

# Gono Bishwabidyalay teacher assaulted

## Offices of VC, registrar and controller of examinations ransacked

JU CORRESPONDENT

The agitating students of Gono Bishwabidyalay assaulted a teacher and ransacked the offices of the vice-chancellor, registrar and controller of examinations yesterday.

Dr Saidduzzaman Apu, lecturer of physiology department, was assaulted at around 12.00 noon when he went to request the angry students to stop ransacking.

The students also staged demonstration in front of the residence of the VC and held a rally on the campus.

They announced a seven-day-long agitation programme including boycott of their classes and examinations from Saturday to press home their demand.

The programme also includes formation of human chain on Dhaka-Aricha Highway on Saturday at around 10.00am.

The students have been agitating since Tuesday demanding immediate registration of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) department with the health ministry.

They are also demanding the approval of Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC) as it is needed to continue their practice on comple-

tion of their course.

As the university is yet to get registration of the health ministry and approval of BMDC the students wouldn't be able to apply for any government job and practice anywhere.

Meanwhile, the university authori-

### Matir Moina to be screened in US, Canada this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Matir Moina, a world acclaimed Bangladeshi film, will be screened in the United States and Canada at the end of the year.

Milestone, the US distributor of Matir Moina, will release the film.

Meanwhile, the ICA of the United Kingdom started to screen the film from July 4 and will run it through the end of August.

At the Genesis Cinema in East London, Matir Moina is going to enter its sixth week and the hall authorities have decided to run the film as long as necessary to meet the demand of the audience.

ties held a meeting with the students yesterday without any result.

VC Dr Qasem Chowdhury presided over the meeting which was attended by Dr Sahidullah, principal of the medical faculty, and Delwar Hossain, registrar of the university.

### Draft list of criminals prepared

BSS, Dhaka

The government has prepared a draft list of criminals in transport sector to back up the special anti-extortion drive with a particular eye on hoodlums carrying out their activities identifying themselves as ruling party activists.

Officials of the home and the communications ministries said the list has been prepared coinciding the BDR-police joint drive in the city's bus terminals to uproot the extortionists at the directive of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.



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Ainjibi Oikya Parishad organised a press conference on the premises of the Dhaka Bar Association yesterday.

# Any more tremor to cause huge loss of lives

## Experts tell seminar in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Earthquake experts at a seminar yesterday warned that any more tremor similar to the one that rocked the Chittagong region recently would cause huge loss of lives.

The July 27 earthquake and its aftershocks in Chittagong city and Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) have already left many concrete structures on the verge of near collapse, they said.

Experts, geologists and engineers gathered at the seminar on 'Recent earthquakes in Chittagong and CHT and its effects and initiatives' held at the

conference room of Institutions of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Chittagong.

They called on all concerned to follow the 'Building Code' strictly during the construction of any building to reduce the risk of damage or casualties.

They also called for immediate demolition or restructuring of the buildings vulnerable to earthquake damage.

Dr. Jahangir Alam, coordinator of the earthquake research centre of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET), presented the keynote paper.

Referring to his preliminary findings, Dr. Jahangir said that about 30 to 40 per cent buildings of the port city were more or less damaged in the July 27 tremor,

but most of the building owners remained silent.

The tremor has exposed the vulnerability of some important city buildings to the quake damage. It is alleged that building code was not followed during the construction of these buildings, he said.

"The divisional public library building, Chittagong Polytechnic Institute and Bangladesh Scientific Research Institute (BSCR) are among few such buildings," Dr. Jahangir said.

"The offices of these buildings should be relocated and people there be shifted immediately to avert large-scale casualties."

Chairman of IEB, Chittagong, M Shahjahan, Dr. Shahidul Islam of geography department of Chittagong University, Honorary Secretary of IEB Abul Kashem and engineer Delwar Hossain also spoke. Engineer Khairul Mostafa presided.

### Death anniversary



The 14th death anniversary of Bappi Shahrar, a renowned rhymist, will be observed today, says a press release.

Wreath will be placed at his graveyard at

Banani in the morning and food will be distributed among the inmates of the paralysis ward of Arthopaedic Hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Bangladesh Shishu Academy has recently published his second book titled 'Aina Hoye' while his first book titled 'Hariea jaoa Sonali Din' has been included in the syllabus of primary schools run by the UNICEF.

