the rootless people in phases.

# No response to EC

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stressed the need for Election Expense Observers to scrutinise day-to-day expenditure of candidates to effectively restrict the pernicious role of money in the elections', "Each observer, at least of the rank of deputy secretary or equivalent, may look after a reasonable number of constituencies."

The EC noted, "A lot of candidates having scant regard for the existing law are unhesitatin excess of the legal limit of Tk three lakh. ... Indiscriminate use of money by some denies a good number of better qualified and more competent persons to represent and serve the people of their constituency."

The Commission further noted, "A concocted amount is submitted by a good number of contesting candidates merely to give an impression that a correct account of expenses reflecting day-to-day expenditure as per law has been recorded". But most of the informed citizens believe that the return of election expenses submitted by candidates might, on strict scrutiny, reveal that many candidates do not keep true records of day-to-day expenditure as

specifically as required by law.' In this regard, it also observed that 'persons with money power having no political background or record of public/social service manage to obtain nomination from parties after making hefty donations. It is not also unheard of

### Teachers From page 1

The Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) and Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) are yet to supply water and electricity at the Udyan, teachers complaint.

Earlier, BNP leaders send chira and molasses for the agitating teachers. Meanwhile, Jatiya Party

Secretary General Najiur Rahman Manju and Jamaat Secretary General Matiur Rahman Nizami went to Osmani Udyan separately and expressed their solidarity with the agitating

that they dole out large contributions separately to the election funds of influential party leaders'. "It is obvious that money plays the most important role in influencing the voters' opinion. Money also provides the muscle psower behind use of force by certain unscrupulous candidates."

The EC therefore believes that Election Expenses Observers 'should be appointed at least a week before the date of ingly making expenditure much the withdrawal of candidature and 'they should carry out a running scrutiny of expenditure during the campaign period'.

Underlining the importance of submitting election expenditure returns, the Commission said a legal provision should be there to ensure that 'all candidates - successful or unsuccessful. serious or non-serious submit the returns of election expenses'. "In case of default or failure of a candidate to disclose the source of funds and submit returns of the election expenses in the manner prescribed by law, the Election Commission should be empowered to disqualify a candidate for an appropriate period to be specified in the law."

### Plate final

From page 1 enabling New Zealand to sneak

Hannan Sarker's team past into the eight-team Super League. The bewildered South Africans however regrouped themselves for the battle of the consolatory Plate title. They ambled into the final winning all their three group league matches against Americas, Ireland and the Netherlands. The pre-tournament favourites then easily beat Zimbabwe in the semifinal on January 25.

Bangladesh meanwhile showed a tremendous turnaround en route to the final. They beat Namibia, Kenya and Zimbabwe with consummate ease. They then outclassed Ireland by 67 runs in the semifinal to set up a date with South Africa.

Bangladesh won the Plate title in South Africa two years



Head of Delegation of the European Commission, Ambassador Antonio de Souza Menezes, presents the document of a flood rehabilitation grant contract to the Executive Director of IIRD Md Hasan Ali at a function held at the EC Delegation Office in the city. - EC photo



Sigma Huda speaking at a press conference, organised by Sammilita Nari Samaj, -Star photo

## High Court issues rule nisi on Information Secy,

BSS management The High Court has issued rule nist on Information Secretary and management of the official news agency Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha to show cause within four weeks why the retirement order of former MD and Chief Editor should not

be declared illegal, reports UNB. A High Court bench comprising Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury and Justice MA Aziz issued the rule on Monday on a writ filed on October 26 by Husain-uz-Zaman, the former Chief Editor who is now a news editor of BSS

He was elevated to Managing Director and Chief Editor in 1996 and continued in the office till 1998. Following his removal. Zaman filed a writ before the High Court, but later withdrew it when re-appointed chief of the organisation in

He was later again relieved of the post in April 1999 and sent on retirement by the Ministry of Information as he reached the age of 60. The High Court also stayed the operation of the Impugned

order initially for three months and ordered for analogous hearing along with other writ petitions now pending before the court. Advocate Subrata Chowdhury conducted the case while Advocate Promila Biswas, BA

Rashid. SM Asadullah Tariq

and Nahid Sultana Juthi as-

sisted him.

## Int'l film representatives call on DU VC

By DU Correspondent A group of film representatives from different countries who came to the capital to attend the on-going 6th Dhaka International Film Festival paid a courtesy call on Dhaka Uni--versity Vice-chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury at the latter's office yesterday.

