

JU situation deteriorates

JU CORRESPONDENT

Situation at the Jahangirnagar University deteriorated yesterday when policemen tried to video the token hunger strike programme of the students in front of the Vice Chancellor's office.

Students of the History Department organised the hunger strike.

They immediately left the spot when policemen began to video the programme at 11.30 am.

The agitating students, later brought out a procession protesting video recording without any prior permission.

Some one hundred students went on the hunger strike to realise their five-point demand including immediate release of seven JU students and two local youths arrested on Friday under Public Safety Act, withdrawal of the cases against them, trial of the persons responsible for the death of JU teacher Kawsar Hossain, punishment to policemen who injured 250 students on Friday and safe traffic system on the highway.

When asked, ASP Baten said, "We are taking the shots to find out the students who ransacked VC's residence, Administrative Building and Teachers' quarters on Friday night."

JU authorities filed a case with Savar Thana in this connection on Sunday.

VC Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmad and Registrar Mohammad Ali said they lodged only a GD in this connection.

"I asked the policemen not to

video the programme as it would create commotion among the general students", the VC said.

When asked about the fate of the arrested, he said, "I have talked with the higher authorities of police to take steps to release the nine as early as possible."

Proctor Enamullah Parvez said, "Policemen are acting as per the directives of Home Ministry."

A huge number of policemen were deployed at different gates, buildings and sensitive points of the campus to avoid fresh violence.

The Platform for Resistance to Repression (PRR) will form a human chain on the Dhaka-Aricha highway at 11.00 am today.

Bangladesh Rehabilitation Centre for Trauma Victims (BRCCT) is likely to submit an investigative report on the police attacks on JU students to the Home Ministry today.

BRCCT will also provide medical and financial support to the injured students.

Meanwhile, English Department named its seminar library after Kawsar Hossain -- "Kawsar Hossain Memorial Seminar Library".

A milad was also held at the department after Asr prayers yesterday in memory of Kawsar Hossain.

Classes were held only in five departments. Attendance was very thin. Students of History and Chemistry continued their class boycott programme yesterday.

BIT, Ctg students union polls today amid boycott by BCL, BCU

CU CORRESPONDENT

The central students union election of Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT), Chittagong will be held today.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) boycotted the election saying that there is no atmosphere to participate in the election.

BCL could not collect any nomination papers due to resistance allegedly from Shibir and Jatibatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cadres. The left leaning Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) also could not collect their nomination papers.

As a result, JCD and the Shibir are contesting the elections for the seven posts and the 3 male and a lone female halls.

BRTC to introduce more buses, trucks in Chittagong

BSS, Ctg

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) will add new buses and trucks with its existing fleet for ensuring better services in the port city and its adjoining areas.

"Twenty-seven new buses and 150 trucks will start plying on the streets in Chittagong city soon," BRTC Chairman Advocate Taimur Ali Khandaker told newsmen at Chittagong press club auditorium yesterday evening.

Adolescents should have a say in development initiatives

Six-day workshop suggests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lack of education, limited access to healthcare facilities and little opportunity are the major obstacles to the development of adolescents in the developing countries.

This was viewed at a six-day workshop on 'Meeting the development and participation rights of adolescent girls' that concluded yesterday.

Adolescents from 16 developing countries who joined the workshop in the city observed that youths should have a say in the development initiatives for the adolescents.

The youths said that many young people, particularly girls, are growing up without any opportunity, support, and services they need to enable them to fulfil their potential.

They noted that most adolescents lack access to critical information and services to protect themselves from reproductive health problems that can have lifelong effects on their ability.

This is true for most young people in the developing nations," said a participant, adding that "Girls living in difficult situation, such as poverty, are especially at risk of sexual abuse and exploitation."

The participants suggested that development initiatives should focus on protecting and promoting the rights of adolescents to the



Arab Bangladesh Bank launched a school banking scheme at the Vigarunissa Noon School and College in the city yesterday. Major (ret.) Abdul Mannan MP was present at the ceremony as chief guest.

IBA admission test tomorrow

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The admission test for MBA programme of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Dhaka University, will be held at 10.00 am tomorrow.

The seat-plan for the test is as follows: Admit card No. 1001-1580 at IBA building; 1581-3050 at Business Studies Faculty building; 3051-3350 at Arts Building 3rd floor (south gate); 3351-3795 at Arts Building 3rd floor and 1st floor (north gate); 3796-4284 at Lecture Theatre building and 4285-5000 at the Institute of Education and Research (IER) building, says a press release.

AL programmes to observe Ekushey February

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League has chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the golden jubilee of the language movement from February 17 to 21 with due respect.

The 5-day programmes were finalised at a meeting held yesterday with former State Minister for Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader in the chair.

M R Akter Mukul, Prof Momtazuddin Ahmed, poet Nirmalendu Goon, Alamgir Kumum, Kabari Sarwar, Golam Kuddus and A F M Bahauddin Nasim were, among others, present in the meeting.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the golden jubilee ceremony at the Engineers Institution on February 17.

The inaugural session would be followed by discussion, poetry recitation, dance and songs.

Language movement veterans, intellectuals and cultural personalities will take part in the function.

On February 18, a discussion and cultural function would also be held on the occasion.

A special reception would be organised on February 19 at Mohanagar Natya Mancha for recognising the February 21 as International Mother Language Day.

A human chain comprising children and adolescents would be held in front of National Press Club at 10 am on February 20 demanding publishing of real history of liberation war in the textbooks.

On February 21, fateha would be offered at the mazar of language martyrs at Azimpur graveyard and wreaths would be placed at Shaheed Minar.

In addition, discussion and cultural function would be arranged at Bangabandhu Museum premises on the day.

AMIE examination begins April 27

The Associate Membership of The Institution of Engineers (AMIE) March term-2002, examination under 'The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) will begin on April 27, says a press release.

The last date for submission of application forms for the examination is February 20. Application forms may also be submitted on March 3, with late fees.

Taufique Secures 1st place in M.A. (English)



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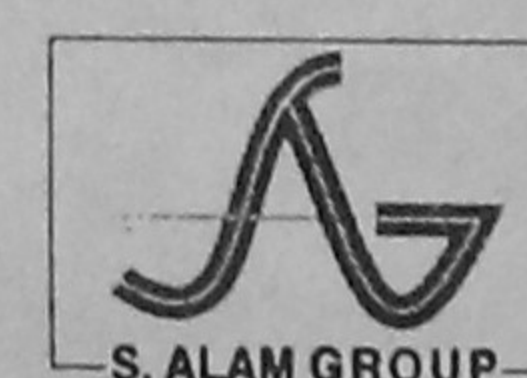
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