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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks as chief guest at the annual general meeting of Dhaka Union of Journalists at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

RMCH intern docs demand security measures

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Intern doctors at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital yesterday started an hour-long token work stoppage to be observed daily for a week to press their demand for security measures at the hospital.

Assault of a fellow doctor on Tuesday evening prompted them to call an indefinite strike scheduled to begin yesterday, but they called it off. Instead, they went for work stoppage programme from 11.00am to 12.00 noon daily.

The interns also submitted an 11-point demand to the hospital authorities.

The demands include restriction on free movement of attendants and outsiders, closure of three gates out of five, setting up a police outpost, removal of unauthorised shops and business establishments and appointments

of more staffs.

If their demands are not met within a week, they would go for a tougher movement, the interns said after a meeting with the hospital director.

Director Brigadier General Abul Kalam Azad said the hospital authorities were looking into the demands. "We will try our best to meet those," he added.

The interns called the indefinite strike on Tuesday night after some youths dragged Dr Shamim down from a rickshaw and beat him up.

Some of the agitating interns also damaged windowpanes of the director's office protesting what they said was the authorities' indifferent attitude to the security issue.

But only three hours after the strike call, they withdrew it following a discussion with the hospital authorities.

Sources said Dr Shamim was assaulted as he did not allow attendants of a patient to stay inside the Ward No. 17 on January 27.

Rajpara police arrested three people after Dr Shamim filed a case against them.

Dr Nuruddin elected CU syndicate member

CU CORRESPONDENT

Professor Dr Nuruddin Mahmud of Institute of Marine Science has been elected a member to the syndicate of Chittagong University (CU) from academic council for the next two years.

A BNP-Jamaat-backed 'White panel' candidate, Prof. Nuruddin defeated his rival Dr. Md Amin uddin Mridha of Botany department, a 'Pink panel' candidate, by 82-67 votes in the election held on Tuesday.

Last month, the Chittagong University Teachers' Association (CUTA) had given an ultimatum to the university authorities to hold elections to the vacant posts in different councils.

Robbery at house in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Robbers looted cash and valuables worth over Tk two lakh from a residence in the city in the early hours of Tuesday.

A gang of 30 robbers broke into the residence of Golam Mostafa, a retired railway official, at the Railway Employees Cooperative Society, at around 3.00am.

They looted 20 tolas of gold ornaments, other valuables and Tk 50,000 at gunpoint.