JU protests **DU** incident

By Ju Correspondent

Speakers at a rally on the Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus yesterday (Monday) observed that a conscious and concerted effort by the teachers and students of the country need to take their cue from their colleagues at DU to resist the government's oppressive and vicious activities.

Hundreds of JU students and teachers assembled at the JU Social Sciences' Faculty premises at 11.30 a.m. today to protest the police atrocities on the female students of Shamsunnahar Hall and the consequent attacks on agitating general students.

Organised by the Jahangirnagar Sanskritik Jote (JSJ), the rally saw spontaneous participation of a number of teachers. JU-based cultural organisations, political organisations and a huge number of general students

Terming the July 23 attack on the female student in Shamsunnahar Hall 'barbaric and an unprecedented act of crime', speakers urged all students to voice against the state's assault on human dig-

Identifying the immediate reopening of DU as the first step towards restoring normalcy, speakers also demanded exemplary punishment of all responsible for the heinous act.

They said that the government and its chosen 'shadow university authorities' are involved in creating a negative impression about conscientious acts of students.

Playing a dual role, the same government is nurturing and protecting its terrorists and armed cadres. The government is orchestrating all these to ban student

Six oil cos

FROM PAGE 12 Limited.

The Privatisation Commission has already floated tenders for the sale of 17 state-owned enterprises, including Daulatpur Jute Mills Limited, Khulna; Dhaka Leather Company Limited, Dhaka; Peoples Jute Mills Limited, Daulatpur; Eastern Jute Mills, Atra; Ahmed Bawani Textiles Mills, Demra; and Bangladesh Diesel Plant, Joydevpur.

Tender for the sale of 11 more enterprises would be floated within seven days. Chaudhury said.

He said the commission meeting also decided to force the pace of to the privatisation process by shortening the deadlines for evaluation of enterprises, preparations of tender documents and inventory

Privatisation of the governmentowned enterprises in the country began in 1993 with the formation of the Privatisation Board in that year. The board privatised 12 firms up

to June 1996. Twenty-eight state-owned enterprises were privatised from 1996 to 2001. Of them, 10 enterprises were handed over to private operators. eight were privatised by handing them over to employees and workers and 10 by selling their shares.

After the present government took office, the ownership of one firm, Deshbandhu Sugar Mills Ltd at Narsingdi, has been handed over and letters of intent have been issued against Kokil Textile Mills Limited, Brahmanbaria and Kohinoor Battery Manufacturers Limited at Tongi in Gazipur district.

politics and silence the students' conscience that succeeded in bringing revolutionary changes in the nation's history, the rally

Among others, who spoke in the rally Sayeed Ferdous, an assistant professor of Anthropology, Rajon Nandi of JSJ, Jewel of Dhani, Ananno of Uttaron, Afrodity and Sahohagh of Jahangirnagar Theatre, Saikat of Gonoshilpi Sangstha, Alamgir Shawpon of Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Golam Iftekhar of Bangldesh Chhatra Federation.

Prior to the meeting, the participants brought out a silent procession from the Central Cafeteria with their mouths gagged. The procession ended at the Social Sciences Faculty.

Meanwhile, JU unit of Bangladesh Manobadhikar Sangbadik Forum has announced that they would observe a work stoppage today (Tuesday) in protest of the barbaric police excess at DU.

JU teachers are also learnt to organise a mass procession and demonstration on the campus on

Alamgir gets bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka, yesterday granted ad interim bail to former state minister for planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir in connection with one of the three graft cases against him.

Judge Ahmed Jamil Mostafa passed the order upon a bond of Tk 1,00,000 with two guarantors.

In its order, the court mentioned that the charges brought against Alamgir were not 'primarily proved.' Moreover, six other co-accused in the case were earlier granted ad interim bail by the High Court. So, Alamgir is granted such bail till submission of the police report.

In the case, filed with Tejgaon thana, it has been alleged that during the Awami League rule, the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina Alamair and six other ministers embezzled Tk 21.57.050 by appointing consultants for the Bangabandhu Novo Theatre without inviting bids.

Rivers burst FROM PAGE 12

BSS adds: Executive Engineer of the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) Engineer Selim Bhuivan said vesterday the flood situation in Kurigram, Rangpur, Bogra and Gaibandha would improve, as the Brahmaputra-Jamuna course was receding further upstream.

