

**Police raid DU hall**

By DU Correspondent  
Police raided the Ziaur Rahman Hall of the Dhaka University on Sunday evening but did not recover anything or arrest anyone, sources said.  
According to hall sources, police searched room nos 220, 221, 318 A and B at around 7 pm but did not recover any arms or ammunition. Some outsiders managed to escape the scene before the police raid, they added.  
According to sources, the hall is dominated by a faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) led by Rezeev, organising secretary of the BCL hall unit.  
Talking to the journalists yesterday, Manir, president of BCL Zia Hall unit said that there was no unrest inside the hall and nothing untoward had happened either.



Police intercepted a JCD procession near the High Court building yesterday on its way to the Home Secretary's office to submit a memorandum demanding release of all arrested party activists. — Star photo

**Govt firm to ensure quick justice: Khasru**

Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday said the government is committed to ensuring quick, just and cost-effective justice to common people in the country, reports BSS.  
He was addressing in seminar on "Case Management and Mediation" organised by United States Information Service in the city.  
The minister urged the judges to earn skill and expertise of the latest methods and techniques of court and case management for disposal of cases.  
He said inordinate delay in the disposal of cases violates human rights and parties praying for justice become prey to a process of fortune, harassment and humiliation.  
The minister said the purpose of the delivery system is to achieve the 'ends of justice', nothing other than this. He said, the present government has taken a comprehensive legal and judicial reform project, one of the components of which is case and court management and mediation. The government welcomes the US proposal to work in partnership to develop and integrate pilot project on case management and mediation, he said.  
Among others, Chief Justice Latifur Rahman, United States Judge Clifford Wallace and Pakistani Judge Tasadduk Hossain Jilani spoke in the seminar.

**2 JCD activists beaten up at DU hall canteen**

By DU Correspondent  
Activists of a cadre of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) allegedly beat up two Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders of Sir AF Rahman Hall unit of Dhaka University inside the hall canteen yesterday noon.  
According to sources, the BCL cadre led by Mamun called Mustafizur Rahman Mamun and Saiful Islam Dolon, publicity secretary and literature secretary of JCD Rahman Hall unit respectively, from their rooms and beat them up inside the hall canteen.  
However, no case was lodged with police in this connection till filing this report last night.  
The injured were treated at a city hospital.  
In a joint statement yesterday, JCD acting president Monjur Elahi, acting general secretary Munshi Bazul Basit Anju, Manir Hossain and Mostafizur Islam Mamun, JCD DU unit president and general secretary respectively, condemned the incident.  
They demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of those involved.

**JCD demands release of its arrested activists**

By DU Correspondent  
A seven-member delegation of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of main opposition BNP, yesterday returned from the Home Secretary's office without submitting a memorandum to the Home Secretary as scheduled earlier.  
Talking to journalists later, the delegation members claimed that they did not submit the memo, demanding immediate release of all arrested JCD leaders and activists, as they had been told to submit it through the Secretary's personal assistant. The JCD leaders expressed their disappointment in not being able to submit the memo to him in person.  
JCD brought out a procession from the Dhaka University campus at around 11 am in the morning and marched towards the Home Secretary's office to submit the memorandum as part of their planned programme.  
Police intercepted the procession near the High Court building where it held a rally. Addressing the rally, the leaders demanded immediate release of all JCD men including its President Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, General Secretary Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, Mahbubul Haq Nannu, Ishaq Sarker, Zakir Khan and Helal.  
They blamed the Awami League government for arresting JCD activists and leaders throughout the country by filing false cases against them.  
"It is a deep rooted conspiracy of the ruling party to curb the opposition's democratic movement", acting president Monjur Elahi told the gathering.  
The leaders also blamed the ruling party backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) for having ousted JCD men from all dormitories of Dhaka University and carrying out different anti-social activities including kidnap and drug business on the campus.  
After the rally, a seven-member delegation went to the Home Secretary's office to submit the memorandum. The JCD leaders returned without submitting the memo.  
When contacted last night, Home Secretary M M Reza however said that he did not know anything regarding the memorandum and had not been informed of such an incident either.

