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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia addressing the inaugural ceremony for 'Natun Kuri-2002' at Bangladesh Television Bhaban in the city yesterday.

30 to contest JUTA polls on Jan 23

BSS, *Savar*

Thirty teachers are contesting the Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) election scheduled for January 23.

Prof. Amin Mohammad Ali of Economics Department and Shamsul Alam of Government and Politics Department are the candidates of the pro-BNP panel for the posts of president and general secretary receptively, while Prof. M A Matin of Statistics Department and Ahmed Reza of English Department will vie for these posts from the pro-Awami League panel.

The university teachers will elect a 15-member executive committee of the JUTA on January 23.

Poetry-reading sessions

UNB, *Dhaka*

Two poetry-reading sessions will be held at the British Council Centre in the city on Sunday and Zia Memorial Hall in Chittagong on Tuesday at 6pm.

The British Council will host the sessions where Scottish-Indian poet Bashabi Fraser will read poems with school and NGO children, said a press release.

Campus violence claims 13 CU students in 12 years

ATAUL GANI SUMON, *Ctg*

Clashes between the student organisations at Chittagong University (CU) left at least 13 students killed in the last 12 years – nine of them were allegedly killed by the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS).

And most of the victims lost their lives in the last five years.

Ali Murtaza, a senior vice-president of Bangladesh Chhatra league (BCL) CU unit, is the last victim of campus violence. He was shot dead on December 29 last year in Fateyabad area adjacent to the campus.

Witnesses said Ali Murtaza was attacked in a hairdresser's close to his house at Chharerkul at around 7.30pm.

Four masked gunmen who came in an autorickshaw sprayed bullets on the BCL leader and fled the scene. Critically injured Murtaza succumbed to his injuries on the way to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

General secretary of BCL CU unit Nasir Haider Babul blamed the Shibir cadres for the murder.

Hamid, a leader of then Jatiya Chhatra Samaj (JCS), student wing of the Jatiya Party (JP), became the first victim of terrorist activities of the Shibir workers who chopped off his right arm on November 26, 1986.

Since then the politics of vengeance has taken root on the peaceful campus. To restore congenial atmosphere, the authorities have formed committees several times to find out the causes and persons responsible for such incidents, but no probe committee could submit reports after proper investigations.

The campus saw the first killing by Shibir on April 28, 1988. And the victim was Aminul Islam, a leader of Chhatra Oikya and a student of statistics department.

Later, the All Party Student Parishad (APSP) leaders were the targets of Shibir after APSP swept the CUCSU election in 1990.

Shibir attacked a procession celebrating the CUCSU election victory on December 22, leaving Faruquzzaman Faruq, a Chhatra Moitree leader, dead.

A case was filed against the Shibir cadres for their involvement in this murder, but there was no action against them. Worse, two of the accused later became teacher of the university.

Then Shibir tried to capture the dormitories. They kidnapped and injured Nurul Islam Musa, a JCD leader, and a son of Dr. Enamul Haq, then president of Zia Parisad of CU unit and a teacher of Islamic History and Culture Department.

Musa succumbed to his injuries on November 6 in 1994 at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical Hospital University (then IPGMR). And Shibir occupied all the dormitories and made the campus a 'haven for terrorists'.

On September 3, 1997, the Shibir attacked the 'Khonika' cottage, leaving Aminul Islam Bakul, a first-year student of Mathematics department dead. The attackers also damaged the valuables of about one hundred students.

Three more students were killed in 1998. They were Ayub Ali, an admission seeker, Kazi Mushfikur Saleheen, a first-year student of Chittagong Medical College and son of Dr. Kazi Ahmed Nabi, a teacher of the finance department, and Sanjoy Talapatra, a Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) activist. All the three were killed in Shibir attacks.

Zubair Hossain, a Shibir cadre and a final year student of economics department, was killed in a clash with the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on May 15, 1999.

BCL leader Mohammad Saiful Islam died after he shot himself accidentally while he was cleaning a gun in Amanat hall on May 25, 1999.

The 'double murder' took place on the campus on December 19, 1999. The two Shibir cadres were killed in a bloody clash between the ICS and BCL.

The victims were identified as Rahimuddin, a second year student of Bangla department, and Mahamudul Hasan, a fourth year student of finance department.

New private dental college opens in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new private dental college and hospital opened at Uttara Model Town in the city yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain formally inaugurated the Sapporo Dental College and Hospital. It has been set up with the assistance of the School of Dentistry of Hokkaido University, Japan.

The minister urged the authorities concerned to maintain quality in its education system.

The dental college in sector-9 has already started functioning.

Principal of the college M A Ashraf, Japanese ambassador Jiro Kabayashi, and WHO representative Suniti Acharya attended the inaugural function held at the LGED Bhaban in Agargaon.

Medical camps open at Biswa Ijtema ground

UNB, *Tongi*

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain has directed the authorities to provide better treatment to the ailing devotees attending the Biswa Ijtema.

The directive came when the health minister was inaugurating free medical camps set up by the district civil surgeon office, Anjuman Mufidul Islam, Ayurvedik Protisthan (AP), Dhaka, Ibn Sina and Unnayan Shasthya Sangstha at Biswa Ijtema ground yesterday.

Thanking the organisers for taking up initiatives to provide treatment facility for millions of devotees from home and abroad, he also asked the authorities to employ more physicians, nurses and health workers to provide better healthcare facilities.

Later, the health minister visited the 50-bed Tongi Hospital near Ijtema ground.

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