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Biplobi Oikya Jote stages a rally at Muktangon in the city yesterday to protest the attack on prominent writer Humayun Azad.

## JUTA to observe strike tomorrow

### JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association (JUTA) will observe a daylong workabstention tomorrow in protest of the butcher's knife attack on Humayun Azad, political harassment on the citizens and police action on the students on March 3.

In a statement on Thursday, JUTA President Nasir Uddin and General Secretary Amir Hossain urged all teachers, officers and employees to make the programme a success.

The JUTA also decided to hold a solidarity meeting at 10:30am today in front of Social Science faculty building. All teachers, students, Journalists, officers and employees of the university have been requested to join the meeting.

# JCD cadres beat up JU student

### JU CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cadres beat up a student of Jahangirnagar University (JU) on Thursday midnight following a factional feud among them.

Dewan Lalon Ahmad Bappi, who recently completed his master's from Government and Politics department and came to Moulana Bhasani Hall to collect his admit card, was beaten up at around 12:30am in the hall.

"A group of eight JCD cadres led by Imrul, a second year student of History, and Tanjin beat me as I failed to inform them about the whereabouts of Dulu, an activist of rival faction of the attackers and a resident of the hall," said Bappi.

The attackers beat him with pistol butt, rod and sharp weapons. With severe injuries in his head, Bappi tried to run away but the cadres locked the main gate of the hall and kept him confined for half an hour in the hall's guestroom, preventing him of going to the medical centre,

sources said.

Later, Bappi was released at around 1:30am and rushed to university medical centre from where he was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The attack was carried out to take revenge on him as he was very close to the JCD faction that failed to grab any post in JU JCD committee in the last JCD conference, JCD sources said.

A tense situation was prevailing on the campus as violence may erupt anytime on the campus following the attack.

## Dol Purnima today

### BSS, Dhaka

Members of the Hindu community will celebrate Dol Purnima, popularly known as 'Holi,' today.

At the same time, they will also celebrate Gour Purnima marking the birth anniversary of Sree Sree Chaitannya Mohaprabu.

# DU teachers condemn 'attempts to politicise' Azad incident

### BSS, Dhaka

A total of 410 teachers of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday condemned the "attempts to politicise" the incident of attack on eminent writer Prof Humayun Azad.

"We strongly condemn the brutal attack on Prof. Humayun Azad and demand exemplary punishment to the culprits. But unfortunately some quarters are trying to divert the incident with a political motive which in no way is desirable," they said in a statement.

The statement noted that one quarter even tried to bar the transfer of Azad from Dhaka Medical College Hospital to CMH for better treatment while rumours of his death were broadcast "deliberately" through a foreign media to mislead the people.

"Even a campaign was launched on the campus as well as in the city for political gains saying Azad is clinically dead," it added.

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## FEMA executives

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Munira Khan and Mohammad Abdul Matin were elected president and secretary general respectively of the national executive committee of Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) for a three-year term.

Advocate Salma Ali, Azizul Huq and Aftab Ullsalm were elected vice presidents while Advocate Shahjahan and Syeda Rizwana Hasan joint secretaries general.

Other office-bearers are Mizanur Rahman- treasurer and Abu Noor Mohammad Emam Hasanath- joint treasurer.

Members are Tarikul Ghani, Monowara Islam, Qazi Shamsul Alam, Aloysius Milon Khan, Advocate Boduzzaman Chowdhury Badol, Wadudur Rahman Panna, Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Advocate DM Abdul Bari, Waliul Bari Chowdhury, Anisa Haq, Fakir Mohammad Mazharul Islam and Nonowar Hossain.

The election was held at the annual general meeting of the FEMA yesterday.