**FBCCI seeks ADB support to survive global competition**  
Sub-regional cooperation to get backing: Chino

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) sought technical assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to develop its institutional capability to counsel the private sector for surviving global competition, reports UNB.  
The private sector enterprises need to improve quality of products and management skill to stand up to the requirement of WTO trade regime, FBCCI President Abdul Awal Mintoo told the visiting ADB President yesterday.  
ADB President Tadao Chino, who arrived in the city Sunday on a three-day visit, exchanged views with business leaders at the FBCCI office prior to signing the Poverty Reduction Partnership Agreement with the government.  
The FBCCI president, seeking increased equity and loan support to private sector for building investment confidence and attracting FDI, pointed out that Bangladesh's share under this category of ADB funding has so far remained relatively very small.  
The Bank's cumulative private sector fund approvals during 1983-1996 period for Bangladesh amounted to 35.86 million US dollar against \$400.3 million for Pakistan, \$229.4 million for Philippines and \$254.8 million for Indonesia.  
Mintoo said that although the government on paper recognised private sector as the engine of growth, but in reality the sector did not get the importance and support it needed.  
He expected ADB's role in overcoming the bottlenecks to stimulate private sector investment in Bangladesh. He also sought ADB's cooperation in major capital-intensive areas like energy, road transport, port facilities and telecommunication.  
The chief of Bangladesh's apex private sector trade body painted a grim picture of economy in the country saying that private investment declined sharply in last three years mainly in manufacturing sector.  
The export situation has also deteriorated sharply, he said.  
"The capital market has collapsed as a means of financing private sector investment and the banking system has provided little long-term loans for several years," Mintoo pointed out.  
He also informed the ADB chief of no progress in privatisation, unsatisfactory development in infrastructure, poor port situation and little reform programmes.

The FBCCI president questioned the donors' interest in those areas. He said, "The power of the donor communities has been used to bully the government into unrealistic and inappropriate policies."  
In response, ADB President Tadao Chino explained the Bank's new private sector development strategy having thrust on creation of enabling environment, generation of business opportunities, providing catalytic support and increased funding to private sector projects.  
He also gave an elaborate account of various measures to be taken to achieve these objectives.  
The ADB president assured the Bank's support to sub-regional cooperation among Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and northeastern India, a long demand of Bangladesh business community.  
FBCCI vice president MA Mumin, former president of Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) AKM Shamsuddin, former president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce, American Chamber (AmCham) president Forest E Cookson and FBCCI director Dewan Sultan Ahmed took part in the discussion.  
Two persons were injured in separate incidents yesterday at Elephant Road and Ananda Bazar areas in the capital, hospital sources said, reports BSS.  
A rickshawpuller Moteleb, 35, was seriously injured in a bomb blast at Elephant Road, a busy area of the capital at noon when an unknown assailant hurled bomb. He was passing through the area with his rickshaw at that time.  
In another incident, Karim Mollah, 40, vice president of Awami Jubo League of Ward No 56 was injured seriously when a number of local goons attacked him at Ananda Bazar Jubo League club premises last afternoon.  
The two victims were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

**Make public the PSC with Unocal, LDF demands**

By Staff Correspondent  
Left Democratic Front (LDF) has demanded that the government make public the production sharing contract (PSC) signed with the US company Unocal for gas mining at Block 7.  
LDF issued a statement yesterday to oppose the PSC signing on the plea that it was an 'unbalanced' agreement. It demanded annulment of the 'unbalanced' conditions in the PSC.

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**Ad policy guideline amended in 1987, Sayeed tells JS**

Replying to a starred question from Fazul Azim (Noakhali), an opposition BNP member (now boycotting the Sangsad session) State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed informed the Jatiya Sangsad that the advertisement policy guideline was formulated in 1983 by the government. In the absence of the member the question was raised by a treasury bench man, reports BSS.  
The guideline was amended later on in the year 1987 with a view to developing newspapers' quality and standard of adherence to objectivity, values of the independence war and on top of all for facilitating and implementing the Wage Board Award.  
In 1998 the government further incorporated the policy of upholding the values of the Liberation War and the distribution of advertisement based on the aforementioned guideline has been vested with the Department of Films and Publications (DFP), Prof Sayeed added.  
He also answered to some supplementary questions relating to the advertisement distribution amongst the national and influential regional dailies and periodicals.

