

CU reopens today: 300 resident students rehabilitated

CU CORRESPONDENT
About 300 resident students of the Chittagong University (CU) were rehabilitated at six dormitories of the university yesterday.
Of them 42 were rehabilitated at Shah Jalal Hall, 60 at Shah Amanat Hall, 50 at Shaheed Rob Hall, 40 at Suhrawardy Hall, 44 at Alau Hall and 38 at F Rahman Hall till the filing of this report at 8pm yesterday.
About 10 to 15 activists of Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal were also rehabilitated at different dormitories of the university including Shah Jalal Hall, Shah Amanat Hall and Suhrawardy Hall, sources said.
The rest of the rehabilitated resident students are reportedly Shibir activists. Leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) did not go to the campus or check in at any dormitories yesterday, the sources added.
Nasir Haider Babul, general secretary of the CU unit of BCL however said they would go to the campus today.
Resident students of the university vacated all six men's dormitories on Thursday as per an agreement reached between the university authorities and BCL on Tuesday.
The rehabilitation will go on till

March 8 in the first phase, university authorities said.
From 9:00am, resident students of different dormitories started gathering at the hall gates where their identity cards were checked by provosts and staff of the dormitories before they were allowed to check in.
Meanwhile, the CU reopens today after BCL's CU chapter called off its siege programme following a meeting with authorities on Tuesday ending an eight-month deadlock.
University's shuttle train service between the campus and the city will begin in the morning and buses will be operated from the

university gate 1 to the railway station from early morning, university sources said.
Most students have taken up residence at messes and relatives' houses in the city and are eager to go the campus today.
"We are now just waiting for the very good morning and feel excited about again riding the shuttle trains, hearing our drums and singing our songs on our way to the university," said Sujoy Mohajan, a second-year student of History while talking to this correspondent yesterday.
"It has been long since I last went to the larutala, our main rendezvous spot, and the Ihupri (tea stalls) where we generally take our tea. I also miss the discussion sessions at the CU (CUSU)," he added.
"I feel very happy about going back to the campus and attending classes from today. I am really looking forward to meeting my classmates and friends after a long eight months," said Saima Alam Mitun, a second-year student of Journalism.
Meanwhile, the university authorities have deployed additional 100 police personnel to tighten security measures at the university. Two mobile police vans were also on the vigil.



Leaders of Mohila Awami League met AL chief Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the city yesterday.

Resist assault on women: Hasina

UNB, Dhaka
Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the women community to build up resistance against rape and assault on women across the country by the armed terrorists of BNP-Jamaat alliance.
She made the call when she was talking to leaders of Bangladesh Mohila Awami League at Sudha Sadan.
Narrating the steps taken for women empowerment during the five-year rule of Awami League the former Prime Minister said

English Language Resources Fair begins Mar 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The English Language Resources Fair 2002 organised by the British Council will be held on the council premises on the Dhaka University campus from March 5 to 8.
President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury is likely to inaugurate the fair as chief guest on March 5 at about 4:00pm, officials said.
From March 6, the fair will remain open to all free of charge from 10:00am to 4:00pm and library memberships will be offered at 10 per cent discount during those hours.
Besides, the four-day long programme includes debate competition, presentation on education promotion activities, ELT websites, teaching centre activities, library and examinations activities, management video shows and teacher training.
Police also arrested the owner of the pharmacy Shahidul Islam Kochi, 36, and phensidyl addicts Mohammad Monir Hossain, 38, and Asgar Ali Khan Liton, 36.

Dhaka elected UNCSD chairman

Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York has been elected Chairman of the United Nations Commission for Social Development (UNCSD) for the year 2002-2003 at its session on Wednesday, says a press release.

10 Volvo double-decker buses introduced in city

UNB, Dhaka
Ten 120-seater modern double-decker buses were introduced in the city yesterday as part of the government's programme to ease traffic congestion, prevent environmental pollution and enhance transport facilities.
Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda inaugurated the plying of the Swedish Volvo double-deckers at a function at the double-decker bus depot at Section-12 of Mirpur.
The double-deckers will ply on Motijheel (Shapla Chattar) Mirpur (Mirpur-12) route via Pallabi, Mirpur 11 & 10, Sewrapara, Farmgate, Shahbag, Press Club, Paltan, GPO, Gulistan and Balaka Chattar.
State Minister for Communications Salahuddin Ahmed, Deputy Minister for Communications Asadul Habib Dulu, Communications Secretary Rezaul Hayat, Swedish Ambassador in Dhaka Borje Mattsson spoke at the function chaired by BRTC Chairman Taimur Alam Khandoker.
The Communications Minister said steps are underway to add 40 more Volvo buses in the BRTC fleet soon to increase the transport facilities for the city dwellers.

Phensidyl seized in city: 3 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A team of the Detective Branch police seized huge quantity of phensidyl and spurious medicine from a pharmacy at Gopibagh area in the city yesterday.
The DB police came to know about the Lokman Pharmacy from one Sumon who was arrested on Thursday with phensidyl, sources said.
The team raided the pharmacy and seized 1000 bottles of phensidyl, 4000 empty bottles and other spurious medicine.
Police also arrested the owner of the pharmacy Shahidul Islam Kochi, 36, and phensidyl addicts Mohammad Monir Hossain, 38, and Asgar Ali Khan Liton, 36.

Release of Bahauddin Nasim demanded

UNB, Dhaka
Some 45 former student leaders, who led different anti-autocratic movements after 1975, yesterday demanded immediate and unconditional release of A F Bahauddin Nasim, joint-secretary of Awami Sheeha Sebak League and special assistant to opposition leader Sheikh Hasina.
In a joint-statement, they said Bahauddin Nasim has been serving as special assistant to Hasina for nearly a decade and his arrest indicates conspiracy by the BNP-Jamaat government against Sheikh Hasina.

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