

What's on today....

DRU talk: Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) presents Communication Minister and Secretary General of Jatiya Party Anwar Hossain who will deliver a talk on "State of Politics in Bangladesh". After the talk, the minister will participate in a question-answer session with reporters of different dailies. Venue: Auditorium of DRU, 8/4A, Topkhana Rd, Segun Bagicha. Time: 10.55 am.

Inauguration: Bonsai Nursery will be inaugurated. Chief guest: State Minister for Environment and Forest. Venue: Gulshan Central Masjid and Idgah Society, 111 Gulshan Avenue. Time: 9.15 am.

ADAB view exchange meet: Association of Development Agencies of Bangladesh (ADAB) in association with FEMA will hold a view exchange meet on Reform of Laws regarding election to parliament. Venue: Auditorium of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Time: 10.00 am.

Rally: Waste concern, in association with Green Force and Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) will hold a Cleanliness Day and Rally. The programme has been organised under component 3-3-2 of Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP) and Ministry of Environment and supported by UNDP. Venue: Community centre auditorium of Green Road Staff Quarter. Time: 10.30 am.

Discussion meeting: Sonar Bangla Jubo Academy in association with Bangabandhu Lalitkala Academy will hold a discussion meeting on "Bangabandhu O Bangladesh". Chief guest: Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria. Venue: National Sports Council auditorium. Time: 5.00 pm.

Exhibition: Liberation War Museum will hold an exhibition of photographs on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as part of its National Mourning Day programmes. Venue: Liberation War Museum, 5, Segun Bagicha.

Opening ceremony: The opening ceremony of Justice Amin Ahmed Charity Clinic will be held. Venue: House No 54, Road No 10/A (new), old (20), Dhanmondi Residential Area. Time: 5-30 pm.

Reunion: Maple Leaf International School will hold a reunion of its ex-students. Venue: School premises, Rd No 14/A (new) 25 (old) (next Bangladesh Medical College). Time: 9.00 am.

Seminar: Bangladesh Dance Artists Association will hold a seminar on "Rules & Regulations of Dance Competitions". Venue: Bulbul Lalitkala Academy Hallroom, Kakoli School premises, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.30 am.

APTECH launching ceremony: The launching ceremony of the joint degree Programme on Bachelor of Information Technology of APTECH in collaboration with Southern Cross University, Australia will be held. Venue: Surma of Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10.00 am.

Discussion meeting: Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad Railway Thana command will hold a discussion meeting and *Doa Mahfil* to mark the death anniversary of Bangabandhu. Venue: Kamalapur Railway Station premises. Chief guest: State Minister for Communications Md Anisul Haq. Time: 11.00 am.

Certificate awarding ceremony: The certificate awarding ceremony of Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support Workshops 1999-2000 will be held. Venue: Auditorium of BIRDEM. Time: 11.00 am.

Rally: Gonatarik Majdoor Party will hold a rally as part of its 3-day long conference. Venue: Mukhtang. Time: 3.00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Zia Parishad of Tejaogaon thana will hold a discussion meeting on "The ruling party's role in combating terrorism-In Perspective of today's Bangladesh". Venue: Auditorium of Tejaogaon College. Time: 4.00 pm.

Open discussion: Dhaka University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) will hold an open discussion on "what we want our university to be like". Venue: Seminar Room of TSC, DU campus. Time: 4.00 pm.

Exhibition: The Information Ministry will inaugurate a poster, photograph and film exhibition as part of its programmes to mark the 25th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: Bangabandhu Memorial Museum premises. Time: 5.30 pm.

Recitation: Kanthashilin will present Shambhu Mitra's *Chand Baniker Pala*. Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial auditorium. Central Public Library, Shahbagh. Time: 7.00 pm.

Musical evening: The solo musical evening by Moushumi Bhawnik will be held. Venue: British Council Auditorium, Fuller Road. Time: 6.30 pm.

..... and tomorrow

IT Symposium: The 1st annual Bangladesh International Business and Information Technology Symposium (IBITS) will be held. Venue: NSU campus. Time: 10.00 am.