As the overall situation in Assam India, is gradually turning stable with the fall in water levels. Selim Bhuiyan said the waters are likely to enter Bangladesh through the Brahmaputra-Jamuna course and

Rainfall was recorded at 80mm at Sunamganj, 67.5mm at Faridpur, 51.5mm at Panchagarh, 37.0mm at Dhaka 32.6mm at Bandarban 31mm at Raishahi, 29.5mm at Mymensingh, 28.5mm at Kushtia and 26mm at Naogaon during the

This year's floods have damaged 655km of embankment, 107km of flood protection works and 66 different infrastructures under various projects of the BWDB.

Citizens' group

who have lost their grand fathers during the liberation war came to the rally with placards, read, 'Pak army tice,' 'Pak must seek apology to Bangladesh for the war crime of 1971,' 'General Musharraf beg apology or go home'.

Noted poet Shamsur Rahman recited a poem on the occasion that expressed his anger at the attack on the general students of following the police attack on Shamshunnahar

League presidium member Abdur Razzak MP mentioned the Pakistan military killed 30 lakhs people and violated three lakhs women. "How can a president of that country visit Bangladesh without apologising for the war crime?" he asked.

getting a red carpet reception," he said, adding, "We must resist those who want to make the country a mini Pakistan."

In his address, Prof. Kabir Chowdhury said "We have no apathy towards the Pakistani citizens but we cannot welcome the general who apparently killed the

democracy in his own country".

situation was learnt to be critical. Among others, the rally was addressed by Abed Khan, Ferdoshi Priobashini. Dilip Barua. Golam Quddus, Mahmud Selim, Rafia Akther Doli, Tarana Halim, Dr Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Rashed Khan Menon, Hasanul Hag Inu, Principal Ahad Chowdhury, Prof. Nimchandra Voumik, Comrade Muzahidul Islam Selim.

to threats by the ruling party's armed

cadres, they said. "We are attending this meeting, risking our lives," a candidate was

Two chairman candidates -

They demanded a reschedule for the election, ensuring an atmosphere conducive.

by Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed assured the candidates of its all-out efforts in holding an intimidation-free election.

Election commissioners Shafiur Rahman, MM Munsef Ali and AK Mohammad Ali were present at the

said the commission would announce the election schedule

Book list

FROM PAGE 12 Robin Ahsan, proprietor of the Shrabon Publisher, alleged that a section of corrupt officials of Education Ministry and PMED in connivance with a section of unscrupulous businessmen of Bangla Bazar have long been involved in conspiracy to destroy the country's publishing industry for their petty interest.

He blamed political motives behind selection of unnecessary and irrelevant books for different projects He said the selection committee has chosen irrelevant and out of context books for model primary

schools of the country.

The book selection committee recently selected 52 books on late president Ziaur Rahman and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for public colleae libraries. Of the recommended 674 books on the list, many are on Islamic ideology.

Robin said the selection committee ignored the spirit of the project as well as the spirit of the country's liberation struggle and literary tradi-

"These types of books would confuse our young readers," he

VC admits

FROM PAGE 1 assured that the students injured in police attacks yesterday would be compensated and provided medical treatment.

"I have been a teacher at this university for the last 35 years...I was appointed to different administrative posts, besides the present vice-chancellor. Every student is like my child," he added

Also, Prof. Chowdhury demanded that the government take action against the criminals responsible for the incident Bombarded with a lot of ques-

tions by the reporters, the uptightlooking vice-chancellor excused himself and left the room. Usually, the university proctor is supposed to brief reporters on the law and order on the campus. But Proctor Prof. Nazrul Islam, also

blamed by the students for the DU

hall incident, did not attend yester-

Batting

day's briefing.

FROM PAGE 1 Bangladesh bowlers on the first day with 85, also played a vital role with the ball. The slow left-armer picked up three wickets for 17 runs.

The absence of Sri Lanka's champion off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, who finished with ten wickets in the first Test last week. was hardly felt in a match dominated by the rookies.

The most encouraging prospect of the match was Chamila Gamage. The 23-year-old pace bowler announced his arrival on the Test stage in an emphatic fashion, sending Mohammad Ashraful's off-stump cart-wheeling with his first ball. He became the 13th player and the first Sri Lankan in Test history to achieve

He also trapped Tushar Imran leg before with an in-swinger to finish with two for 33 from 12 venom-

ous overs. The Lankans won the first Test by an innings and 196 runs, their biggest ever victory in Test cricket. (Scorecards on page 13)

Gas body

FROM PAGE 12 nies under the existing production sharing contracts (PSCs).

the oil companies.

