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Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain unveils the cover of a book titled "Muktijuddher Kichhu Jana Ajana Katha" by Dr Abdul Hakim at the National Press Club yesterday while former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, right, looks on.

Robbery at Uttara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Robbers entered a house in Uttara pressing the doorbell and looted valuables worth Tk 2.87 lakh yesterday.

A gang of about seven youths pressed the doorbell of the first floor residence at Road # 14, Sector # 4 at around 8:30am, said landlord Hasan Fazle Halim.

"As my domestic help Hasna opened the door, the robbers equipped with firearms, chapati, dagger and axe forced into my house. They taped her mouth and confined her to an adjacent room," Halim said in the first information report.

The gang also assaulted Halim's mother as she refused to hand them over keys of lockers, said police.

The robbers took away gold ornaments, wristwatches and other valuables worth about Tk 2.87 lakh.

JU VC panel election today

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The VC panel election of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be held today amid fresh polarisation.

Two panels, backed by Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), will contest the election while the pro-Awami League (AL) teachers will not put up any panel this year, sources said.

The first panel includes Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmad of chemistry, Prof Salimullah Khan of government and politics and Prof A B M Obaidur Rahman of philosophy departments. Besides a small section of BNP, the pro-Jamaat and pro-Jatiya Party teachers are the main supporters of this panel.

They have started campaigning saying that to develop the infrastructure of the university and ensure a healthy atmosphere on the campus, it is necessary to elect them to get all out government patronisation.

The other panel includes Prof Khandaker Mostahidur Rahman of economics, Prof Mofiz Uddin of economics and Prof M Kabir of statistics departments. A large section of pro-BNP teachers, all pro-AL teachers and pro-left-leaning teachers are supporting them.

The second panel of pro-BNP teachers has been put up to protest the existing vice-chancellor's anarchic and illegal decisions over the appointment of teachers, officers and employees at the university and for his failure to handle the problems on the campus, said the supporters of this panel.

Around 88 senators are likely to cast their votes in the election scheduled to be held at the senate room of the administrative building.

Election of two members under senate category and one under distinguished person category for the syndicate will also be held today.

Crown Beverage sues Inqilab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Crown Beverage Limited has filed a damage suit of Tk 100 crore against the daily Inqilab for publishing reports against its products, said a press release.

The case was filed with the court of 5th joint district judge Mahtabuddin Ahmed yesterday.

Managing Director of the company Shameem Islam filed the case accusing the Inqilab of publishing "false, baseless and motivated" reports against legally produced soft and energy drink 'Crown' and molt drink 'Hunter' on February 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16, the press release added.

The soft drinks are produced under valid licence, it said.

The Crown Beverage sought a decree from the court to get a compensation of Tk 100 crore from Editor of the daily Inqilab AMM Bahauddin, Publisher ASM Bakibillah and Chief Reporter Manjurul Alam.

Nari Unnayan Shakti distributes grants

The Nari Unnayan Shakti (NUS) and the Department of Social Services jointly distributed Tk 10,000 each among the socially disadvantaged women who were once commercial sex workers, says a press release.

They got the financial grant for income generating activities after receiving vocational training and non-formal education.

The handing over ceremony was held at the NUS's Kuril project office yesterday.

The officials of the Department of Social Services (DSS), Nari Unnayan Shakti and local elite attended the programme.

Afroza Parvin, executive director of the NUS, presided over the ceremony. Habibur Rahman, project director of DSS, was present as chief guest.

Tk 49 lakh Danish grant

UNB, Dhaka

Denmark will provide a grant of Tk 49 lakh to Bangladesh as part of the Danish Private Sector Development (PSD) programme.

The grant will be provided for training and technical assistance and equipment to support export of handcrafted apparels and home textiles.

The production of handcrafted apparels and home textiles based

on contemporary Scandinavian designs will take place under a technical cooperation agreement between Art Studio ApS, Denmark and Bibi Productions, Bangladesh.

The Danish support to the handcrafted apparels and home textiles to Northern Europe is expected to eventually benefit a large number of Bangladeshi handloom weavers and crafts persons in improving their livelihoods apart from sustaining their valuable skills for a longer period.