Discussion meeting: Islamic Foundation Bangladesh will hold a discussion meeting on "Bangabandhu and Bangladesh". Chief guest: Minister for Industries Tofail Ahmed. Venue: Auditorium of Islamic Foundation's Baitul Mukarram. Time: 11.00 am.

Discussion meeting: Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association will hold a discussion meeting on Bangabandhu. Venue: Auditorium of Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College. Time: 11.00 am.

Discussion meeting: Bangabandhu Parishad will hold a discussion meeting on "Bangladesh in the Spirit of the Liberation War". Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Engineers Institution auditorium. Time: 4.30 pm.

Seminar: Health for All will hold a seminar on "Heart & Respiration". Venue: Ganoshasthyo Nagar Bhaban, House No 14E, Rd No 6, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5.30 pm.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy falls is also likely at places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions, Met office said.

The country's highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chittagong and the lowest 24.4 degree at Srirangol.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.34 pm and rises on Sunday at 5.33 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.4	26.6	77	78
Chittagong	33.5	24.5	97	81
Rajshahi	32.5	26.0	93	88
Khulna	32.8	25.0	92	100
Barisal	31.7	25.0	80	83
Sylhet	31.7	25.6	90	100
Cox's Bazar	29.2	25.5	95	92

Obituary

Shahriar Khan Tanim, son of Arshad Khan Tara, official of Abahani Limited succumbed to his injuries on Thursday at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital. He was 25, says a press release.

He sustained head injuries in a road accident a few days back.

His *quikhuani* will be held today at his residence at House No: 108, Road No: 9/A, Dhanmondi.

BNP lawmakers

meet tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of BNP lawmakers will be held on Sunday night at the Minto Road official residence of the Opposition Leader and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia, party sources said yesterday.

BNP secretary general has requested party MPs to be present at the meeting by 7 pm.

Congratulations



The Department of Microbiology and Immunology of University of Melbourne, Australia has conferred the Ph.D degree on Zareen Masoud Yameen, says a press release.

She was conferred the degree for her thesis on "Molecular Characterisation of Nelson Bay virus: An unclassified Reovirus. Zareen earlier obtained 1st class 1st position in her Masters Degree exam under Dept of Biochemistry and Microbiology from Dhaka University.

She is the youngest daughter of Col Masoudul Hossain Khan and Nayeema Masoud.



The University of Essex, UK has awarded a Ph.D degree on Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, says a press release.

Her area of research was Human Rights and Constitutional Law.

Shirin is the eldest daughter of late Rafiqullah Chowdhury, former CSP and Prof Naiyar Sultan.



Shahnava Sekander has obtained the bar-at-law degree from London School of Law, says a press release.

She will be formally handed over the degree from Lincoln's Inn at a ceremony in October.

Shahnava has earlier passed her LLB (Hons) degree from Wolverhampton University.

She is the eldest daughter of Sekander Ali, former Managing Director Bangladesh Shiping Bank, Bangladesh Shiping Bank, Bangladesh Shiping Bank, Bangladesh Shiping Bank and ICB and present senior advisor to Securities and Exchange Commission.



Maleehah Lohani, a young Bangladeshi girl, won the award for the beginners group in the 20th anniversary competitions of Bharat Nat-tam Academy in Melbourne, Australia, says a press release.

Maleehah is the eldest daughter of Moni and Sarah Lohani of Rangpur. She is a student of grade two.

Footwear factory gutted in Gazipur

GAZIPUR, Aug 11: A footwear factory was gutted in a fire in Chhaidana area in Sadar upazila today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the fire broke out at Amit Footwear Ltd at about 3 pm.

The origin of the fire could not be known.

Son of BNP leader shot at Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Aug 11: A son of former State Minister for Land and BNP leader Kabir Hossain was shot in the city on Thursday night, reports UNB.

Family sources said three terrorists intercepted the car of Nasir Hossain Ashir, 30, some 50 yards off his house and dragged him out of the vehicle at about 10 pm.

The gunmen shot him in the left chest and fled the scene.

Phoney voters

From page 12

sent a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner demanding a probe into the alleged false registration of voters. Some 83 people were shown as voters with the same address - caretaker residence of Khaleda Zia.



Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote brought out a procession from in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding the execution of the verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case. — Star photo

Call for resistance against anti-liberation elements

Execution of verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case demanded

Political advisor to the Prime Minister Dr SA Malek yesterday called upon progressive forces to forge strong resistance against the anti-liberation elements upholding the spirit of the country's war of liberation, reports BSS.

"The anti-liberation elements is now active to destabilise peace and progress of the country and undermining the spirit of the war of liberation," Dr. Malek, who is also the General Secretary of Bangabandhu Parishad said while speaking at a post procession rally at the Bangabandhu Museum yesterday afternoon.

Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad brought out a big procession which marched through the city streets demanding immediate execution of the verdict of the Bangabandhu Murder Case.

The procession, led by Dr. SA Malek, started from the central Shaheed Minar premises and ended at the Bangabandhu Museum.

Among others, leaders of the organisation Mahbubuddin Ahmed Bir Bikram, Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Dr. Durgadas Bhatlacharya, Akhter Ahmed Khan, AH Selim Talukder, Advocate ABM Bayiz, Rezaul Karim Khan Reza, Ismail Hossain Taru, Wadud Hawlader and Pradeep Kumar Sarkar took part in the procession.

Meanwhile Forest and Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said the reactionary elements those could not accept the independence of the country killed Father of the

Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"The anti liberation forces was also involved in distorting the true history of the War of Liberation after the brutal assassination of the Bangabandhu," she said while speaking at a discussion organised by Awami Shilpi Goshli yesterday at the National Sports Council auditorium on the occasion of National Mourning Day.

Commissioner of Dhaka City Corporation Advocate Nazma Kaiser, Awami League leader Mukul Bose and acting editor of Daily Ittefaq Rahat Khan, among others, took part in the discussion with president of the organisation Salahuddin Badal in the chair.

The minister called upon the pro-liberation forces to be united against the anti-liberation elements being imbued with the spirit of the country's liberation war.

Awami League presidium member and Food Minister Amir Hossain Anu said those who are killing people in the name of politics have no right to participate politics.

"The conspirators, who are creating unrest and de-stabilising the hard earned democracy, they have to face unitedly," he said while addressing a rally as chief guest at the historic Paltan Maidan in the city.

Bangladesh Awami Sechchasebak League as part of its National Mourning Day programme, organised the rally demanding immediate execu-

tion of the verdict of Bangabandhu murder case and trial of those who attempted to kill the prime minister recently, under special tribunal.

Presided over by Convenor of Awami Sechchasebak League Alhaj Mokbul Hossain MP, the rally was addressed, among others, by Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif, Publicity Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Abdul Mannan, General Secretary of Jatiya Samik League Ahsanullah Mastar MP, Joint Convenors of Sechchasebak League A F M Bahauddin Nasim and S A Mannan Kochi, S M Kamal Hossain, Pankaj Devnathi and General Secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League Ajoy Kar Khokon.

Meanwhile children of Bangladesh Shishu Academy took to the streets yesterday to protest the attempt to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Minister of State for Women and Children Affairs Prof. Zinatun Nesa Talukder led the procession which marched up to the Shaheed Minar.

Addressing a gathering there Prof. Zinatun Nesa Talukder said the rightist clique who killed Bangabandhu in 1975, had attempted to kill Sheikh Hasina.

Painter Hashem Khan, Rhymer Lutfur Rahman Liton and Director of Shishu Academy Golam Kibria also spoke on the occasion. Children carried posters and festoons while marching through the streets.

