

RUTA election Jan 15

BSS, Rajshahi

Election to Rajshahi University Teachers' Association (RUTA) will be held on the university campus on January 15.

Two panels -- 'White', backed by the ruling BNP-led alliance, and 'Yellow', supported by the Awami League and left-leaning parties, -- will contest the polls for 15 posts of

the association.

The candidates are now busy with campaign, going door to door to woo the voters.

From the White panel, Prof. Md Abdus Salam of zoology and Prof. Mamunul Karamal of applied electronics are vying for the posts of president and general secretary.

The Yellow panel candidates for

these posts are Prof. Md Khalaquzzaman of zoology and Prof. Akter Faruque of chemistry.

Both the panels have finalised their candidates.

The polling will be held from 8.30am to 1.00pm without any break, with Prof. Sheikh Md Nurullah as chief election commissioner.

Sabihuddin made envoy to Sweden

UNB, Dhaka

The government has decided to appoint Secretary Sabihuddin Ahmed of Environment and Forest Ministry as ambassador to Sweden.

Sabihuddin Ahmed joined the then Central Superior Service and

served in various capacities in information, home, land, energy, fisheries and textiles ministries..

He also worked in the foreign ministry as director and in the Bangladesh Consulate in Hong Kong. He was private secretary to the prime minister from 1991 to 1995.

Asian University for Women PM to lay foundation tomorrow

BSS, Chittagong

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to lay the foundation of the Asian University for Women (AUW) here tomorrow.

The earth breaking ceremony for the university will be held near its proposed site at North Pahartali.

The World Bank and the Asian Development Bank will provide Tk 6,000 crore for its construction. It will be Asia's first university of international standard for women students only.

Education Minister Dr. M Osman Faruk, US Congressman and Chairman of the US Congressional Caucus on

Bangladesh Joseph Crowley and Member of the Board of Directors of the AUW Support Foundation Dr. William Newton-Smith will attend the function as special guests.

Sources said the authorities have earmarked about 109 acres of land for the project.