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For and Against: Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) (L) paraded the city streets yesterday in support of their dawn-to-dusk hartal while the ruling party leaders (R) took to the streets to protest the strike. — Star photo

'Amendment to BOU Act a must to reach its goal'

The government goal to spread education through Bangladesh Open University may falter if its flawed legislation is not amended, reports UNB.

"BOU is an off-campus university, but its act was based on a conventional university and eventually it will turn out to be an obstacle," said BOU Vice-Chancellor Prof M Aminul Islam.

The VC, whose four-year term expires on October 20, in an exclusive interview said it's essential to amend the BOU Act 1992 to revamp its activities by removing the lapses that its foreign donor has also identified.

He would draft a proposal for amendment of the law if the government re-appoints him for a second term.

Asian Development Bank, the donor of the BOU project, in its 1998 Mission Report said, "the BOU's legislation is based on that of Dhaka University, a traditional university... the BOU requires a structure that reflects its distance learning character."

ADB Consultant Merriam Bailey, a distance-learning expert of Canada, had prepared the report.

In its 1997 Mission Report prepared by ADB's another consultant, Greville Rumble of UK, said, "Given the need to ensure proper coordination between the administrative and academic sides of the university, and to reinforce joint decision-making, the BOU Act (1992) should be amended."

Pointing finger at former BOU VC Prof Dr Shamsher Ali, Prof Aminul Islam said the project profile they had drafted for the BOU project was flawed if it is judged in the perspective of Bangladesh's socio-economic condition.

"An off-campus university does not need to have a large



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President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday greeted the President of Federal Republic of Germany, Johannes Rau, on the occasion of German Unity Day, reports BSS.

In a message, Shahabuddin expressed his firm belief that the friendly relations and close cooperation existing between the two countries will be developed and consolidated further in the coming years.

In a separate message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her "heartiest greetings and warmest felicitations" to the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Gerhard Schroeder, and the people on the occasion of the Day of German Unity.

"I am confident that the bonds of friendship, understanding and cooperation which have developed over the years, will be further strengthened and consolidated in the days ahead for the mutual benefit of the peoples of our two countries," she said.



Police saved the day for a rickshawpuller after pro-hartal activists tried to set his rickshaw on fire in front of BNP's central office at Naya Paltan area yesterday for defying the hartal. They convinced the pickets to spare the poor rickshawpuller and his sole source of earning. — Star photo

Tk 4cr British grant for flood victims

Britain has announced a grant of 500,000 pound sterling equivalent to Tk 4 crore as emergency relief fund for the flood victims of Bangladesh's southwestern districts, reports UNB.

The Department for International Development, a British organisation at its High Commission in Dhaka, provided the money to different NGOs for the emergency relief operation.

The NGOs will utilise the funds focusing on vulnerable groups needing food, shelter and healthcare facilities in the flood ravaged areas, said a press release.

One shot at Nazimuddin road

By Staff Correspondent

Unidentified gunmen shot an employee of a fabric block-printing factory at Nazimuddin Road in the city Sunday night.

The victim was identified as Pear Ahmed, 27, son of Mohammad Amin and a resident of Tatkhan Lane in Kotwali area in the city.

The incident took place at about 10-30 pm Sunday when Ahmed was passing through Nazimuddin Road. As soon as he reached in front of a restaurant some unidentified person shot at him.

Ahmed was hit by six bullets on different parts of his body. In a critical condition he was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

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 the Vintage Restaurant, Sobhanbagh, Mirpur Road.

Rotarians have been requested to attend the meeting on time, says a press release.

The 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, says a press release.

Hasina condoles death of Trudeau

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her deep grief at the death of former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, reports BSS.

In a condolence message sent to Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Sheikh Hasina recalled that the late leader was a great statesman with vision and courage who "earned a niche for Canada in the community of nations."

Sheikh Hasina said: "On behalf of the people and the government of Bangladesh, I convey our deep condolences to the people and the government of Canada, in particular, the members of the bereaved family."

She also prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

JU Puja holiday from Wednesday

Jahangirnagar University (JU) goes on a 10-day vacation Wednesday on the occasion of Durga and Laxmi Puja, reports UNB.

Official activities of the university will remain suspended only on Oct 7, 8 and 12.

Classes of the university will resume on Oct 14.

Durga Puja DCC mayor greets members of Hindu community

Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif yesterday greeted members of the Hindu community on the occasion of their greatest religious festival Durga Puja beginning today, reports BSS.

In a statement he said being imbued with the ideology of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the bond of communal harmony and fraternity that were created in this country after the independence would have to be strengthened.

"The nation is committed to maintaining the trend of communal harmony and fraternity," Hanif said, adding the communal harmony has been cemented after assumption of office by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

No classes at DU today from 10-11 am

Classes of Dhaka University will remain suspended from 10 am to 11 am today, an official statement said yesterday, reports UNB.

DU to probe into toll collection allegations

By DU Correspondent

Dhaka University authorities yesterday formed a probe body to investigate the alleged toll collection from the under construction Anar Ekushey Hall of the university.

Headed by pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof M Shahadat Ali, the other members of the five-member body are Provost of Shahidullah Hall Prof AM Inamul Haq, Provost of Mohsin Hall Prof M Khairul Hossain, Provost of Fazlul Haq Hall Prof Shahid Akhter Hossain and Proctor of the university Prof AKM Noor-un-Nabi.

The probe body was formed as per the direction of the VC following a news report of toll collection from the under construction hall near the Shahidullah Hall on the campus, a DU press release said.

The probe has been asked to submit its report alongwith recommendations as soon as possible.

Stern action will be taken against both the tolls collector and the construction firm if the allegation is proved, the release stated. "Such activities are tarnishing the image of the university," the release said.

The DU authorities have requested all construction firms on the campus not to pay tolls to any extortionists and inform the authorities of any such attempts to extort money.

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Tender Notice

Appointment of Contractor for Cleaning and Maintenance of Water & Sewerage Line of BSRS Bhaban

Sealed and signed tenders are hereby invited from genuine and reputed contractor (having minimum 05 years experience in similar work) for cleaning of various parts of BSRS Bhaban (at 12, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215) and maintenance of water & sewerage line of the same on yearly basis.

Tender schedules will be available during office hours from Real Estate Department, Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha, BIWTA Bhaban (6th floor), 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka on payment of non-refundable amount of Tk 1000/- (Taka one thousand) only during office hours up to 18th October, 2000.

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Tender Notice
No 26(F)/2000-2001

Sealed open tenders are invited from well established importers/supplier establishments for purchasing glass filter for use in the camera of this department.

Each set of schedule of tender will be available on payment of Taka 400/- (four hundred) till 28-9-2000 to 11-10-2000 from the Accounts Section of this department during office hours. Tenders will have to be submitted on 12-10-2000 till 11-30 AM and tender box will be opened the same day at 11-35 AM.

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