Computer components worth Tk 10 lakh recovered: 3 held

By Staff Correspondent

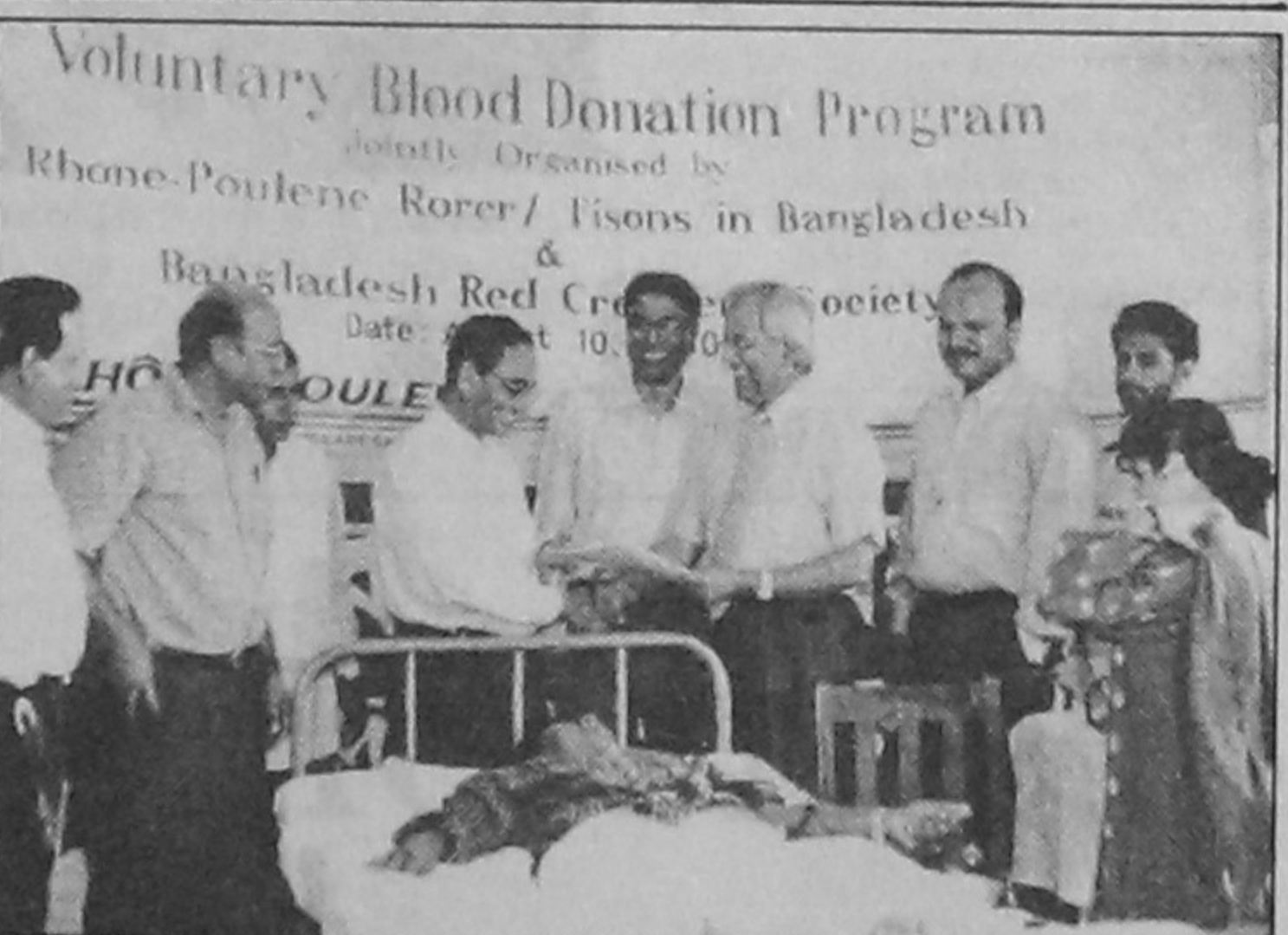
Dhanmondi police arrested three people thought to be members of a racket involved in theft of computers and electronic goods and recovered computer components worth Tk 10 lakh from their possession.

An alleged computer thief, Enayef, was caught red handed with help of local people near Dhanmondi Road 32 as he tried to snatch away a computer from a rickshaw passenger on Thursday evening.

Following Enayef's arrest, local people caught two others — Jewel and Shoaeb — from front of New Model School.

The three accused confessed to the police that they were members of a racket involved in theft of computers and its various components from different areas in the city, police said.

Police later raided the Kakoli slum at Pallabi and arrested one Akber and seized a huge number of computer components. As per his statement, police raided other areas and arrested one Titu from Pallabi and one Amir Hussein from Fatullah.



