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Sammita Nari Samaj stages a demonstration in front of the Sadarghat Launch Terminal yesterday demanding resignation of Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain.

BCL leader assaulted on DU campus

DU CORRESPONDENT

A leader of Jagannath Hall unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was allegedly beaten up by an activist of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday.

Sources said Swaraz Kumar, vice president of Jagannath Hall unit BCL, was beaten up by Diganta Kumar, a non-student staying at the hall under the shelter of JCD leaders.

The BCL held a rally on the campus protesting the attack on Swaraz.

Addressing the rally, BCL leaders demanded punishment to his attacker.

They said there is no security of life as a number of outsiders are staying and moving freely on the campus.

BCL leaders said the recovery of two bodies from the campus has already created panic among the students.

Presided over by BCL DU unit President Delwar Hossain, the rally was addressed by Marufa Akhter Popy, Rafiqul Islam, Baloram Podder, Morsheduzzaman Selim and Hemayet Uddin Khan Himu.

Wedding reception Jubo League leader Bashar denies link with attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City North Unit Jubo League President Abul Bashar denied his link with the attack on the wedding reception party of Golam Mostafa Labu.

Bashar also refuted any internal feud in his unit.

Meanwhile, Dhaka City South Unit Jubo League yesterday protested attack on July 19 in the city.

City's South Unit Jubo League President Mahiuddin Ahmed Mahi and General Secretary Nurunnabi Chowdhury in a statement said 'criminals' of the BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government fired on the wedding reception indiscriminately and killed Labu's sister-in-law Nazma Akhter.

They blamed the government for accusing their North unit president Abul Bashar of the incident. Government did so to save the real killers, they said.

The government has no right to cling to power anymore as it failed to give security to people, they added.

In a similar statement city's North unit General Secretary Moinul Hossain Khan also protested the attack.



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Tanni Karmakar, a child artiste, renders song at the 'Jatiya Zia Shishu Shilpi Competition - Shapla Kuri 2003' at the Shishu Academy yesterday. The Zia Shishu Academy organised the competition.

SCF calls strike at NU colleges

DU CORRESPONDENT

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF), a left-leaning student organisation, has called a strike at all colleges under the National University on July 24.

The SCF has called the strike to press home its eight-point demand, including construction of separate examinations halls and classrooms, recruitment of adequate teachers and continuation of classes throughout the year.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday, the SCF leaders said the colleges do not have adequate teachers and that is why the degree exam results are not satisfactory.

New road on CU campus

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Jamtala-Nipoban Shishu Bidyalay connecting road on the Chittagong University campus was inaugurated on Sunday.

Vice Chancellor Prof AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury inaugurated the road as chief guest.

Prof ANM Abdul Moktader, Deputy Registrar Harun Or Rashid, and chief of security department Bazal Haque were present.

