

DAB requests President Take steps to appoint docs in vacant posts

BSS, Dhaka

A 17-member delegation of Doctors' Association of Bangladesh (DAB) called on President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury at Bangabhaban here yesterday.

DAB President Prof MA Hadi led the delegation.

The delegation submitted a memorandum to the President requesting him to take effective steps to appoint doctors to the vacant posts.

They said provision should be made to provide foreign training

RUTA condemns cancellation of holidays Mar 17, August 15

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The Rajshahi University Teachers' Association (RUTA) yesterday condemned the government decision to cancel the holidays on March 17 and August 15 birth and death anniversaries of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

In a statement RUTA President Prof Mizan Uddin and Secretary Shafiqunnabi Samadi termed the government decision a political vendetta and dishonour to the Father of the Nation.

The RUTA also demanded immediate restoration of the holidays.

DUEDAA executives

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Dr Shoaib Ahmed and Prof MA Taslim were elected President and General Secretary respectively to the 35-member executive committee of Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association (DUEDAA).

The election was held at the annual general meeting of the association on Thursday, a DUEDAA press release said in the city yesterday.

Other members of the executive committee have also been elected at the meeting.

to private practitioners along with government doctors and exempt duty on importing medical apparatuses in the interest of patients and for ensuring better treatment.

They suggested that a multidisciplinary medical centre of international standard should be established in the country to render better treatment to patients.

They said the efficient doctors should also be provided with administrative cum-health development programmes for proper implementation of health projects.

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BCS Forest Assoc executives

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A Z M Samsul Huda, Deputy Chief Conservator of Forest and Ali Kabir Hider, Conservator of Forest, were elected president and general secretary respectively of BCS Forest Association on January 3.

Other office-bearers of the 19-member executive committee are A K M Samsuddin, senior vice president, Mohammad Abdul Motaleb, vice president, Sheikh Mizanur Rahman and Mohammad Yunus Ali, joint secretaries, Masud Bazal, treasurer, Haradhan Banik, literature and publication secretary, Asit Ranjan Pal, education and social welfare secretary and Badrul Anam Bhuiyan, sports and cultural secretary, the press release added.

Death anniversary

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The 11th death anniversary of former police officer and noted social worker Abdus Sattar Chowdhury will be observed on January 11 at his village home at Falgunkara in Choudhogram upazila under Comilla district.

He was the founder of "Falgunkhwani and milad mahfil will be held for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Relatives, admirers and friends have been requested to attend the function. Chowdhury died at his village home in 1980.



PHOTO: STAR
11-party brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting price hike of fuel oil, gas and electricity.

Scientists urged to help develop human resources for industrial sector

UNB, Dhaka

Industries Minister M K Anwar yesterday urged the scientists to endeavour in improving the quality of education and research for the welfare of the people.

Inaugurating the 24th annual conference of Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS) at BCSIR auditorium he said the world has achieved spectacular progress in molecular sciences, biotechnology and application of Information Technology devices. Our scientists should also acquire the modern know-how for developing the industrial sector, he added.

BCS, a national organisation of professional chemists, is dedicated to improve the quality of chemical education and research, industrial and technological output and overall wellbeing of the chemists and chemical technologists of the country.

Praising the activities of chemists for the development of chemical industries, the minister said domestic chemical industries were producing fertilizer, sugar, glass, ceramic, pulp and paper, polymer products, cement, paints, cosmetics and so on.

Besides, he said Bangladesh had been exporting cosmetics, ceramic, medicine, leather goods

as the products of chemical industries. He urged the chemists to evolve procedure for increasing local value addition in the chemical products with a view to earning more foreign exchange.

He said the government attached priority to develop the human resources suited for industrial sector. He said shortage of trained manpower and good managers are the major hurdles for development.

He called upon the BCS mem-

bers to play vital role in developing manpower and research to meet the demands of industrial sector.

Anwar lamented absence of fruitful utilisation of natural gas.

Gas should be used for producing petro-chemical products apart from using as a fuel for generation of electricity.

He urged the chemists and scien-

tists to explore avenues for newer application of gas as the question of exporting gas through pipeline might arise only after meeting domestic need for another 30-35 years.

Eminent chemist and Professor of Ritsumeikan University of Japan Dr Hitachi Otaki presented the key-note paper on international cooperation in chemistry for education, research and industry.

Dr Hitachi Otaki laid the importance on more international cooperation for the development of education and research in the field of chemistry as it supports industry and thus economy of the country.

Presided over by the BCS president Prof M Mosibuzzaman, the inaugural function was also addressed by Dr Aftab Uddin Ahmed and BCS general secretary Dr Akther Uddin Ahmed.

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