The option to export in future has however been considered in the committee report since the country would need huge investment in the gas sector and such an option would give the oil companies extra incentives. Bangladesh is already offering lucrative incentives, considered to be one of the best in the world, to

The committee believes that export of gas through pipeline will marginally improve the balance of payment situation.

The committee members include Petrobangla Director (Finance) SR Osmani, Petrobangla Director (Operations) Dr M Ismail, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Executive Director Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, chartered accountant MA Hafiz, BUET chemical engineering department professors M Tamim and Dr. Ijaz Hossain, Professor Momtajuddin Ahmed of Dhaka University and BIDS Research Director Dr KAS Murshid.

EC bid

exchequer from bearing the extra cost of holding by-elections.

The commission has also proposed that power be vested on it to formulate election-related rules under the Representation of People Order 1973, since it conducts different local-body polls with very limited

revise and suspend orders for local government polls to avoid legal complexities. As per the RPO, the commission reserves the authority to suspend or revise orders related to general elections.

posed some special provisions to face legal complexities that delay elections to local government

interference in the city corporation elections, the commission has proposed nullification of special power of the government to reduce the term of disqualification of any convict. The government has the discretionary power to reduce the term of disqualification for a person



A group of JCD men in front of the Madhu's Canteen on the Dhaka University campus who along with police attacked demonstrating stduents and journalists yesterday.

AL cancels meet

President Sheikh Hasina, who is now on a 25-day private tour to the

UK and US. The last-minute reversal followed a recent squabble within the party. Differences of opinion in the party on the issue surfaced when party leader and former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury publicly criticised the party decision not to meet President Musharraf.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the party's central working committee (ALCWC) on July 24

with Abdus Samad Azad in the chair. Talking to The Daily Star last night. Azad said, "We've sent a letter requesting the foreign secretary to cancel the programme as we can't meet him due to unavoidable circumstances.'

"To confirm the cancellation of the programme, I talked to the foreign secretary over telephone this afternoon," Azad added. Asked to elaborate on the 'un-

avoidable circumstances,' Azad said many party leaders in the AL's last central working committee meeting had expressed their reservations against having a meeting with Musharraf, who is not an elected president. General Musharraf took over

overturning the government of Nawaz Sharif in a bloodless coup in Azad also said Hasina has been

end. He resented that Abul Hasan

Samrat is the president and

Ridov the general secretary of the

Dhaka University Journalists'

Association (DUJA) while Sabu and

Nurunnabi are vice-president and

treasurer respectively.

Altaf Hossain Chowdhury

termed the police action 'barbaric'

and expressed his regret for the

He presented a bouquet of

Lutfuzzaman Babar the attack a

Awami League Acting President

Abdus Samad Azad, and leaders

Abdur Razzak, Abdul Jalil, Tofail

Ahmed, Matia Chowdhury and

Mohammad Nasim, Suranjit Sen

Gupta and Abdul Mannan visited the

injured DU journalists at the hospi-

Mudabbir Hossain, Dhaka

Metropolitan Police Commissioner

Abdul Quavum. DU VC Professor

Anwarullah Chowdhury and Pro-VC

Professor Yusuf Haider also visited

ties. They demanded exemplary

punishment to those responsible for

the university's teachers, the meet-

ing also demanded an end to police

excesses and withdrawal of check-

posts from different university entry

Shahduddin, Dr. Fakrul Alam, Dr.

Humayun Azad, Hashim Khan,

Shahhadat Ali. Syed Anwar

Hossain, Syed Manjurul Islam, Dr.

Taslim Siraji, Mezbah Kamal and

Dr. Shawkat Ara Hossain attended

He was appointed chief of the army

staff on December 24, 2000 and

retired from Bangladesh Army on

General Harun is a sports enthu-

siast who held various positions in

the sports arena of the country

including the presidency of

During his long career, he also

served the United Nations Observer

Mission in Georgia as chief military

observer and held various important

positions at home and abroad

Bangladesh Olympic Association.

Army chief

Among others, Dr. AKM

Condemning the harassment of

them at the hospital.

VC's exit

yesterday's atrocities.

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the meeting.

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Inspector General of Police

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the journalists.

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Chowdhury made press statement against party decision without consulting senior party leaders.

