

CU reopens after 8 months

Shibir, BCL leaders embrace each other

CU CORRESPONDENT

Festivity was in the air as the Chittagong University (CU) became vibrant yesterday with students returning to the campus to attend their classes after long eight months.

The stalemate at the university that lasted for eight months finally came to an end when the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) called off its siege programme following a meeting with the university authorities on Tuesday last.

On the first day of the resumption of classes yesterday, students brought back the academic atmosphere with their presence in thousands.

Apart from the classrooms and corridors of the faculties, the congregation places of students -- Jhupri (tea stalls), Jarulata, CUCSU building, Moier Dokan, and the railway station -- suddenly sprang to life with buzzing activities of the students.

Even the leaders of rival student organisations, who were at daggers drawn until recently, embraced each other at the university railway station in the morning.

The leaders of the Islami

Chhatra Shibir (ICS) greeted the BCL leaders and general students at the railway station with flower petals.

The leaders of both the groups posed together for photographs and reiterated their vow to cooperate with the authority in maintaining the congenial atmosphere at the university. The leaders also pledged to work together to this end.

"Now we are friends," they said.

Zillur Rahman Jewel, president of BCL CU unit, told the reporters that the BCL called off the siege programme for the greater interests of 14,000 students of the university.

He also hoped that the authorities will meet their demands to ensure the academic atmosphere.

On the first day of the reopening, classes were held at a few departments. But the examinations will begin as per schedule, the departmental sources said.

Also yesterday, 200 more resident students were rehabilitated at different dormitories of the university. Of them, 15 BCL activists were rehabilitated at the Shah

Amanat, Shah Jalal and the So-hrawardy halls. And 10 to 15 ICD activists will enter different dormitories today, organisational sources said.

The university shuttle trains plied between the campus and the city as per schedule and the buses carried the students from the university gate no 1 to railway station.

"I am very happy that I am attending classes on the campus. And now the authorities should take steps to remove the session jams," Ahmed Reza, a first year student of journalism department said.

VC Professor AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury said, "Within a few days, I will convene an academic meeting with the department chairmen to discuss how to remove the session jams."

He also sought the cooperation of the chairmen in this regard so that they take the examinations as per schedule and publish the result within three months.

"I am very happy that finally the university has reopened and the leaders have embraced each other forgetting their previous enmity."



An open electric switch box poses potential risk for the passers-by as it is located just on the edge of a footpath opposite to the central library of Dhaka University.

3-day BATEXPO begins Mar 23

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Apparel and Textile Exposition (BATEXPO) 2001 deferred for global recession stemming from the Sept 11 attacks in the USA will now take place from March 23.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) is organising the 3-day annual event, one of the biggest textile and clothing fairs in Asia and the Pacific, at the Pan-Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the show while opposition leader Sheikh Hasina will be the chief guest at the closing ceremony on March 25.

"This is a unique opportunity for our valued buyers to secure

best-quality apparel products at the most competitive market prices," BGMEA president Kutubuddin Ahmed told a press conference at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.

At this clothing bazaar the members and other related organisations will display the range, diversity, quality, fashion, style and prices of locally made apparels like textiles, home-textiles, towels, textile products and accessories.

Some 37 BGMEA members, 20 local accessories and fabric suppliers, 14 foreign organisations, 5 service organisations, 2 engineering and computer design pattern organisations will participate in the BATEXPO 2001.

As of previous years, special arrangements have been made to

exhibit the ready-stock apparels for direct sale from the fair.

During the 3-day exhibition, BGMEA will organise three seminars, one a day. A fashion show will also be held on the second day.

Some 125 foreign buyers and 635 representatives of foreign buyers and buying houses from USA, Canada, UK, Germany, Italy, Austria, Finland, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Syria and UAE visited the BATEXPO 2000.

In the BATEXPO 2000, spot order for RMG worth US\$ 48 million and for stock-lots worth US\$ 5.20 million had been received from foreign buyers.

