

Reopen Shahjalal University, GCO demands

By JU Correspondent

Gonatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a conglomerate of left-leaning student organisation of Jahangirnagar University (JU), has demanded immediate reopening of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST).
GCO brought out a procession on the campus and held a rally in front of the Central Cafeteria yesterday.
The GCO leaders expressed deep concern and condemned the All Party Action Committee's recent move to press the SUST authorities to withdraw the Syndicate's decision on naming halls and buildings after the eminent personalities.
The student leaders urged the

university authorities not to give in to the threats of religious fanatics.
They also condemned the attack on SUST Teachers' Association president Dr Jainal Abedin and demanded arrest of those involved in the attack.
Meanwhile, JU Teachers' Association, in a press release expressed deep concern and condemned the attack on Dr Jainal Abedin.
The JUTA press release jointly signed by its president Dr Enamul Haq and the general secretary Prof M A Matin, demanded stern action against the persons responsible for the attack.



Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Humayun Rashid Chowdhury makes a phone call from Sylhet to GrameenPhone Chairman Khalid Shams in Dhaka formally inaugurating the GP operations in Sylhet yesterday.

CIRDAP to sponsor low-cost housing

Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) along with BARC and LGED, plans to initiate a project for replication of a model low-cost house developed by a housing expert, reports BSS.
With a plinth area of 170 sqft with an arch foundation, sand-cement blocks and concrete roof with minimum reinforcement, construction of such a house can be completed in three days at an approximate cost of Taka 3,000 only.

The building is suitable to local weather and is expected to last as many years as a brick-concrete building lasts, a press release said.
The construction was planned and supervised by S M Akmal Kalam Azad, General Manager of Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation and expert on low-cost housing. His two weeks visit to Bangladesh was sponsored by CIRDAP.

Chehlum of Ustad Phul Mohantmad today

The chehlum of Ustad Phul Mohantmad, a classical music maestro of the country, will be held at his Mirpur residence today, reports BSS.
The Ekushey Padak winner musician died on January 20 after a prolonged suffering from cancer.
Friends, relatives and students of Ustad Phul Mohantmad have been requested to attend the chehlum at his Mirpur residence (Section-2, Block-D, Road-3, Plot-13), near Sony Cinema Hall, after Jumma prayers today.

Mukhtir Kotha to be screened for DRU tomorrow

A special screening of Mukhtir Kotha will be held for Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) tomorrow at 3 pm at Shawkat Osman Auditorium (Central Public Library). Complimentary tickets will be available for the members of the Dhaka Reporters Unity from DRU office or at the beginning of the show at the Auditorium on first come, first served basis, says a press release.
Tareque and Catherine Masud, Directors of Mukhtir Kotha will be present during the screening of the 85-minute documentary along with some participants of the documentary which portrays the struggle and sufferings of the people in 1971.

EC Commissioner visits BRAC projects

The Commissioner of European Commission Poul Nielsen has said that the European Union is proud of being a partner of BRAC and will continue its cooperation in the future, says a press release.
"We would not have been able to reach the people but for an organisation like BRAC now EC cooperation does reach out to the grassroots," he said.

The Commissioner, who was on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, made the observation after his tour of a few BRAC projects in Rangpur on Tuesday along with the members of his delegation and EC Ambassador Antonio de Menzes.

Nielson visited a BRAC school at Singimari village and talked to the parents of the school children. He was impressed with the immense urge for education among the children and their parents.

A few girls from poor households, who had their primary education in BRAC schools, met the delegation members and said that they were preparing for SSC examination this year with the hope of studying in college.

Nielson also saw an on-going training course of a batch of newly recruited teachers at the BRAC Training and Resource Centre.
The Deputy Executive Director of BRAC Dr Salehuddin Ahmed briefed the delegation on the multifaceted programme of the organisation.

Justice Abu Sayeed Chy's contribution recalled

State Minister for Information Professor Abu Sayeed yesterday called on the young generations to follow the ideals of former President Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury to flourish visionary leadership in the country, reports BSS.
The minister made the call in a speech at a function held to award scholarships and distribute certificates among meritorious students, marking the 79th birth anniversary of Justice Chowdhury at Biswa Shahittya Kendra here.

Referring to the contribution of Justice Chowdhury to the War of Liberation, the minister said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had chosen the right person as the president of the country to rebuild the war-scattered nation.

Justice Chowdhury was a person of integrity, sagacity

and humanity, the minister said, urging the scholars to publish his works in a volume to popularize his wisdom.
Journalist Obaidul Haq, Barrister Shakawat Ali Khan, Dean of the Diplomatic Core Shahata Zarab, Advocate Abdul Baset Majumdar and Advocate Sulratna Chowdhury also spoke at the function organised by Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury National Memorial Council.