Another senior party leader, Suranjit Sengupta, told The Daily Star that the July 24 ALCWC decision was unanimous. "No matter whoever has said whatever, our party is governed by its constitution. The Awami League has got a long tradition of upholding democracy. Party's decision is more powerful than any individual's

"The decision of not meeting Musharraf was very much in line with the party chief's (Hasina) stance against military rule which she expressed in the UN Millennium The AL leaders said Abul Hasan

Chowdhury will have to explain why he publicly criticised the party decision. A decision on this would be taken on Hasina's return home, they Prior to the July 24 meeting of the

ALCWC, the acting AL chief had even divulged to the press the agenda of talks between the party and the visiting Pakistan president. Asked to comment on the latest

development, Abul Hasan Chowdhury told The Daily Star last night that he did not want to drag the issue further by making any fresh

Earlier on Saturday, he expressed frustration in the manner in which the proposed courtesy call was abruptly called off by his party.

JCD men

FROM PAGE 1 'danger zone' for the general students various national dailies --Borhanul Hug Samrat Khademul Islam teachers and other city people.

Yesterday the campus was safe only for the ruling BNP -- backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders and cadres who were seen roaming around the campus. These JCD activists seemed to be

security personnel and seemed to be unusually busy with their mobile phones. The armed personnel barred the on duty journalists and harassed them

in the name of security measures. Their vehicles continuously patrolled the entire campus. While visiting the different parts of

personnel were equipped with firearms and communication devices Police set barbed-wire fences at different entry points of the campus namely, Shabagh Intersection, Nilkhet, Palashi, Chankharpool and the High Court gate, barring the entry

The gates of all the halls were locked from the inside and only the hall staff and police were seen in the

AL leader

around 5:45pm. There he got into an altercation with a gang. At one stage, the gang stabbed him indiscriminately.

Fatally injured Zahir was rushed to the Shamarita Hospital and later shifted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the attending doctors declared him dead at 7:15pm.

local traders said Zahir might have been killed following enmity with his business rival. Another sources said that he

might have been killed due to a rift over the control of extortion over the market.

The duty officer of the Dhanmondi Police Station denied his involvement with the extortion and added that Zahir was killed because of previous enmity. Police said that they are yet to file any case but their officer went to the spot to investigate into the matter.

the Medical Staff quarter. He was the second of six brother and 2 sisters. He was married and father of a four-year-old son Rifat 4 and two-year-old daughter Jesi Islam.

BCL hartal

conference said the Shamsunnahar Hall incident was no less brutal than the events of 1971.

They also voiced a five-point demand, including the immediate withdrawal of the cases filed against the students and the former provost of the hall. Dr Sultana Shafi

The AL has extended its support to the BCL hartal and also urged the people to make it a success.

The hartal is also in protest at the sudden closure of the university and the forcing of students to leave the

in a statement severely condemned the police attack and the arrest of the female residents. The leaders termed the police

action "barbaric and unprecedented in the country's history". They demanded punishments to the police officials and people responsible for the incident. The signatories of the statement

included Obaidul Quader, Bahlul Mannan.

earlier took out a procession and held a rally in support of the hartal. Omar Ali. Kamrul Islam and

Abdul Sabuj, among others, addressed the rally.

Police club

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Police forcibly prevented activists and supporters of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at the Government Commerce College at

However, the BCL unit at the Government City College brought

on a BCU procession and charged baton indiscriminately in the municipal school area at about 10:am. Ripayan and some others were injured there. About half an hour later, police

intercepted a procession of female

At about noon, police encircled the BCU office, confining its leaders

and activists inside. The students however managed to slip out of the office and brought out a huge procession that paraded different roads of the city.

Fazal Market with the BCU President Sharan Barua in the chair. When contacted, top police officials denied any police action on students' procession in Chittagong

Transfer

"Some of the departments -- mainly the gynae and anaesthesia departments -- are overstaffed with consultants."

Rangpur Medical College Hospital

in January, but he managed to stay

at the CMCH till his transfer order

was cancelled by the ministry on July 1. But interestingly, only three days later (on July 4), he was transferred to the Rangpur Medical College Hospital again. This time, he was released immediately. It remains a

"It was a magic transfer. Possibly, his rivals were behind it", one source said without elaborating. The head of the skin and VD

department was general secretary of the Chittagong unit of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) for three terms.

Police go berserk

A group of reporters and photojournalists were also there to cover the demonstration.

As the demonstrators chanted slogans, demanding removal of the VC and the proctor, some nine female students climbed over a nearby wall into the Rokeya Hall compound and tried to break open the main gate.

