

## Tk 331.65 crore budget for public universities announced

DU CORRESPONDENT

The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) yesterday announced Tk 331.65 crore original budget for the public universities for 2003-2004 fiscal year.

The UGC also announced Tk 327.68 crore revised budget for fiscal 2002-2003.

The budget was announced at the 103rd meeting of the UGC here. The UGC Chairman Prof. Dr. M Asaduzzaman presided.

Prof. Dr. Monjur Morshed Mahmud, Prof. Monirul Haque, Prof. Dr. KM Mohshin, Prof. Dr. Mahfujul Huq, and Prof. Dr. Mohammad Mustafizur Rahman.

## DU student stabbed by hawkers

DU CORRESPONDENT

A student of Dhaka University was seriously injured when some hawkers stabbed and beat him up in front of BIRDEM Hospital at Shahbagh yesterday.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Abdul Halim, a fourth year student of law department.

Sources said he was also assaulted by the same group of hawkers the previous day as he protested their teasing of a poor woman asking for help from the pedestrians.

A resident student of Jasimuddin Hall, Halim is also a worker of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD). He is now undergoing treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Later, Ramna police arrested three hawkers from the area.

On Sunday, Halim was waiting for bus in front of the BIRDEM Hospital when he saw some hawkers teasing the woman.

As he told the hawkers not to do so, they made an attack on him.

Yesterday, Halim along with his five friends came to the spot and were looking for the hawkers.

But the hawkers again made an attack on him, calling him a mugger.

He was rescued by his friends who took him to the DMCH.

No case was filed in this connection.

## JCD activist beaten up at DU hall

DU CORRESPONDENT

A JCD activist was beaten up by his fellow workers at the Ziaur Rahman Hall of Dhaka University in the early hours of yesterday.

Mostafizur Rahman Mustak, a third year student of linguistic department, was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with serious head injuries.

The incident was a sequel to factional infighting, sources said, adding that the supporters of JCD hall unit president and general secretary beat up Mustak, who belongs to other faction, with an iron rod at his room.

Earlier, Mustak also beat up one of the attackers about 10 day ago, sources said.

Tension is running high at the hall.

## JU reopens tomorrow

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University (JU) will reopen tomorrow after a month-long vacation.

All classes and academic activities will resume from the opening date.

## Birth centenary of Abul Fazal today

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Chittagong

Today is the birth centenary of renowned litterateur Abul Fazal.

Various organisations have drawn up programmes to pay tribute to one of the pioneers of free-thinking.

Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, Chittagong chapter, will hold a seminar titled 'Social thought of Abul Fazal' at Zila Parishad auditorium at 6.00pm.

Dr Shipra Dastidar will present the keynote paper while Editor of daily Azadi Prof. Mohammad Khaled, Dr Abul Kashem and journalist Muhammad Idris will take part in the discussion.

Bangladesh College University Teachers' Association, Aabritti Samannaya Parishad, Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilon Parishad and Onoma Sangskritik Gosthi will also observe the day with different programmes.

Wreaths will be placed at the portrait of Abul Fazal at his residence, 'Sahitya Niketan', at Kazir Dewri in the morning.

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