**Blood transfusion centres at divisional HQs soon**

Italian Red Cross Society will set up four blood transfusion centres at the divisional headquarters in the country for collecting blood, reports BSS.  
This was informed by the advisor of Blood Development Programme of Italian Red Cross Society Dr Giuseppe Lops when he called on Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim at his office yesterday.  
Director General of Health Services Prof A B M Ahsanullah, Chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Sheikh Kabir Hussain and Director of Blood Programme of the society K Zakaria Khaled were present during the discussion.  
Dr Giuseppe showed keen interest in the policy on blood and what steps were being taken by the government for collection of safe blood.  
The health minister apprised the advisor of the present government's plan to set up 97 safe blood transfusion centres in different parts of the country. He also informed him that the government was contemplating to enact a new law preventing sale of blood by professional donors to check spread of HIV/AIDS in the country and formulate a national policy on safe blood transfusion.

**Rotary News**

**Weekly meeting**  
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka New City will be held today, at 5:30 pm sharp at Vintage Restaurant, Sobhanbagh, Mirpur Road, says a press release.  
Rotarians have been requested to attend the meeting on time.  
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The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club Family Lounge, says a press release.  
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The 297th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club Family Lounge. All members have been requested to attend.

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**One mugged**

By Staff Correspondent  
Unidentified muggers stabbed a staff member of The Daily Ittefaq in front of Wairo Tower at VIP Road yesterday evening before snatching money from him.  
The incident took place at about 7:40 pm when Abdul Matin, personal secretary to chairman, Editorial Boards The Daily Ittefaq and The New Nation was moving towards Farmgate area.  
When his vehicle stopped at a traffic jam six miscreants with knives stabbed him on his right hand and took away to Tk 1500 from him.  
The gang fled the scene after snatching the money.

**JS body on Ministry of Environment scrutinises 3 bills**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Environment and Forest Ministry yesterday scrutinised three bills placed to the House earlier, reports UNB.  
The bills are — The Forest (Amendment) Bill-2000, Environment Court Bill-2000 and Bangladesh Environment Protection (Amendment) Bill-2000, said a Parliament Secretariat press release.  
Presided over by committee Chairman M Tabbar Rahman, the meeting was attended by Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, M Shahabuddin, Habibur Rahman Mollah, Begum Anjuman Ara Jamil, M Waheduzzaman Sarkar and Mujibur Rahman (Monju Miah).  
State Minister for Environment and Forest H N Ashiqur Rahman attended the meeting on special invitation.  
Secretary of the ministry Syed Margub Morshed and concerned officials were also present at the meeting.

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1999.  
2. To declare Dividend for 1999.  
3. To elect Directors as per Articles of Association of the Company in vacancies caused by the retirement of Directors.  
4. To consider the appointment of Auditors for 2000 and fix their remuneration.  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD  
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Dated: Dhaka  
02 April 2000  
Notes:  
1. A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. The proxy form, a specimen of which is enclosed, must be affixed with a revenue stamp of Tk 8.00 and submitted to the Registered Office of the Company no later than 48 hours before the day of the Annual General Meeting.  
2. The Register of Shareholders and Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 21<sup>st</sup> April 2000 to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2000 (both days inclusive).  
3. Shareholders are requested to submit their queries on the Directors' Report and Audited Accounts at the Registered Office of the Company by Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2000.

**Over 40 lakh VGF cards to be distributed in Apr**

The government will distribute 42 lakh, 12 thousand and nine hundred special Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) cards in the current month to provide 42,129 metric tons of rice among the destitute people across the country, reports BSS.  
Under the arrangement the each card-holder will get 10 kgs of rice.  
The distribution of rice will be completed within this month.  
A total of 100 VGF cards will be distributed in each of 4,129 pourasabhas outside the country's 4,468 unions, 60 pourasabhas and 135 district headquarters.  
**'Entrepreneurs of Britain keen to invest in gas'**  
The British entrepreneurs are interested to invest in agriculture, gas, power and textile sectors in Bangladesh and the companies are preparing to move their business here finding the prospect bright, reports UNB.  
This was informed by British High Commissioner Dr David Carter during his meeting with Industries Minister Tojal Ahmed at his office yesterday.  
Welcoming the newly appointed High Commissioner, the minister said he hoped to see more UK investors coming to Bangladesh.  
UK has been supporting Bangladesh since the Liberation War and relationship between the two countries deepened over the years, Tojal added.  
David Carter estimated his country's investment in Bangladesh at 500 million pounds sterling.

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Mosharrar Hossain Bhuiyan  
Sharastader  
Sub-Judge and Artha Rin Adalat No. 3, Dhaka.