

# Duta exempts exams from strike Send Azad abroad by Mar 14 for treatment

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) has exempted all the traditional and course final examinations from their strike but vowed to continue work abstention programme until their demands are met.

The association took the decision for greater interests of the students at its executive committee meeting yesterday, with its President Prof. Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique in the chair.

It has been on the strike since February 28 demanding immediate arrest of and punishment to the 'real culprits' responsible for the butcher's knife attack on prominent writer Prof. Humayan Azad.

At the meeting, the association leaders demanded that the DU authorities send Prof. Azad abroad by March 14 for better treatment.

If they fail to do so, the association will take initiative to send him abroad, the Duta president said.

The association also condemned the statement issued to the press by six Duta members and leaders.

The teachers will form a human chain at the foot of 'Aparejyo Bangla' at 11.00am tomorrow as part of their ongoing agitation demanding arrest of the attackers and resignation of the home minister.

The stand-off at DU continued for the ninth day yesterday

"Normalcy will return to DU after the government accepts our demands," Duta General Secretary Dr Muhammad Akhteruzzaman said.



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**Bangladesh Chhatra League lays siege to the Dhaka University vice-chancellor's office yesterday demanding immediate arrest of the culprits responsible for the attack on eminent writer Humayan Azad and release of its leader.**

# Dhaka believes in 'one China' policy: Tariqul

**BSS, Dhaka**

Information Minister Tariqul Islam said here yesterday that Bangladesh believes in 'one China' policy.

He said China is a tested friend of Bangladesh.

He made this observation when Chinese Ambassador Chai Xi called on him at his secretariat office here.

Tariqul expressed his hope that the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and China would grow further in the days to come.

Chai Xi said Chinese investment would further increase and China would extend its cooperation for boosting economic development of Bangladesh.

Terming Bangladesh as the trusted friend of China, he said adding that his country would extend all possible cooperation to Bangladesh.

They also discussed different aspects of bilateral issues.

# Rupsha bridge to open by May next year, hopes Huda

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said it would be possible to formally inaugurate the Rupsha bridge in April or May next year if present flow of construction works continue unabated.

He urged the engineers to take into consideration construction of four-lane bypass road of Rupsha bridge. Huda said this while he was addressing as chief guest the inaugural ceremony of newly constructed Driving Training Institute of BRTC at Shiromoni in the afternoon. Earlier, the minister visited construction site of Rupsha bridge.

Huda said two more double-decker buses of BRTC would be put into service in Khulna city shortly. He hoped that people would extend their active cooperation for smooth and undisturbed ply of these double-decker buses considering it as state property.

Terming communications as

precondition to development, he said his ministry is attaching importance to the implementation of poverty alleviation, economic self-sufficiency and human resources development programmes of the government. The newly constructed BRTC Training Institute of Shiromoni will help make skilled manpower, he said.

He said a certain political party is hampering on-going development programmes to destabilise the democratically elected government resorting to hartals and subversive activities. He said Awami League does not want welfare of the people and the country as well. This party is ominous both for people and the country, Huda said.

Presided over by BRTC Chairman Advocate Taimur Alam Khandaker, the inaugural function was also addressed by city BNP President M Nurul Islam MP and Mian Golam Parwar MP. And Nader Khan, a member of BRTC executive committee.

# Fraud case against DG of Manpower, 21 others

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

A fraud case was filed against director general of Manpower, Employment and Training Bureau, Dhaka and 21 others with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court, Dhaka yesterday.

The case was filed against Director General Motiur Rahman, Director (Welfare) Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury, Deputy Director (Welfare) Mohammad Humayun Khan, Chief Assistant (Welfare) Mohammad Abul Kashem and investigation officer in Noakhali district office Mohammad Nurunnabi and 17 others.

After hearing, Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Emdaul Haq took the petition into cognizance and directed the Officer-in-Charge of Motijheel Police Station to register it as a regular case upon the investigation.

In her complaint, Mosammat Anwara Begum of 29/J Block in the city's Motijheel area told the court that her younger brother Jasim Uddin working in Saudi Arabia died in road accident on November 19, 1994. Later, victim's family members were given TK 13 lakh as compensation and the court gave an order for distribution of the money among the heirs (including the complainant) of the victim in accordance with the Muslim Law. But the accused in connivance with others misappropriated her entire share of Tk 5 lakh, the complainant added.