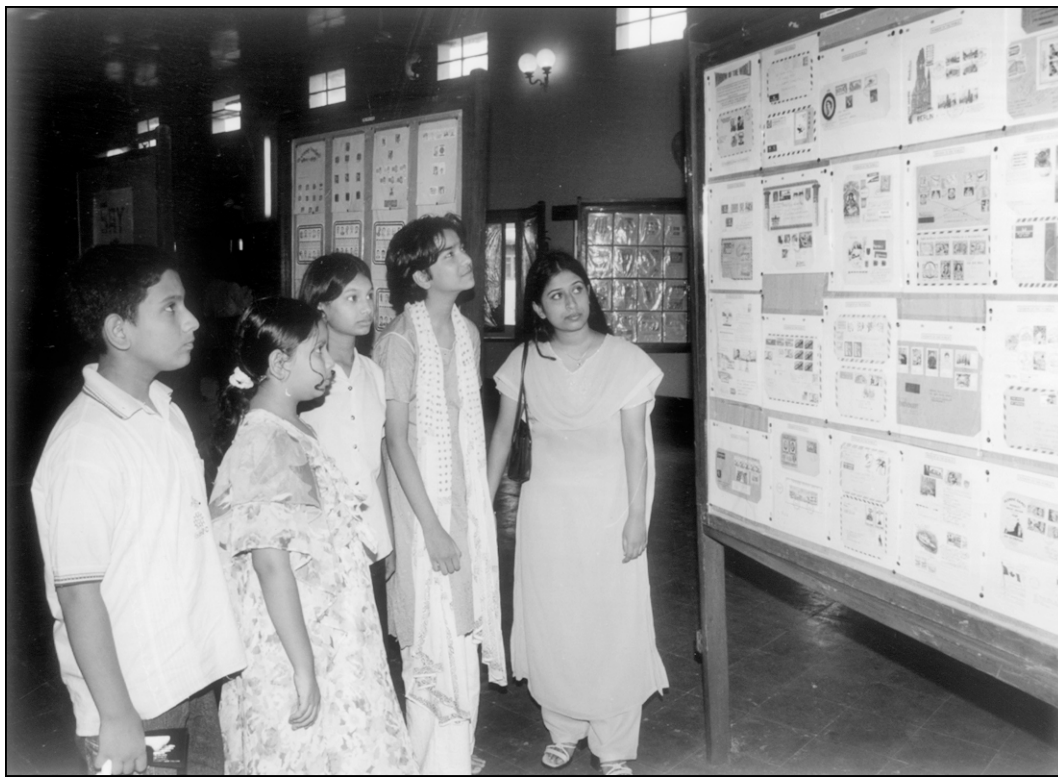


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A week-long exhibition of stamps began at the GPO auditorium yesterday. The Bangladesh National Philatelic Association organised the exhibition on the occasion of its silver jubilee.

Accommodation crisis grips JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Accommodation crisis has gripped the dormitories of Jahangirnagar University (JU) because of session jam, leaving the newly admitted students in uncertainty about their seats.

Although it is the lone residential university in the country, the students of 32nd batch (academic session 2002-03) will face severe problem in getting their seats in the halls. Even some of the students of the previous batch are staying in the common rooms.

So acute is the crisis that only 10 per cent of students of the latest batch may get seats while 70 per cent students will have to stay in common rooms, television rooms and prayer rooms of the dormitories. And the rest should arrange their accommodation outside the campus.

The students of 32nd batch were enrolled in different depart-

ments against the outgoing 27th batch students who were supposed to finish their final examinations in 2002.

But only the students of Bangla department has completed the Master's final exams while 23 other departments will need another five or six months to complete their final exams.

In addition, some departments have students of 26th batch who could not complete their final exams due to session jam.

The ten dormitories of the university, including half-constructed Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Hall, have a capacity to accommodate a total of 4814 students. Of the dormitories, four are women's halls where 1600 students can reside.

At present, the university has some 6,769 students, including 2066 female students.

After the construction of Sheikh Mujib Hall which will take one or two more months, about 250 new students can be accommodated there.

The newly admitted female students will suffer most as 350 female students were enrolled against 165 seats to be vacated this year.

This unplanned admission aggravated the accommodation crisis in the women's dormitories, hall authorities said.

Moreover, no seat in the Fazilatunnesa Hall will be vacated in the next five years, sources said.

Some female students are even staying in the reading room of Nawab Faizunnesa hall.

The government has allocated Tk.5.46 crore for building a 500-seat women's hall, but the authorities are yet to take any initiative in this regard.

Clinic Plus- Prothom Alo inter-school debate begins in Ctg on July 25

CU CORRESPONDENT

The 'Clinic Plus- Prothom Alo' inter-school parliamentary debate competition begins in the port city on July 25.

Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman will formally inaugurate the competition as chief guest at the local Shilpakala Academy auditorium at 10.00am.

Former president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, Assistant Editor of the Prothom Alo Biswajit Chowdhury, General Factory Manager of Liver Brothers Hasan Zafar Chowdhury, BMA Chittagong unit Joint Secretary Dr Shahadat Hossain and TV presenter Abdun Nur Tushar will attend the inaugural function as special guests.

Organised by Dristi, a local cultural organisation, the competition will be participated by 18 educational institutions.