At this stage, hundreds of riot policemen posted in front of the Teachers Students Centre (TSC), the Milon Chattar and the VC's residence started lobbing tear gas into the agitating crowd

A group of teachers, including Dr Anwar Hossain, chairman of the biochemistry department, Professor Mejbah Kamal of history, Rubayat Ferdous of journalism, Zahid Hasan Chowdhury of political science, Samir Kumar Shil of Marketing, Hafizur Rahman of law and Mashiur Rahman of sociology, meanwhile tried to persuade police to remain calm. The teachers assured the police that they would convince the students to peacefully leave the area.

However, police paid no heed to the teachers and resorted to baton charge, leaving 15 students injured. Within minutes, the entire area became smoke-filled with students running towards the university library for cover.

The baton-wielding policemen quickly dispersed the agitating crowd and arrested about ten male and female students. The arrested students forced to sit on the road, encircled by some law enforcers.

At this stage, the teachers in a group approached an on-duty police officer named Kohinoor and told him that the arrested were some of the brightest students of the DU and did nothing wrong.

As police boarded the arrested students into a van, Dr Hossain again pleaded for their release saying that he would vouchsafe for them. But he was pushed aside and students were bundled into a police van.

Just then a group of riot police-

men, all constables, pounced on Dr

Hossain. The policemen swore at him, beat him with batons, kicked him and hit him with rifle butts as he lay on the road in agony. Other teachers and on-duty ournalists were not spared either. Deepak Acharya, a staff correspondent of the Bangla daily Probhat was

injured in police assault. Just as the

assault continued on students,

teachers and journalists, a riot vehi-

cle arrived on the scene from

nowhere and lobbed volleys o teargas canisters indiscriminately

Later other teachers regrouped to take Dr Hossain to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he underwent emergency treatment for broken limbs. Dozens of teachers from the DU rushed to the DMCH to see the injured teacher.

As some students entered the library premises, a gang of youths led by JCD leaders, including Monir Hossain, Sultan Salauddin Tuku younger brother of Deputy Minister for Education and Asaduzzaman Asad, pounced on them with iron rods and sticks. At this stage, the Daily Star correspondent, Zahedul Islam, was badly beaten up.

Zahed was taking notes when the hoodlums pounced on him. Zahed said he had repeatedly told the assailants that he was on duty as a journalist but to no avail.

The hoodlums beat and kicked Zahed, who later received treatment at the DMCH.

JCD activists also beat up at least 25 students. DU unit president of the Bangladesh Chhatra League Delwar Hossain was roughed up near the DU central mosque.

At around 3:45pm, three DU correspondents were severely roughed up by police near the National Museum. The victims -Sahabul Haq of the Danik Ittefaq, Khademul Islam of the Daily Independent and Borhanul Hag of the Protham Alo - were admitted to

different city hospitals. The injured along with some other iournalists were on way out of the campus when the police stopped them near the museum, calling them fake iournalists".

Police constables Titu and Firoz started beating up them when they strongly protested it in presence of Sub-Inspector Riyadh. Authorities suspended the three

police personnel for beating up iournalists. Meanwhile, several hundreds of students and teachers began fast unto death at the Shaheed Minar yesterday morning demanding removal of the VC. Eminent personalities, poet, writers and other profes-

sionals attended the programme to express their solidarity. Huge contingent of police, armed police and paramilitary BDR were stationed in and around the campus. Besides, a large number of JCD leaders and workers were seen

Musharraf regrets

means of augmenting relations between the two countries on bilateral plane. "This situation is also vitiating

peace and security in South Asia, he said. He noted that Pakistan and Bangladesh enjoy a close identity and views on matters of regional and international concerns. And such bilateral consultations facilitate greater understanding and coordination between friendly

courtesy call on the visiting president at his Sonargaon Hotel suite. Musharraf also paid a courtesy call on Acting President Sircar

neighbours like Pakistan and

Later on the day, Khaleda paid a

Bangladesh

before attending a dinner at the Bangabhaban. Welcoming the state guest, President Sircar hoped that his visit would strengthen friendship and cooperation between the two coun-

He underscored the need "to put hest efforts to make SAARC into a vibrant regional organisation as envisioned by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman"

The Acting President stressed further expansion of cooperation between the two countries in the areas of culture, education, science and technology.

He hoped that there would be further expansion and diversification of bilateral trade in future. Musharraf is leading a 20-member official delegation, comprising four ministers, senior officials and top businessmen, on his trip seen as important in the context of unfolding realities in the region, including

AJM golden handshake payment completed

BSS, Narayanganj

The golden handshake payment to the workers of recently liquidated Adamjee Jute Mills Ltd (AJM) was completed yesterday.

