

Tk 26.26cr JU budget placed

JU CORRESPONDENT

The annual budget of Jahangirnagar University (JU) for 2002-2003 fiscal was placed at the senate meeting yesterday.

Pro-AL senate members staged a walkout when Vice-Chancellor Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmed stood up to deliver his speech at 10.00am.

They, however, returned to the meeting when the Treasurer Prof A B M Enayet Hosain placed the budget.

A Tk 26.26 crore budget was placed before the senate. It showed that the University Grants Commission (UGC) is likely to give

Tk 23.47 crore as grant while the university hopes to earn Tk 180 lakh from its internal sources.

Seventy-three per cent of the total budget will be spent for salary of university teachers, officers and employees while Tk 8 crore has been allocated for infra structural development.

Under the Annual Development Programme, construction work of Bangabandhu Hall, a new dormitory for female students, two residential quarters for teachers and officers and a joint gallery for mathematics, statistics and computer departments will be completed.

In his speech, the treasurer pointed out huge system loss in transport, electricity, telephone and gas sectors.

The treasurer also placed Tk 26.25 crore revised budget for 2001-2002 fiscal year.

The academic report of 2001-2002 was also placed in the meeting.

Meanwhile, talking to journalists pro-AL senate members said that as they consider the appointment of the incumbent vice chancellor 'illegal' and a violation of 1973 University Act, they had stayed out of the senate hall during his speech.

They also demanded immediate election for the VC panel and registered graduates.

Customs duty on Computer: Protest rally today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Village Computer Association (BVCA) will stage a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar today to protest the proposed imposition of customs duty on import of computer hardware and software.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in his budget speech proposed a 7.5 per cent customs duty on import of computer hardware and software in the budget for fiscal 2002-03.

In a statement yesterday, the association termed the IT sector a fast growing sector and urged the policy-makers to think about the implication of the tax imposition which would ultimately affect the end users.

It said the tax will have an adverse impact on the IT sector.

Noted Information Technology (IT) experts and computer users will attend the rally while president of Bangladesh Computer Society (BCS) Mohammad Sabur Khan will attend the rally as chief guest.

Meanwhile, BCS president Mohammad Sabur Khan in a statement called upon all to attend the rally.

ALPP meets today

UNB, Dhaka

A meeting of the Awami League Parliamentary Party (ALPP) will be held at Sangsad Bhaban at 10am today.

Awami League chief and Opposition Leader in Parliament Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting.

Parliamentary Party secretary Abdul Jalil has requested all the members of ALPP to attend the meeting on time, said a press release.



The recipients of the Zia Smriti Shishu Award-2002 and other guests at the award giving ceremony held at a city hotel yesterday. The National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh gave away the awards.

BNP leaders condemn Hasina for remarks about Zia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders at a rally in the city yesterday condemned the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina and warned that befitting reply will be given if she further makes any adverse comment and dishonour late President Ziaur Rahman.

Asking Sheikh Hasina and other Awami League leaders to refrain from making adverse remarks about Ziaur Rahman, they said otherwise, the people of the country would never forgive them in future.

The city BNP organised the rally at Paltan Maidan to protest AL president Sheikh Hasina's remarks about Ziaur Rahman.

City BNP president and Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadeque Hossain Khoka presided over the rally.

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in his speech said Sheikh Hasina and other AL leaders in last five years had made 'vulgar' remarks about Ziaur Rahman and used state-owned media for 'character assassination' of the BNP leaders.

Despite the ill-effects of the AL and its chief, he said, the popularity of former President Ziaur Rahman and the BNP have increased

further and that was proved in the last general election.

Bhuiyan alleged that the AL in one hand is tarnishing the image of Bangladesh abroad and on the other engaged in character assassination of BNP leaders. He asked the AL leaders to refrain from such unholy acts.

DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka asked the AL leaders to refrain from creating controversy about the body of Ziaur Rahman because people know how Sheikh Mujib was buried. Sheikh Hasina should remember that there was none from AL to receive the body of Mujib and bury him after his death, he added.

He observed that none would be benefited by creating controversy about dead body and hoped that good sense would prevail upon Sheikh Hasina and she will be careful in future while making any comment about late President Ziaur Rahman.

The rally was also addressed by Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj, Red Crescent Chairman Major Gen (Retd) ZA Khan, State Minister for Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Major (Retd) Quamrul Islam, BNP leaders Shamsuzzaman Duda, Abdus Salam and Kazi Abul Bashar.

'Govt believes in full freedom of press'

BSS, Dhaka

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said the present government believes in full freedom of press.

He said because of this principle the present government neither closed publication of any newspapers nor stopped giving advertisement to them despite the fact that many of those newspapers published false reports against BNP during the past regime.

The minister was speaking as chief guest at a discussion on 'Black Day in Newspaper' organised by Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sanskritik Sangstha (JASAS), auditorium of the National Museum in the city.

Presided over by JASAS presi-

dent Wasimul Bari Rajib, the discussion was also addressed by general secretary of the organisation Babul Ahmed, senior vice-president M A Malek, noted journalist Dr Rejwan Siddiqui, JASAS organising secretary Mosharraf Hossain Thakur and Foyez Ullah.

Mannan Bhuiyan said the Awami League (AL) does not believe in freedom of expression and opinion. When they are in the opposition, they become exponent of democracy, but turns autocrat when goes to power, he added.

The minister said AL government on this day in 1975 stopped publication of all newspapers excepting only four as the press was vocal against the misrule, plundering of national resources, corruption, famine and other misdeeds.