BNP seeks cooperation to root out terrorism

BSS, Dhaka

A joint meeting of the front organisations of BNP yesterday sought cooperation of all to realise the commitment of the four-party alliance to establish a terrorism-free Bangladesh.

The meeting presided over by BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan called for giving exemplary punishment to terrorists of all parties after arresting those and observed that terrorists do not have any party.

The meeting pointed out that a vested quarter was trying to create law and order situation by unleashing planned terrorism.

The meeting called upon all the leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisations to uphold the spirit of the government of four-party alliance against the terrorism.

The meeting expressed its deep concern over the ripe situation in

India.

The participants of the meeting discussed at length the measures to make the March 15 and 16 convention of the four-party alliance to be held to highlight the state and party sponsored terrorism, human rights violation, killing and oppression carried out during the Awami League regime.

The meeting called upon the party leaders to take measures to facilitate the victims of the oppressed families to bring them to the convention.

All the concerned district units of the organisation have been directed to submit a list of the victims by March 10 next to the central office of the party.

The meeting also decided to declare the date and schedule of the launching of cleanliness drive following discussions with the other parties of the four-party alliance.

Interview under DU Gha unit from Mar 9

BSS, Dhaka

The interview for the first year Honours (2001-2002) admission seekers under Ghat Unit of Dhaka University (DU) will begin March 9 at the Dean office of Social Science Faculty (Arts Building).

The detail programme is: Science Group merit list 001-200 on March 9 from 9 am to 1 pm and merit list 201-400 from 1 pm to 4 pm and 401-600 on March 10 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Commerce Group merit list 001-300 on March 11 from 9 am to 1 pm and Arts Group 001-300 will be held from 1 pm to 4 pm.

The students must be present with SSC, HSC original marks sheets, certificates, and admission test's admit card before the interview board.

Dhaka-Ctg-Yangon-Bangkok flight from today

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Biman will bridge Chittagong, the commercial capital of the country with Yangon and Bangkok, the key point business destinations in the East, with introduction of Biman flight on Dhaka-Chittagong-Yangon-Bangkok route from today.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Meer Mohammad Nasiruddin will inaugurate Dhaka-Chittagong-Yangon-Bangkok-Yangon-Chittagong-Dhaka flight at a simple ceremony at Chittagong MA Hannan International Airport, a press release said.

Biman will operate BG 060 flight on the route on every Sunday.



Institute of Child Health & Shishu Hospital accorded a reception to Prof. AFM Masood (2nd from right), Head of the Department of Paediatric Surgery of the institute, for his success in separating a Siamese twin for the first time in Bangladesh.

'Success in poverty alleviation depends on high economic growth'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Participants at a workshop in Rajshahi yesterday said that the success in poverty alleviation and sustainable development depends on the high economic growth.

They said the country will require eight to ten per cent growth in economy to achieve these objectives.

The daylong public consultation workshop on sustainable development was jointly organised by the Rajshahi Divisional

Ekushey observed in Washington

The 50th anniversary of the Language Movement and the International Mother Language Day was observed in a befitting manner at the Embassy of Bangladesh, Washington DC on February 21, says a press release.

The day's programme began at 10:00am with the playing of the national anthem and hoisting of the national flag and lowering it to half mast by Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Syed Hasan Ahmed. Education Minister Dr. Osman Faruk was present as the chief guest among members of the Bangladesh community and officials and staff of the Bangladesh Mission.

A discussion meeting presided over by Ambassador Ahmed followed at the embassy auditorium where leading members of the Bangladesh community representing most US-based Bangladeshi organisations and associations as well as embassy officials and staff participated. Counselor Kamrul Hasan conducted the meeting.

administration, Ministry of Forest and Environment, Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) and Nagarik Samaj.

Inaugurating the workshop, Rajshahi city mayor Mijanur Rahman Minu stressed the need for national consensus and strong regional and international cooperation to ensure sustainable development in the country.