### Ali Haidar Mullah



The second death anniversary of Ali Haidar Mullah, a retired police commissioner, will be observed today, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at his family residence at C-75, South Chhayabithi, Gazipur after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

### Nurul Islam



The seventh death anniversary of Nurul Islam, an eminent businessman and social worker, will be observed today, says a press release.

Qurankhwan i, milad mahfil and destitute-feeding have been arranged on this occasion.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the programme at his family residence at Alirtek Kurer Par in Narayanganj.

### Nehal Uddin Ahmed



The first death anniversary of Alhaj Nehal Uddin Ahmed, a retired deputy finance controller of military finance, will be observed tomorrow, says

a press release.

A doa and milad mahfil will be held at his family residence in the city.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

He hailed from Tarua of Brahmanbaria.

# Next NID Jan 18, February 29

BSS, Dhaka

A total of 22 million babies across the country aged up to five years would be administered polio vaccines in two rounds during the next National Immunization Day (NID).

The first round of next NID will be held on January 18, 2004 and second round on February 29, 2004. The babies aged from one year to five years will be administered high power vitamin capsules 'A' along with two drops of polio vaccines.

This was decided at a meeting of

the National Steering Committee of NID with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain in the chair.

The health minister told the meeting that Bangladesh had been free from polio for the last three years and no polio patient was found since 2000.

State minister for Health Mizanur Rahman Sinha, Secretary M Fazlur Rahman and other officials concerned and representatives of WHO, UNICEF, USAID and JICA were present at the meeting.

# Agreement with IFRC signed

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh yesterday signed an agreement with International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) under which it would enjoy special facilities and immunities as enjoyed by other diplomatic missions.

Foreign Secretary Shamsheer M Chowdhury signed the agreement on behalf of the government while Anthony Ronald Maryon Head of the delegation on behalf of IFRC at a simple ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The signing of the agreement will help facilitate its function con-

siderably, Chowdhury said after the ceremony.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Chairman Major General (ret'd) ZA Khan and Vice Chairman Prof Gazi Abdul Huq and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were present on the occasion.

IFRC is operating in 174 countries all over the world but 48 countries including Bangladesh have signed such agreement.

IFRC began its work in Bangladesh in 1987 and has made laudable efforts in bringing emergency relief to the people at the time of natural disasters.

# Admission in CGAC resumes

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Government Art College (CGAC) will resume admission of students from the current session after long four years.

Admission of students was postponed in 1998 due to some legal problems.

Sources said a professor of the fine arts department of Chittagong University (CU) filed a case protesting an initiative to upgrade the Art College to an institute.

Following the filing of the case, the ministry concerned in an order on

October 22 asked the college authorities to postpone all admissions until further order.

However, at the request of the college authorities the education ministry in a new order on July 27 this year gave the permission to resume the admission process at pre-degree level from the current session.

Students who have passed the SSC examination can apply for admission in the college through fulfilling other required criteria.

Honours course will also be launched in near future, said college sources.



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Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj yesterday presides over an inter-ministerial meeting on efforts to stop production, marketing and use of banned polybags.



Salahuddin Ahmed

# Sudhijan Pathagar executives

The annual general meeting and election of Sudhijan Pathagar, a library, was held at the Pathagar Bhaban in Narayanganj with its Director Kashem Jamal in the chair, says a press release.

The meeting and election to the executive committee for 2003-2005 was held on August 1.

The elected office-bearers are Salahuddin Ahmed -- director; Imtiaz Faroque Moin -- secretary; Md Ayub -- treasurer; Ashjadul Kibria -- cultural secretary; Lafifa Jamal Eva librarian; Fahmida Khanam Sony and Abu Naser Rana assistant librarians; and Dr Karunamoye Goswami, Md Ishaque, Md Al-Amin and Kashem Jamal -- members.

### Obituary



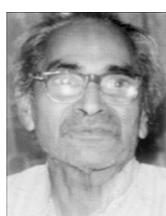
Abdur Rashid, chairman of the first Pay and Services Commission of Bangladesh, died in the city on July 27 at the age of 92, says a press release.

He left behind three sons.

A doa mahfil will be held at his family residence at 43, New Eskaton tomorrow.

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

### Shamsuddin Haidar



Shamsuddin Haidar, a retired director of foods, died in the city yesterday morning at the age of 94, says a press release.

He left behind seven sons, five daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

He was buried at Banani graveyard.

His qulkhwan will be held at his family residence at House-3, Road-3A, Sector-5, Uttara after Asr prayers on August 11.