Rhone-Poulenc Rorer on Thursday held a blood donation programme at its factory premises at Tongi. Chairman of Red Crescent Society Sheikh Kabir Hossain and Managing Director of Rhone-Poulenc Rorer and Fisons AKM Shamsuddin were present at the programme.



A seven-member Japanese delegation is currently on a visit in the city to conduct a preparatory study on flood protection in rural areas of Bangladesh. The delegation visited LGED HQs recently and discussed various aspects of the proposed study. Seen in the photograph from right are Masaaki Matsushima, Team Leader, Md. Monowar Hossain Chowdhury, Chief Engineer, LGED, and Md. Shahidul Hassan, Addl. Chief Engineer, LGED.

Fresh areas flooded

From page 1

rooned after inundation of more areas.

Kunderchar, Paterchar, Barakandi, Shaikandi and Patalakandi in Jajira upazila and Nowapara and Charatra in Naria upazila went under two feet waters.

Erosion by river Padma took an alarming turn in Jajira upazila. About 2-km area of Kunderchar and Paterchar, including 133 shops, were devoured by the river.

The Manikganj correspondent said flood waters washed away aman crops, betel leaf and vegetables, and fish fry from some hatcheries.

Road communications with Daulatpur, Gheor, Harirampur, Sauria and Singair upazilas have been disrupted, increasing prices of essentials.

Ferry services on Aricha-Nagarbari-Daulatpur route were under threat due to surging water of the swelling Padma and Jamuna.

The Brahmaputra-Jamuna and the Padma receded at all points while most of the rivers in the Meghna and southeastern Hill basins recorded fall in 24

hours ending at 9 am yesterday.

Eight rivers were flowing above their danger marks at 10 points, the bulletin said.

Among the swelling rivers, the Jamuna was flowing above the danger level by 14cm at Bahadurabad Ghat and 57cm at Aricha after marking a rise during the last 24 hours.

The Lakhya marked a rise by 6 cm at Narayanganj while the Turag by 8 cm at Mirpur and Kaliganga 6 cm at Taraghat. The rivers were flowing above danger levels by 42cm, 2 cm and 61cm respectively yesterday morning.

The Padma receded by 8 cm at Pankha, 5 cm at Rajshahi, 8 cm at Gholundo. The river was flowing above the danger mark at Gholundo by 58 cm and at Bhagyal by 73 cm.

In the Meghna basin, the Surma recorded fall at all points and it was flowing above danger mark by 9 cm at Kanaighat while the Manu and Meghna marked further rise and the rivers were flowing above danger level by 39cm at Moulybazar and 2 cm at Bhairab Bazar respectively.

Court clears Walesa to run for presidency

WARSAW, Aug 11: A Polish court investigating political candidates' pacts ruled today that Solidarity founder Lech Walesa, who fought communist rule for two decades, told the truth when he denied cooperating with the old secret police, reports AP.

The decision clears the way for Walesa, a 59-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate, to run this fall for the presidency he lost to an ex-communist five years ago.

Walesa, Poland's first democratically elected president after communism collapsed a decade ago, vehemently denied suggestions in old police files that he spied on fellow dissidents.

Walesa stood in court for the verdict, smiling and leaning back in relief at the result.

"I was fighting the communists," Walesa told reporters before heading into court for his third hearing. "It was a life or death struggle."

He described the hearings as part of a "laughable" political vendetta against him by former communist enemies.

"The case shows the power of the secret services is still considerable," Walesa said. "This will be a heroic struggle."

President Aleksander Kwasniewski, who defeated Walesa in 1995 and is heavily favoured to win re-election Oct. 8, was cleared by the screening court Thursday of similar allegations.

Investment

From page 12

the goal of increasing Foreign Direct Investment, investment on development of physical infrastructure and human resource is needed.

M Azizur Rahman emphasised development of information technology (IT) for generating employment and increasing export. Government officials should be given proper training for this, he said.

Justice Frakesh Dutta wondered why people are concerned over the proposal for giving transit to India. It is happening because of political intolerance in the country, he said.

He was critical of the World Trade Organisation for not encouraging free movement of labour. It is advocating free movement of resources and capital but it is not giving proper emphasis on free movement of labour, he said.