The representatives include Peter Cargin, secretary of British Branch of International Federation Film critics nd Vice-Chairman of International Federation of Film Societies Peter Cargin, Shaoyi Sun of Asia Pacific Media Centre of the University of Southern California, Evelyn Vargas Executive Director of Pinoy Magic Lantern and Sudhir Bose, renowned film critic and scholar of India.

## Spl court set up in Khulna

KHULNA. Jan 26: A special court has been formed here to expedite the trial of serious crimes, reports UNB.

Additional District and Session Judge MA Hasan has been appointed as the Judge of the court that began judicial process on Tuesday.

# Dhaka to get Tk 2.58cr grant from EC

The European Commission (EC) has approved a grant of Taka 2.58 crore (496,000 euros) for rehabilitation of the floodaffected people in 27 unions of four thanas in the districts of Bogra. Netrokona, Chandpur and Kishoreganj, an EU press release said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The project will involve households from the poorest sections of the rural areas affected by flood and will directly benefit at least 20,000 families. The project will start in February this year and will be implemented over a 12-month

Under the project, 230-km village link roads will be reconstructed creating 100,000 mandays work. The fund will also be used to repair 4,500 houses and reconstruct 265 child education centres will be repaired or reconstructed.

The release said 260,000

trees (timber and mulberry) would be planted on roadsides. Assistance will be provided to 10,000 families for vegetable cultivation and rabi crop cultivation. Some 200 banana cultivators will be provided diseasefree tissue culture microtube

Training will be provided to

200 staff and beneficiaries for enhancing their professional skills. Finally a revolving loan fund will be provided to give loans to marginal and small farmers to enable them to culti- | Punjab. vate seasonal crops again. The project will be implemented by the Institute of Inte-

grated Rural Development (IIRD), a leading NGO of the country. The Head of Delegation of the European Commission Ambassador Antonio De Souza Menezes presented the contract to the Executive Director of IIRD Md Hasan Ali at a function held at the EC Delegation Office

### and reexamine the papers and From page 1 documents of the Aleem exami-

Public Examinations Act nees dents under Dhaka Board were curb offences of negligence regarding examination affairs.

from this year.

The government created a 10-point plan and trained 600 dard of education.

guidebooks available on the market.

Figures of sums will be changed from the textbooks in making question papers of mathematics.

visits in examination centres. previous years. The boards are also hunting

They continued classes for Like Dhaka Board, other boards

ATM, Sharif Ullah who also

The eviction of sex workers of Tanbazar and Nimtoli in Narayanganj town was done with the help of police and local miscreants at the instance of the government, violating the provision of the Constitution, the lawyers pleaded. The government also failed to protect

The local administration of night, assaulting them physically," the duo told the court.

They were then forcibly shifted to vagrant homes in Gazipur. 'They are inhumanly being detained in the vagrant homes. DAG Obaidur Rahman

ment and refuted the allegations made before the High Court. He cited Article 28(2) of the Constitution and said since its

knowledge and connivance regarding the eviction of sex workers from their houses," he submitted. To substantiate his con-

from where they were evicted made any complain 'regarding their tenants' eviction. He submitted that the local administration, along with police, went to Tanbazar and Nim-

evicted. roaming around and produced them before the magistrate con-

cerned. Finding them vagrants, the magistrate sent them to the va-

"The government did not act illegally in sending the sex workers, found roaming around, to the vagrant homes, he concluded.

# Sharif

Pakistan's largest province of

nicipal Corporation building armored personnel carriers.

outside the building there were scores of police and paramilitary soldiers in bullet proof vests and wielding weapons.

# Edn board's move

Four-hundred and one stu-

caught with fake SSC mark-

sheets while registering for HSC

exams. Registrations of 923

were cancelled for producing

ties instructed the colleges to

file cases against them last

year, but they did not take ac-

will file criminal cases against

would face at least eight years of

prison term, according to Public

rackets are being caught in

Chittagong and Dhaka. The

Dhaka Board authorities re-

cently sued two principals for

alleged involvement in irregu-

larities. Cases were also filed

against Fulbaria College and

caught from a hotel at Kaptan-

bazar recently while selling

fake marksheets and certifi-

ting up two more education

boards in Barisal and Sylhet to

avert complexities. Barisal

Board has been conceived split-

ting Jessore Board while Sylhet

have been appointed for these

two boards which will raise the

number of general education

boards to seven. The new boards

will function from next year,

2 teachers of

Tangail Medical

Chairmen and controllers

splits from Comilla Board.

official sources said.

