

JU students demand reopening of BUET

JU CORRESPONDENT

Different student organisations staged demonstrations on the Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus yesterday protesting the closure of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and attack on the hunger-striking students.

The Progressive Students' Unity (PSU), a conglomeration of eight left-leaning student organisations, took out a protest procession and held a rally yesterday morning.

Addressing the rally, PSU leaders said that ignoring the lawful demands of general students, the BUET authorities eventually backed the hooligans.

"The (BUET authorities) let loose the cadres of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Islami Chhatra Shibir on the hunger-striking students to create a situation that led to the indefinite closure of the

university," said Munirul Islam, president of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), JU unit.

The PSU leaders urged the BUET authorities to reopen the university immediately and demanded exemplary punishment to the persons involved in attacks on agitating BUET students.

They also called for realising their seven-point demand, including withdrawal of punitive action on some agitating students, arrest of the killers of Sabequn Nahar Sony and withdrawal of the ban on student politics.

The leaders asked the students of all educational institutions of the country to make today's day-long hartal a success.

Meanwhile, Gonotantrik Chhatra Oikya, Jahangirnagar Sangskritik Jote, BCU, SCF and BCF took out separate processions in different dormitories on Sunday night.



Police intercepted a procession of Krishak League shouting anti-government slogans at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday.

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Sramik Dal wins Ctg Bonder Sramik CBA polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Bonder Sramik CBA (Collective Bargaining Agent) election was held in the port city yesterday.

The ruling BNP backed Chittagong Bonder Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal won the election defeating opposition Awami League supported Bonder Jatiya Sramik League by a close margin.

Sramik Dal with Crane symbol bagged 1911 votes while its rival and the incumbent CBA Sramik League with "Jahaj" (Ship) symbol got 1859 votes.

With the turnout of a remarkable number of voters, 4521 votes out of 4873 were cast during the

seven-hour long polling that started at 8am.

Sramik Dal would form the Bonder CBA as it got higher votes than the number (one third of the total votes) required to form CBA.

Three other contending port workers organisations—Jamaat-e-Islami backed Chittagong Bonder Islami Sramik Sangha (symbol "Scale"), Jatiya Party, JASAD and some other small parties backed Chittagong Bonder Sramik League (Pen & Hammer) and Bonder Sramik Union (Wheel) bagged 511, 155 and 85 votes respectively.

The Bonder CBA election was held after five years. Last election was held on November 7 in 1997.

Proshika launches cleanliness drive tomorrow

Proshika has taken up a six-day cleanliness drive in the metropolis and its vicinity to combat deteriorating post-flood diarrhoea and dengue fever situation, says a press release.

During the drive beginning on September 11, Proshika workers in cooperation with civil society volunteers will take part in the drive in all its 15 Area Development Centres covering 22 thanas of the metropolis.

To make the programme a success, 165 action teams, each consisting of 10 members, have been formed.

Study on Elevated Express Highway concludes

BSS, Dhaka

The visiting nine-member Thai expert team concluded its three-day study on the proposed 32-kilometre Intergrated Elevated Express Highway in the city to be built with the financial and technical assistance of the Thai government.

A wrap-up meeting between the members of Thai expert team and the Bangladesh officials was held at Sarak Bhaban yesterday.

Chief Engineer of Roads and Highways M Fazul Rahman and other directors were present at the meeting on behalf of the Bangladesh side while members of the Thai expert team Narong Sangswriya, Ratana Santannop, Chainarong Nalamphun, Anukool Tuntoimas, Watchara Sanghattawatt, Vorapote Uchocpaiboonvong, Bangphot Phimchai, Thipwaree Athagrinsa and Anupam Das were present.

Exchanging views with newsmen earlier in the morning on the

project, Communications Minister Nazmul Huda said the Thai team would submit its report to its government within a few days.

Final approval of the project is expected by the end of October, he said, adding the Thai team estimated that Tk 2,200 crore would be required to construct the 22-kilometre highway in the first phase which would take two years' time.

He said the first 17-kilometre section of the elevated express highway would be constructed from Airport to Sayedabad via Mohakhali, Farmgate, Shahbag, Moulana Bhasani Road, Abdul Gani Road, Zero Point, Gulistan, and Folder Street and the highway will have six landing spots.

The second section of the elevated highway would be from Bangla Motor to Motijheel via Moghbazar, Mouchak, Razarbag and Kamalapur Railway Station. This five-kilometre highway section will have two landing spots, he said.

Exercise of emergency fire fighting in Dec

BSS, Dhaka

An exercise of emergency fire fighting will take place in December at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) to test all facilities including emergency exit from aircraft and review preparations in facing accidents and related problems.

It was decided at a meeting of the exercise coordination committee at ZIA with Director of Air Traffic Service of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) Kaiser Alam in the chair.

CAAB officials, representatives from Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh Biman, Fire Service, Meteorological Department, Dhaka Medical College, Bangladesh Police, Airlines operators at ZIA and other agencies concerned attended the meeting to work out the plan for the exercise.

Organised by CAAB, the exercise will be participated by CAAB fire fighting section, Bangladesh Fire Service, Bangladesh Biman, Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Police and representatives of different airlines.

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