The AJM started the payment of golden handshake to its workers on July 15. Sources said, a total of Tk 3 crore

34 lakh 45 thousand was disbursed among 293 workers in common service department as the final payment of the golden handshake. The payment of the golden

handshake to the staff of the mill

would start on July 30 and continue

The AJM, a loss-making concern of BJMC, was closed down on June 30 following a government

for two or three days, they said.

The ministers are: Commerce Minister Abdur Razzak Dawood, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Enamul Huq, Information Minister

Musharraf will hold official talks ith Khaleda today on hilat regional and international issues of

mutual interest, economic cooperation being on top of the agenda Concluding his Bangladesh tour, the Pak President will fly for Sri Lank on July 31. On his way back home. he will also make a stopover in

office from August 1. Meantime, the seven-member DU probe committee has met only once to discuss its terms of reference, but could not make any deci-

However, resentment is running

high against the DU probe body as

Dal (JCD), the student wing of the ruling BNP, too, campus sources Eyebrows have also been raised about the member-secretary of the probe body, Proctor Professor Nazrul Islam, who the female students blame for the attack on the hall on Wednesday night. Professor

Islam also toed a clear line following

the attack by saving that no male

Shamsunnahar Hall. Chairman of the probe body Pro-Vice-chancellor AFM Yusuf Haider also supported the DU authorities' decision to storm into the Shamsunnahar Hall. Also in an interview with private Channel I, he condoned the police role on that

In such circumstances, both students and some teachers view that this probe body is neither neutral nor apolitical and that the report of the committee would not be

Union (DUTA) has already demanded dissolution of the body for its 'biased role'. Talking to The Daily Star,

Professor Nazrul Islam said the probe committee could not met due to busy schedule of the members. He also said the closure of the halls has created problems in getting accounts of the students.

he said. "Maybe, this committee will also seek time. As for my inclusion in

Defying police obstacle, hundreds of people under different banners gathered at the national Shaheed Minar at 4pm. Children killed my grand father, I want jus-

Addressing the rally, Awami

"It is a shame that the person is

Acting as the moderator of the rally, Journalist Shahrier Kabir informed the audience how police tried to foil their rally through road blockades and baton charges leaving several participants injured. Of them Prof. Anwar Hossain's

FROM PAGE 1 candidates have stayed home due

the meeting.

The commission has also pro-The EC meeting presided over bodies for years.

Sources in the EC Secretariat tentatively by late September.

Ridoy, Nurunnabi and Shahbul Hug -- were beaten up by police

> carrying out the responsibility of 'securing' the campus along with the

> the campus including the student halls, it was observed that security

of the students who were to join a hunger strike at the Central Shaheed

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Hospital sources quoting the

Zahir, son of Abdul Hakim, is a resident of 324 Elephant Road at

Meanwhile, former BCL leaders

Mojnun Chunnu, Mostofa Jalal Mohiuddin, KM Jahangir and Abdul The Dhaka City Awami League

Agrabad and Omar Ghani MES out processions.

out a procession. Witnesses said police swooped

activists and supporters of the BCU in Aparnacharan and Krishnakumari school areas. They snatched the banners and clubbed participants in the procession, leaving Bithi and at least five others

Later, a rally was held near Darul

vesterday.

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Another source alleged that even some doctors engage brokers at the hospital to lure patients to their private chambers or clinics. The head of Skin and VD Department was transferred to the

mystery how a ministry order can be changed within three days.

Earlier, a gynae doctor transferred to a hospital in Cox's Bazar managed to return to the CMCH after two months, the sources said.

roaming around the campus.

Nisar Memon and Local Govt. and **Environment Minister Barrister** Shaheda Jamil

Chinese capital Beijing.

Probe body FROM PAGE 1

six of its members are known to be belonging to the BNP-leaning White Panel of teachers. One of them was a leader of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra

police personnel entered the

acceptable to the general students. The Dhaka University Teachers

"I don't know the solution as vet."

the committee, I myself had raised the issue since I have already taken a clear position on the attack.

Sandwip polls

uoted as saying at the meeting. Mahbubur Rahman and Moktadir Mollah Selim -- and four ward commissioner candidates -- Abdul Kaiyum, Dr Mohammad Islak, Mohamamd Abdul Hannan and Mohammad Abu Yusuf -- attended

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It also sought special powers to

In a bid to stop government