Syed Jamal Uddin said that before giving transit to India, we should first calculate our benefits from it. The prospect of market for Bangladesh goods in seven north eastern Indian state may not exist when transit facilities are given to India, he observed.

Smuggling is the most serious problem facing the country and if it is not controlled, small scale industries would not survive, he said.

"Goods worth about three billion US dollars are smuggled into the country from India per year whereas our export to that country is not worth more than 60 million dollars," Jamal Uddin said.

Deadlock ends

From page 1

Bangladesh and at Dauki border in Meghalaya by August 20. They will issue tokens after "eye examination" of the coal on trucks every day, quoting the number of RFI (Request for Inspection).

Final CRF will be issued after completion of export formalities and on receipt of shipping documents and Final Invoice, the meeting decided. The excise office in Sylhet town will fix the excise duty on the basis of provisional CRF and it will be finalised after receipt of the Final CRF.

The Coal Importers Group will submit TIN and VAT registration documents of all importers to PSI firms in advance for verification. An importer, after opening LC, will send the copy to the PSI firm's office in Sylhet which will verify the LC over telephone and issue RFI within 24 hours.

About eight lakh tonnes of coal are imported from India annually. Imports from Meghalaya meet about 90 per cent of the demand of brick fields in the country.

Rab murder

From page 1

Namaj-e-Janaza will be held tomorrow.

He has left behind his wife, four sons, one daughter and hundreds of admirers to mourn his death.

Security in the metropolitan city has been tightened following the murder that created panic among local people.

Additional police forces have been deployed at all vulnerable points including offices of the ruling party and BNP. Police are patrolling some of the city streets with vehicles keeping off those.

State Minister for Disaster Management Talukdar Abdul Khaleque visited Rab's residence and condemned the murder.

Slum dwellers

From page 12

eases due to lack of medical attention, they observed.

Besides, there has been no resettlement nor has there been any rehabilitation plan for any of the evicted families. Education of thousands of school-going children was disrupted. Many lost their jobs and other suffered wage losses due to the evictions.

The slum dwellers are doing essential jobs like keeping the city clean, providing accessible transportation and working in garment factories, the committee observed.

The committee also observed that most slum dwellers emigrated to the capital from poverty-stricken rural areas and the government has made no plans or provisions as regards the housing of these migrant poor people.

The press conference was jointly organised by Coalition for Urban Poor, Ain O Salish Kendra and Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust. Officials of the organisations were also present in the press conference.

RU situation

From page 1

wing, Chhatra League, has vowed to resist JCD agitation programme.

"Chhatra Dal will not be allowed to create chaos on the campus," said Rajshahi University Chhatra League President Shakhawat Hossain Shaikue.

VC Saidur Rahman Khan told UNB that academic and administrative activities would go on as usual tomorrow (Saturday). The authorities would take necessary steps to restore congenial academic atmosphere, he added.

Besides, the students of Commerce Faculty will lay a siege to the senate office tomorrow (Saturday) demanding reinstatement of semester system instead of course system.

Meanwhile, a five member committee has been formed with Prof Abu Saleh Abdun Noor to probe Thursday's campus violence.

The other members of the committee are Prof Nazrul Islam, Prof Jalaluddin, Prof Bazul Rahman and Prof Mohammad Shahjahan.

The committee was asked to submit its report within four weeks.

BB governor

From page 1

He said remittance from United Kingdom is very low, which was only equivalent to 60 million dollars last year. This is one area where illegal transfer of money is taking place.

"Singapore is the hundi capital of the region. We are concentrating on increasing remittances from UK, other European countries and some Asian countries."

Remittances were around two billion dollars in 1999-2000 financial year. The amount is 600 million dollars higher than those in previous three years, the BB governor said.

He said actual monetary expansion in fiscal 1999-2000 was 18.5 per cent against a projection of 12 per cent. Sometimes this expansion is undesirable.

Mumtaz Islam, Director General of Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), MA Kashem, Anis Chowdhury, Inam Abu Sayed, MA Taslim and NH Chowdhury of Bangladesh Krishi Bank presented papers on different topics.