Indian envoy calls on Hasina

BSS, Dhaka

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Mani Lal Tripathy called on Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Sadhasadan residence in the city yesterday.

Tripathy had discussions with the leader of the opposition for over 40 minutes, AL sources said.

People pay last respects to Dr Neelima Ibrahim

UNB, Dhaka

A large number of people, including politicians, social and cultural activists, and educationists, paid last respects to noted educationist and writer Dr Neelima Ibrahim at Mahila Samity premises in the city yesterday.

Neelima Ibrahim died of old-age complications at a city clinic on Tuesday.

The body was kept there from 11am to 12 noon so that people can pay their last respects to the late woman leader.

Gynaecologist dead

BSS, Dhaka

Dr Azizur Rahman, a former professor of Gynaecology, Barisal Medical College and a former senior consultant of Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital, died of old-age complications at the Holy Family Hospital last night at the age of 73.

He left behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death, family sources said.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Zohr prayers today at Baitul Mokarram National Mosque and he will be buried at the intellectuals graveyard at Mirpur.

His qulshwani will be held after Asr prayers on Sunday at 40, Mirpur Road near Priyangaon Shopping Complex.

Flood situation may improve

UNB, Dhaka

The flood situation in the northern part of northeastern Meghna basin is likely to improve.

According to Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre, the Brahmaputra and Jamuna marked a slight fall at the upstream while the Padma recorded rise at all points.

The rivers in the Meghna basin marked rise and fall. The Surma and Someswari in this basin are flowing above danger level by 43cm and 18cm at Sunamganj and Durgapur points respectively.

All the rivers in the southeastern hill basin, which recorded further fall, are flowing below danger level.

Significant rainfall of 45mm was recorded at Manu Railway Bridge while 42mm at Dalia and 30.4mm at Naogaon during the last 24 hours.

600 bottles of phensidyl recovered: 9 arrested

UNB, Narayanganj

Nine alleged drug traffickers were arrested from Chandmani slum in the town along with 600 bottles of Indian phensidyl on Wednesday night.

On information, plainclothes policemen raided the slum and arrested Anwar Hossain, 20, Akbar, 18, Nuru, 22, Hanif, 26, Showkat, 30, Jalal, 24, Billal, 25, Harun, 20, and Jasim, 27, along with 380 bottles of phensidyl.

Later, officials from Narcotics Control Department launched another drive at the slum and recovered 220 more bottles of phensidyl.



Azimpur Estate

Janakalyan Samity Rezaul Hossain Kawsar and AKM Iqbal Chowdhury have been elected president and general secretary respectively of the Azimpur Estate Janakalyan Samity, says a press release.

They were elected unopposed for a two-year term.

The other office-bearers are Mir Golan Kabir, Md Ali Noor, Mahsura Begum and Dr. Sabbir Hossain (vice-presidents); Mir Sayeed Ahmed (additional general secretary); ABM Mostafa Kamal and ANM Hamidul Islam (joint general secretary); Zia Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury (treasurer); Khandaker Jafrul Hasan (library secretary); Mohsena Chowdhury (women affairs secretary); Nazmun Nahar (social welfare secretary); Mir Humayun Kabir (development secretary); Mohammad Mala (sports secretary); Mainul Hasan Sohel (cultural secretary); and Khaleida Begum, Dr. Abu Sayeed, Md Firoz Zaman, Pial Mahmud and Md Sahab Uddin (members).

Six listed criminals held, 5 firearms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Five firearms and 53 bullets were seized during the countrywide police operation over the last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

A Police Headquarters press release said 1,456 people, including six identified criminals, were also arrested during the period.

Giving details of the operation, it said four people were arrested in connection with the arms and ammunition seizure and five cases

were filed against them under the Arms Act.

Of the arrested, 710 people were wanted by police.

The arrested listed criminals are Akher Ali alias Montu, an extremist of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party, Shadhat Hossain and Halim Sardar of Khulna, Asad alias Bunu Asad of Jessore, Jasim Uddin Khan of Chittagong and Nasir Ahmed alias Nasir of Dhaka.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 72 lakh seized

UNB, Dhaka

Coast guards in their regular drives seized various smuggled goods worth over Tk 71.93 lakh from different coastal areas of the country in the last 15 days.

The contraband items include foreign wine, heroin, fabrics, perfume, medicines, salt, polythene papers, cigarettes, movies, cordless phone sets and timber.

The coast guards also arrested seven people on charge of smuggling and handed them over to police.

Officials of Narcotics Control and Forest departments also took part in some of the drives, according to a PID handout.

Ban on fishing in Kaptai Lake

UNB, Rangamati

In a bid to give a boost to natural breeding of fish, district administration has imposed a three-month ban on fishing in the Kaptai Lake with effect from Thursday.

Official sources said Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation (BFDC) would release fish fries into the lake to boost fish production.

The administration, which also imposed restriction on dry fish supply from the district from June 24, has directed all fish traders to renew their licences during the period.

When the restriction will be lifted fish supply from the lake will be allowed to BFDC centres and sub-centres in the district only, the officials said.



Temperature may fall

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Besides, moderately heavy to heavy falls is likely at places over Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions during this period, Met office said, adding that day temperature may fall by 2-3 degree Celsius over the country.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet and the lowest of 24.7 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.49 pm today and rises at 5:12 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	27.0	71	95
Chittagong	31.0	26.2	69	81
Rajshahi	33.8	26.5	75	82
Khulna	29.5	28.0	--	98
Barisal	28.3	26.4	--	97
Sylhet	34.5	25.5	80	89
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