A madrassah teacher was

The government is also set-

Sherpur Hatibanda College.

Fake certificate-issuing

Examinations Act.

the accused. Guilty persons

This year, respective boards

taken this time.

decided to bring about major changes in public examination system, with new style of question papers of secondary and higher secondary examinations

plement if in order to prevent cheating and improve the stan-No question paper will be produced, since it is in note or

types of questions will be split into parts, such as Ka, Kha, Ga as in the subjects in Science, for students in the humanities and commerce.

for fake certificates and registrations. Dhaka Board officials identified 609 college and 136 madrassah students this year

are also looking into such forg-

# Hearing on eviction

From page 12 by the Constitution to lead their profession independently and maintain their life as provided in the Constitution as a citizen of the country," said the coun-

Mustafa defended the govern -

"The government had no

toli while they heard that the sex workers were forcibly Police, after going there to maintain law and order, guarded Tanbazar and Nimtoli brothel areas and picked up a good number of sex workers

The accused arrived at the heavily guarded Karachi Mu-

where the trial is being held, in Dozens of police with automatic rifles were positioned on nearby rooftops and on the road

lation of CCC polls.



would be followed strictly from this year's examinations and legal actions coupled with other measures would be taken to

Moreover, the government fake papers. The board authori-

authors and moderators to im-

For better evaluation broad-

Special vigilant teams from the board will make surprise If any teacher or official is injured when resisting unfair means, respective boards will bear medical expenses as of

who got admitted to colleges with fake SSC marksheets. board officials said. last two years without any hindrance but were caught during scrutiny while registering for this year's HSC examinations.

is the acting chairman of Madrassah Board, has formed special task force to scrutinise

life and liberty of the sex workwith the help of police brutally evicted the sex workers at dead

provision prohibits prostitution, sex workers cannot claim protection of their occupation.

tention, he argued that no owner of the prostitutes' houses

grant homes, the DAG said.

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Training School suspended TANGAIL, Jan 26: Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim has asked the authorities to suspend two lecturers from Tangail

The minister gave the order as he found the two teachers absent from their duties during his surprise visit to the school on Tuesday. He also found the principal of the school absent and asked the authorities to issue show-

Medical Assistant Training

School for negligence, reports

cipal went on leave without the permission of the authorities concerned. The Health Minister also ordered immediate transfer of an office assistant of the institu-

cause notice on him. The minis-

ter came to know that the prin-

surprise visit to Mirzapur Thana Health Complex and expressed dissatisfaction over the unhygienic atmosphere in the complex.

visited Tangail Sadar Hospital,

Welfare Institute and Family

Planning Centre.

city, witnesses said.

tion as he had been working at

Sheikh Selim also paid a

The Health Minister also

Chavan Islam MP, Director

the same station for long.

### General of the Health Directorate Ahsanullah and District Civil Surgeon accompanied the minister during the visit,

Ctg hartal

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roads and highways, disrupting road communication between Chittagong and other parts of the country. Railway sources said that train service to and from Chittagong was as usual.

Delivery of goods to and

from Chittagong port was sus-

Most of the shops and mar-

Meanwhile, the action

committee of opposition al-

greater Chittagong on January 30 demanding cancellation of Chittagong City Corporation The opposition alliance on Tuesday announced a 101member 'action committee' headed by BNP city unit president Mir Mohammad Nasir Ud-

press conference held at the office of Mir Nasir near Kazir The action committee included three joint convenors -

Jahangir Alam, president of the

city unit of JP, Moulana Abu

Taher, Ameer of the city unit of

Jamaat-e-Islami and Mufti

All kinds of vehicles except some rickshaws were off the

pended due to lack of trucks during the hartal, but cargo handling was as usual inside the jetties, port sources said. kets were closed while attendance in govt and private offices

liance here at a rally in Laldighi area today announced another day-long-hartal in

the movement demanding cancellation of CCC polls and antigovernment agitation. This was announced at a

din as its convenor to intensify

Ezharul Islam, of Islami Oikya Jote. The announcement came after a week-long agitation programme, including rallies and processions demanding cancel-

was thin.