

Student politics

Govt has to amend University Act '73 for blanket ban

STAR REPORT

The government plan for a blanket moratorium on student politics at the universities would be 'tough to implement' because of the University Act of 1973 which ensures autonomy to universities.

"The government could enforce a ban on student politics at government and non-government colleges to stop campus violence, but it is tough to impose such a ban on universities due to the University Act of 1973," Education Secretary Mohammad Shahidul Alam told this correspondent.

Imposition of a ban on student politics at the public universities, which follow the University Act, would require enactment of a law by the parliament, he said. But it could be easier if academic councils of the universities impose such ban themselves, as has been done at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), he pointed out.

The education ministry is in the process of working out the modalities for

Strike at jute, textile mills on Aug 26

UNB, Dhaka

The Action Council of Jute-Yarn-Textile Mills Workers-Employees has called a 24-hour strike in all state-run jute, yarn and textile mills on August 26 to press for reopening Adamjee Jute Mills.

The council also urged all democratic organisations and individuals to form an alliance against what they said government's current "anti-democratic" activities.

The call was made from a rally of the Council at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday. Trade union leader Abul Bashar presided over the meeting where an 11-point demand was announced.

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Rain-swollen rivers burst their banks, swamping many villages and displacing both humans and animals across the country. Villagers (left) of Trimohini in Keshabpur Upazila, Jessore, leave their homes in search of high ground and monkeys (right) take shelter on a wall in the nearby town yesterday.

Powell will seek to cool Indo-Pak tensions

War on terrorism at top of 8-nation tour agenda

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

US Secretary of State Colin Powell arrives here this evening to carry forward the diplomatic thrust to reduce tensions between India and Pakistan and seeking to restore dialogue between the two nuclear South Asian neighbours.

The initiative is neatly fitted in a three-stage pattern: (1) permanent end to cross-border terrorism afflicting India, (2) de-escalation of military tensions between India and

Pakistan and (3) resumption of a full-scale dialogue between them, diplomatic sources here said.

During interaction with Powell, the Indian leadership is going to convey that the second and third stages of the peace initiative depends on Pakistan's translating on the ground its promise to end cross-border infiltration and dismantling of terrorist infrastructure on its territory.

Powell will have talks with Deputy Prime Minister L K Advani,

External Affairs Minister Yashwant Sinha and National Security Advisor Brajesh Mishra. A meeting between Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and the American leader is not yet finalised.

In effect, Powell is going to hear from New Delhi what it has already conveyed to British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw who was here between July 18 and 20.

The additional input for Powell is likely to be India's concern about

Fresh areas flooded: Train links snapped

UNB, Dhaka

Train communications on two routes between capital Dhaka and northern region snapped for inundation of ferry terminals as flood situation worsened following sharp rise of river waters in two major basins.

Monsoon rains and "unusual rise" of water in the rivers in Brahmaputra and Ganges basins inundated fresh areas in different districts yesterday evening, leaving two minor boys dead in Sirajganj.

The two boys drowned in floodwater in Kazipur upazila yesterday. They were identified as Abdul Alim, 9, son of Shahjahan Ali of Rehasurber village, and Koshbar, 8, son of Zahiruddin of Jagannathpur village.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Railways in an urgent announcement yesterday said direct train communications on Dhaka-Dinajpur and Dhaka-Shantahar

10 injured as students clash with police in Mymensingh

UNB, Mymensingh

At least 10 people were injured, including a policeman, in a clash here yesterday between police and the students of Ananda Mohon College who halted a train and abducted its driver and his assistant to press for upgrading their College to a university.

The unruly students also set ablaze slippers of the railway tracks that run by their college and damaged shops and cars in the town to play up their demand, witnesses said.

The clash started at about 2:00pm as police clubbed the students who barricaded the Mymensingh-Jamalpur rail route and halted a Dhaka-bound inter-city train, Ekota.

Witnesses said the demonstrators abducted the train's loco-

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Window-shopping can be a source of immense pleasure for those who have the knack for it. And women seem to greatly outnumber men in this department, which requires some amount of patience as well as some ability to separate the wheat from the chaff. Of course this ability does not develop overnight. It comes only after spending some time doing this exercise in earnest in order to acquire the sophisticated taste needed for such a sophisticated art.

The great thing about window-shopping is that it does not cost you anything. You can feast your eyes on the various kinds of goods displayed in shop windows. This activity may be practiced casually or more seriously as a hobby. In fact, the scope and pleasures of window-shopping are vast when it is practiced as a hobby. This delicate

DOWN TO EARTH Pleasures of window-shopping

hobby can even be perfected into a fine art. Of course, apart from the sheer pleasure of looking at a variety of things in beautifully decorated shop windows, the ultimate goal of window-shopping could be, and perhaps should be, a good buy that best suits your needs.

The window-shopper should have a good knowledge of the city's commercial landscape so that s/he does not have to waste time looking for the right shopping joints. Also, s/he should be prepared to spend some time and energy, often needing to walk around in shopping malls for a long period of time.

One would like to go window-shopping usually in the evening after a day's work at the office or after taking care of the usual household chores at home. In the evening, a myriad of items glowing in the sparkling lights of the shops delights anyone's heart and brings immense joy especially to a connoisseur of window-shopping. However, going out window-shopping all alone in the evening might not be the best option for a woman so far as safety is concerned. So, a woman should get some male member of her family or some other fellow window-shopper

to accompany her.

Although it may not be like Tokyo's Ginza, New York's Fifth Avenue or London's Bond Street, there are actually some pretty nifty places in the capital to go window-shopping nowadays. However, far from being glib, an expert window shopper should rather have a 'heart of steel' and must not be talked into buying some merchandise that the apparently trustworthy salesman might be trying to sell billing it as the best buy in town.

One of the problems that city's window-shoppers face is that many

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Kajol confesses killing 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Outlawed PBCP's second-in-command in south-western zone Khalilur Rahman Kajol, 38, was placed on a ten-day remand on Thursday for interrogation by Bagerhat DB.

He was arrested from Khulna city on Tuesday night. Yesterday, Kajol confessed his direct involvement in 11 murders. He will be quizzed in connection with all these murders committed since 1997.

Police recovered more illegal firearms from his

possession Thursday morning.

On Tuesday, police recovered the firearms used by him for killing shrimp exporter Farhad Hossain of Fakirhat.

"You won't be able to detain me for long. Because, you are not more powerful than my godfathers", Kajol told interrogators Thursday night.

"We have noted down names and phone numbers of those who are still pressing us not to interrogate this notorious criminal who has confessed his involvement

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	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
July 27		6-44 pm
July 28	5-25 am	

Prayer Timings		
July 27		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

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