These are Chittagong Government High School, Aparna Charan School, BAF Shahin School, Dr Khastagir School, St Scholastica School, Nasirabad Boys School, Kusumkumari School, Ispahani Public School, East Madarbari School, Ankur Society, National Public school, Nasirabad Girls School, Myron Sun School, Collegiate School, Kapasgoal School, Muslim High School, Police Institution and Silver Bells School.

A meeting of the moderators

and the team leaders of the participating schools was held at the Gems English Medium School on Friday to exchange views on different issues related to the competition.

Dristi President and Principal of Gems English Medium School Hasina Zakaria Soma presided over the meeting.

Personal Services Manager of Liver Brothers Md Shahabuddin, Director of Dristi Debating Club Masud Bakul, General Secretary Saif Chowdhury, and Organising Secretary Mithun Mallik spoke on the occasion.

CPB expresses concern at wedding party killing in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday expressed deep concern at daylight killing at a wedding party in the city's Mirpur area, says a press release.

In a statement, CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim said the incident is a true reflection of the deteriorating law and order of the country.

The CPB leaders also said the government is quite indifferent to law and order situation.

Obituary

Fazlul Huq Khan, father of Nurul Kabir, deputy editor of the New Age, died at the Community Hospital in Dhaka yesterday at the age of 72, says a press release.

He had been suffering from cancer and other old-age complications.

Khan left behind his wife, four sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

His body was taken to his village home at Arial under Tangibari thana in Munshiganj. He will be buried at his family graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza this morning.

Qulkhwani

BSS, Dhaka

Qulkhwani of eminent journalist Mizanur Rahman will be held at his residence at 28 Banagram Road after Asr prayers today.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qul.

Fiki Hasan Hilmi

BSS, Dhaka

Qulkhwani of Fiki Hassan Hilmi, general manager (administration) of Petrobangla, will be held at his Dhansiri residence at Indira Road after Maghrib prayers today.

Hilmi died of a cardiac arrest at his Indira Road residence on Friday night.

He left behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Relatives, friends and colleagues have been requested to attend the qul.

Police atrocities on female students DU students to stage protest tomorrow

DU CORRESPONDENT

Students' organisations at Dhaka University will stage protests on the campus tomorrow to commemorate the police atrocities on the female students of Shamsunnahar Hall.

On July 23 last year, policemen entered the women's dormitory and swooped on the students at midnight, triggering massive protests.

The hall residents came under police attack when they were protesting against the illegal stay of some Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders at the hall.

Police also swooped on the general students of the university who demonstrated against the police attack on female students.

The protests soon turned into a tough agitation, prompting the authorities to close the university on July 28. The university reopened on October 3 after 67 days of unscheduled closure.

Following the police attack, a one-member judicial inquiry committee, headed by Justice Tafazzul Islam, was formed on July 25 last year. Justice Islam submitted his report on September 3 to the government with some recommendations, but no action has been taken yet against those responsible.

The then vice-chancellor Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury and

Proctor Nazrul Islam resigned in the face of students' protest on July 31.

To mark the day, female students will arrange a candlelight procession inside the hall in the early hours. They will also take out a silent procession on the campus at 10.00am.

They called on all the students not to attend classes from 10.00am to 11.00am on the day.

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) will also take out a candlelight procession from Central Shaheed Minar to Shamsunnahar Hall gate in the early hours of July 23 and form a human chain at Aparajeyo Bangla at 10.00am. A photo exhibition and a discussion will be held at Battala.

The Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) will organise a separate photo exhibition on the incident at 11.00am and a protest meeting at the Central Shaheed Minar at 4.00pm.

General students of the university under the banner of 'Students against repression' will submit a memorandum to the Vice-chancellor Prof. SMA Faiz, demanding punishment of those involved in the incident.

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (Swapan-Tarun), a left-leaning student organisation, will observe 'Black Day' on July 23.



The Special Branch of Police organised a tree plantation programme at the Siddheswari Girls' High School yesterday. Headmistress Sabera Begum, Additional IG (Special Branch) Md Anwarul Iqbal, other SB officials and students took part in the programme.



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Awami Jubo League stages a demonstration at the Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday demanding punishment to those responsible for the armed attack on the wedding reception party of its leader Golam Mostafa Labu at the Kazi Community Centre in Kafur.