

AL presidium meets today

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An emergency meeting of the Awami League presidium will be held at its Dhanmondi office in the city at 10.00am today.

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina will chair the meeting, said a press release.

Party General Secretary M Abdul Jalil MP has requested the presidium members to attend the meeting on time.

Alleged thief lynched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An alleged thief was lynched at Chowbaria village in Paba upazila here yesterday.

The 27-year-old man could not be identified.

Villagers chased and caught him after one Abdul Malek raised an alarm in the early hours of yesterday.

Police said two men entered Malek's house and tried to speed away with his motorcycle.

Over 1600 held

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Police arrested 1,653 more people, including four identified criminals, on various charges during their ongoing drive in last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.



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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks at the concluding ceremony of the 48th conference of the Institution of Engineers at its auditorium in the city yesterday.

DU Ga unit admission test today

DU CORRESPONDENT

Admission tests of Ga unit (commerce group) for the first year honours courses under the 2003-04 session of Dhaka University will be held at 10.00am today.

Nearly 20,400 candidates will sit for the examination, but there are only 704 seats available for admission which means 29 students are vying for each seat.

The seat plan for the test is as follows: Admit card Nos. 50001 to 51549 at Pilkhana Rifles College;

51550 to 52786 at Sheikh Borhanuddin Post Graduate College; 52787 to 53834 at City College; 53835 to 55070 at Home Economics College; 55071 to 55471 at Nilkhet High School; 55472 to 56489 at Udayan School; 56490 to 57121 at University Laboratory School; 57122 to 57547 at Social Welfare Institute; 57548 to 60212 at Curzon Hall; 58448 to 58546, 60213 to 60589, and 60663 to 61097 at Mokarram Bhaban; 61098 to 61311 at Statistics Research Institute; 61312 to 61518 at Food and Nutrition Institute; 61519 to 62925

at Science Annex Building; 62926 to 63107 at Institute of Modern Language; 63108 to 63641 at IBA Building; 63642 to 64261 at IER Building; 64262 to 67405 at Arts Building; 67406 to 68043 at Lecture Theatre; 68044 to 68614 at Central Library; 68615 to 68975 at Science Library; and 68976 to 70998 at Business Studies Faculty.

Detailed seat plan will be displayed on the bulletin board of the examination centres. Candidates have been asked to report to their examination hall or rooms by 9:30 am.

Bangladesh Bank official killed in road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Bangladesh Bank official was killed and three others were injured in a road accident at Bhadra areas in the city yesterday.

Shafiqul Islam, 47, a deputy manager of BB Rajshahi regional branch, died on the spot when a speeding Dhaka-bound coach hit the rickshaw he was travelling in. He was going to his office.

The rickshawpuller and two passers-by were also injured. They were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Police seized the bus, but its driver and helper fled away. A case was filed with Boalia police.

BCL reunion Jan 25

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Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of opposition Awami League, will organise a reunion here on January 25, marking its 56th founding anniversary.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the programme at Paltan Maidan at 2.00pm.

Former BCL presidents and general secretaries will be given crests at the function. BCL leaders and workers from across the country will take part in the programme.

JCD demands security of students on RU campus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Rajshahi University (RU) unit, yesterday placed a nine-point demand, calling on the authorities to ensure security of the students on the campus.

The JCD also threatened to go for a movement if its demands are not met before the reopening of the university.

The university has been closed until February 7. The authorities announced the closure on January

14 in the wake of armed clash between the Islami Chhatra Shibir and the JCD that left at least 50 people injured.

The JCD demands include security of the students, action against the biased and incompetent teachers and officials, implementation of the code of conduct for students' organisations, judicial probe into January 13 armed clashes and removal of Shibir-aligned employees who used firearms during the clash.

If the authorities fail to meet the demands, the JCD will take politi-

cal steps to ensure security on the campus and the authorities will be responsible for any untoward incident, the JCD leaders warned at a press conference.

JCD President Motiar Rahman and General Secretary Aslam Reza blamed the RU administration for siding with the Shibir activists who were accused of posing a threat to students' security.

The Shibir cadres made attacks on the JCD three times since the present vice-chancellor took over, they said.

"Although we have complained several times about unlawful activities of the Shibir activists, but the RU administration did not pay any heed," said Motiar Rahman.

The latest attack came following the JCD's protest at black marketing of admission forms by the Shibir, they said.

They also alleged that the Shibir activists in connivance with a section of teachers were selling the forms at black market.

The press conference was held at a cabin of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where the JCD leaders injured in January 13 clashes were undergoing treatment.

Contacted, RU Student Advisor Prof. Rafiqul Islam declined to comment on the JCD allegations, saying that there should be an investigation into the allegations.

Maintain professional dignity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed has called on the newsmen to raise public awareness about education through their writings to help ensure good education in all educational institutions.

The president made the call when a delegation of the newly elected executive committee of Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday, said an official release.

He also called on the reporters to maintain professional dignity

and hoped that DRU's principle 'Believe in Accuracy' would be maintained in all aspects of reporting.

"It's quite impossible for us to achieve prosperity without real development in education, no matter what happens in other sectors," he told the delegation, led by DRU President Alamgir Hossain.

In response to a DRU proposal, President Iajuddin assured the DRU of all possible cooperation in introducing an award for objective reporting on education.



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Namaz-e-janaza of Mirza Mehdy Ispahani (Sadri Ispahani), chairman of Ispahani Group of Industries, was held at Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city yesterday. He died at Bumrungrad Hospital in Bangkok on Tuesday.

Obituary



Hiralal Roy, former treasury accountant at Tangail, died at his residence at Betaka on January 13 at 83, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and four grandchildren.

A member of Coronation Dramatic Club, Hiralal Roy was also associated with religious organisations.

His shradha will be held at his residence today.

Death anniversary



Tomorrow is the first death anniversary of Saleha Khatun, wife of Syed Nurul Haq, a retired director of PDB, and mother of Syed Ziaul Haque, secretary of Bangladesh Computer Council, says a press release.

Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at Railway Hafizia Sunnia Dakhil Madrassah at Shahjahanpur today.

Fazal Ahmmed



The second death anniversary of Fazal Ahmmed will be observed today, says a press release.

A milad mahfil and mezbani have been arranged at his village home at Noapara in Rauzan, Chittagong. The milad will be held in the morning and the mezbani after Juma prayers.