Presided over by Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, chairman of FEJB, the inaugural function was also attended by Mohammad Shajahan, deputy commissioner of Rajshahi, Dr. Mahfuzul Haq, deputy secretary of the ministry of forest and environment and Dr. Babar Kabir, coordinator of SEMI.

High district officials, political leaders, university and college teachers, journalists, businessmen, representatives of NGOs, farmers and workers of 16 districts of Rajshahi Division took part in the workshop.

1209 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested 1209 people from across the country and seized 13 firearms and 40 bullets in 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Of them, 506 were wanted under warrant and the rest 698 were arrested in connection with cases under investigation.

Police arrested five people with four firearms and lodged five cases under the Arms Act in this connection.

Of the total arms, Dhaka Metropolitan Police seized three, Chittagong Metropolitan Police five, Chittagong District Police three and police in other districts two firearms during the drive.

RSF team arrives today

A mission of Paris-based Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF) (Reporters Without Borders) arrives in Dhaka today on a week-long visit, says a press release.

The 10-member mission includes Robert Monard, secretary general and Vincent Brossel, Asia-Pacific desk officer of RSF.

During its stay, the mission is due to meet Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, Information Minister Dr Moyeen Khan and Home Minister Air-Vice Marshal (ret.) Ataf Hossain Chowdhury.

The mission will also take part in a seminar organised by Bangladesh Press Watchdog Network and hold a press conference.

The objective of the RSF Mission is to see the implementation of the government political pledge to ensure press freedom in Bangladesh.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rezwamul Haq, a freedom fighter, singer, lyricist and music composer, died of brain haemorrhage on Tuesday in the USA at the age of 60.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

His body will be flown back home at 5:00 am tomorrow and his namaj-e-janaza will be held at 7:00 am on the day at the civil aviation mosque.

He will be buried at Kadirganj graveyard in Rajshahi after Asr prayers the same day.

Wahiduzzaman

Md Wahiduzzaman, a retired joint registrar of the Directorate of Cooperatives, died of a cardiac arrest on Friday at the age of 60, says a press release.

He is survived by his mother, wife, one son and two daughters.

His qulshwani will be held at his residence at Narail today.



Visitors admire a saree at a stall at an exhibition of locally made clothes that began on the Public Library premises in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Tant Board organised the three-day fair.

DHAKA TODAY

Roundtable
A roundtable discussions on 'Teledensity, Role of BTB, BTRC and Private Sectors for Development of IT Professionals in Bangladesh' will be held with Minister for Post and Telecommunications Minister Md Aminul Haque as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers Seminar Room. Time: 3.00pm.

Ghazal evening
La Vinto hotel has organised a Ghazal evening by Mesbah, A renowned ghazal singer of the country. Venue: La Vinto hotel. Time: 7.00pm.

Orientation course
A two-day orientation course on rights of women will be held. Samata, an NGO, has organised the course. Time: 9.00am.

Seminar
Bangladesh Tea Board will hold a

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the Rajshahidivisiontoday.

Day temperature may remain unchanged over the country, Met Officesaid.

Country's highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf, Sitakunda and Chuadanga and the lowest 12.1 degree at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:02 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:18am.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	18.8	64	33
Chittagong	32.5	18.5	77	67
Rajshahi	32.4	15.4	64	35
Khulna	32.0	19.2	84	67
Barisal	31.5	16.4	74	57
Sylhet	32.5	17.0	54	32
Cox's Bazar	32.0	19.0	58	69

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Biman Cargo Reservation and Sales Promotion Section

Biman Cargo Village, ZIA, Dhaka

Sub: Shifting of Office

Effective 18th Feb, 2002 the Cargo Space Reservation and Sales Promotion Wing of Biman Bangladesh Airlines have been shifted from Iqbal Centre, Banani, Dhaka to Biman Cargo Village, 1st Floor, ZIA, Dhaka.

Contact Phone No: 8914771/Ext. 2645 & 2647, Fax: 8914675.