President of the council Justice Kemal Uddin Hossain presided over the function.
Echoing the demands of other speakers, Justice Kemal Uddin Hossain urged the government to name a Dhaka University hall and a road after Justice Chowdhury.

The life and works of Justice Chowdhury should also be incorporated in textbooks, he added.



Speakers at the memorial meeting held on Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury at the Supreme Bar Association yesterday. (L to R): Adv Basat Mazumdar, Ambassador Shahta Zarab, Justice Kemaluddin Hossain, Prof Abu Sayeed, State Minister for Information, Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan and journalist Obaidul Haq.

Prof Abu Sayeed apprised of BSP problems

A delegation of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) called on State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed at the Secretariat yesterday, reports BSS.

Led by BSP President and Editor of Akjer Kagaj Kazi Shahed Ahmed, the delegation apprised the state minister of their different problems.
Prof Sayeed requested the delegation to ensure sending of the relevant copy of a newspaper to the advertisers as a documentary proof of its publication, while sending the advertisement bills.

The state minister assured the delegation of taking necessary steps to remove the complications in attaching registry receipt.

Information Secretary M Akmal Hossain, Principal Information Officer Haroon-Ur-Rashid, Director General of Films and Publications Iftikhar Hossain and leaders of BSP Sangbad Editor Ahmedul Kabir, Observer Editor Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Janakalah Editor Mohammed Atiqullah Khan Masud, Manab Zamin Editor Matur Rahman Chowdhury, Khabar Editor Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Managing Editor of Akjer Kagaj Kazi Mohammed Faruqul Hasan, News Editor of Ruppai Molla Jalal and Commercial Manager of Bhorer Kagaj AKM Abdul Malek were also present.

DUJA founding anniversary today

By DU Correspondent

The annual seminar and reunion of the Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) will be held today at the programme as the chief guest while Justice Habibur Rahman Khan, Chairman of Bangladesh Press Council, Obaid-Ul-Haq, former editor of The Bangladesh Observer, Golam Sarwar, Editor of Danik Jugantar and Eraj Ahmed of Danik Pratham Alo will also be present as the discussants.

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Information ministry, BSCCOA meet held

Objectionable satellite channels to be banned

A joint meeting of the Ministry of Information and leaders of Bangladesh Satellite Cable Operators Owners Association (BSCCOA) and Satellite Channel Distributors (SCD) has decided to ban transmission of "objectionable" satellite channels like TB-4, TB-6, Fashion TV and MCM, reports BSS.
The meeting was held yesterday at the conference room of the information ministry with State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed in the chair, according to an official press release. In context of the discussion initiated by Prof Sayeed and the presentation made by him the leaders of BSCCOA and SCD spontaneously announced to ban these channels and said that the members of the association will be instructed to execute the decision with immediate effect.

Welcoming the decision the state minister said the government is determined to prevent intrusion of bad taste and obscene culture which is contrary to our social, cultural, religious and moral values.

He said that the government such things believes in free flow of information but which are contrary to our individual, social and state principles cannot be acceptable.
He said preparation of a law

is in its final stages for proper and lawful telecasting of satellite channels.
Information Secretary M Akmal Hossain, director general of BTV Syed Salahuddin Zaki, BSCCOA president Mir Hossain Akhter and general secretary Khan Manzurul Islam Palash, Khulna divisional president of BSCCOA Monir Hossain, proprietor of Trans Link Humayun Majid and managing director of National Wide Communication Limited Rabi Charanjali were present.

Reopening of CU shuttle train service demanded

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Feb 24: Gonatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) at Chittagong University (CU) laid siege to the Central Railway Building (CRB) today demanding immediate reopening of the university shuttle train.

GCO also held a rally during the programme. Presided over by Ahsan Kabir Bengali GCO leaders Rahat Ullah Khan Zaidi, Abu Sayeed Sohel, Azizul Hud Palash, Soema Datta and Popi Chakma, among others, addressed the rally.

Meanwhile, Shibir-led All Party Student Alliance (APSA) continued strike on CU campus for the 24th day today.

Classes and scheduled examinations were not held but offices at the administrative building remained open during the strike. APSA enforced the strike for an indefinite period from February 1 demanding removal of the VC, pro-VC, Proctor and Provosts of the university, release of 54 Shibir leaders and activists and arrest of killers of December 19 incident.

Mamunur Rashid Retrospective from February 27

By DU Correspondent

A six-day long drama festival titled, 'Mamunur Rashid Retrospective' will begin on February 27 at the Mahila Samity auditorium in the city.

Aranyak Natya Dal and Subachan Natya Sangsad will stage some selected dramas by Mamunur Rashid. They include 'O Ashe', 'Jijoyanti', 'Manush', 'Rashtra Banam Iblish and Ora Kadam Ali'.

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