Our valued clients are requested to communicate with new address as above.

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For Biman Bangladesh Airlines

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Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Ltd

(A Company of Petrobangla)

Shahjalal Tower, 80/A-B Shiddeswari Circular Road Dhaka-1217

Ref: 118.07.24/ Dated: 19/02/2002

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited by the undersigned for renting vehicle (different types) for seismic exploration in connection with the 2-D seismic operation program of Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Limited (BAPEX) from experienced contractors with at least 3 years of experience in similar type of supply work for seismic prospecting and International Oil Companies. Preference will be given to more experienced contractors.

Tender documents will be available at a cost of Tk 500.00 (non-refundable) per set from the Accounts Division, BAPEX, Shahjalal Tower, 80/A-B Shiddeswari Circular Road (2nd Floor), Dhaka-1217 or from the Petrobangla & its different companies at the following locations during office hours from 9th March 2002 to 16th March 2002. Intending bidders may submit their tenders in the box to be kept in the Geophysical Division, BAPEX, Shahjalal Tower, 80/A-B Shiddeswari Circular Road (10th Floor), Dhaka-1217 or in one of the boxes to be kept in Petrobangla & its different companies at the following locations up to 11:00 AM of 16th March 2002, and shall be opened at 11:15 AM on the same day at the same places in presence of the tenderers or their representative, if any:

- Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka.
- Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd., Titas Bhaban, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka.
- Gas Transmission Co. Ltd., S-3, R-12, H-1, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka.
- Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Co. Ltd, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, BSEC Bhaban, Dhaka.

An earnest money amounting to Tk 50,000.00 only must be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order duly executed in the name of Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Ltd (A/C PAYEE ONLY) without which the tender shall be rejected.

The owner reserves the right to accept (in full or part) or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education, Comilla Zone, Comilla

Tender Notice

No. 16/137-Edn/FD(CZ)/2001-2002 Dated: 17-2-2002

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department enlisted A-1 class contractors for repair & renovation works under this zone under head "Repair & Maintenance".

Group No.	Name of educational institution	Description of work	Estimated cost (Taka)	Earnest money (Taka)	Price of schedule (Taka)	Time limit for completion of work
1	Comilla Govt. Mohila College.	Construction of Administrative-Classroom Building	46,00,000/00	92,000/00	750/00	09 (nine) months.

A) Last date & time of purchasing tender document : 09-03-2002 (up to office hours).

B) Last date & time of submitting tender document : 10-03-2002 (upto 12-00 Noon).

C) Date & time of opening tender document : 10-03-2002 at 12-30 min in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

D) Offices where tender document to be had at & received at : Tender document will be sold from & received at the office of the undersigned, office of Deputy Commissioner, Comilla; office of all Zonal Executive Engineers of Chittagong & Sylhet Divisions & office of Assistant Engineer, Comilla district.

E) Earnest money : Earnest money mentioned in tender must be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of "Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Comilla Zone, Comilla".

Terms & conditions for purchasing & submitting tender document:

- Permission to purchase tender should be procured from proper authority on production of original copy of the undermentioned papers and attested photocopy of the same should be submitted with the tender.
 - Up-to-date licence renewal certificate.
 - Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate.
 - VAT registration certificate.
- Certificate on satisfactory completion of this Department's similar work worth minimum one third of this valuation under a single work order from Executive Engineer.
- Bill will be paid subject to receipt of allotment, but in case of failure to complete the work within the prescribed time, the work order will be cancelled as per rules in 15 days notice & other contractor appointed.
- Steel format should be used in all types of RCC casting.
- The contractors who have failed to complete this Department's construction work within prescribed time without reasonable ground, cannot participate in the tender.
- Income tax, VAT will be deducted as per govt. rules from each bill.
- Tender will be treated as cancelled outright if submitted at rate more than 5% (five per cent) below of the estimated cost.
- In case more than one tender is received at the same rate, the contractor will be selected directly through lottery.

The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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