



Amra Dhakabasi, an organisation of the residents of the Dhaka city, took out a colourful procession yesterday welcoming the Pahela Baishakh.

### 7 JU BCL leaders expelled

JU CORRESPONDENT

Seven leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Jahangirnagar University (JU) have been expelled as they allegedly assaulted the university unit general secretary on Sunday night.

The decision was taken at a meeting at the BCL central office on Monday.

# Proposal to procure 7 lakh tonnes Boro rice okayed

## Drive begins April 25

UNB, Dhaka

The cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday approved a proposal to procure 7 lakh metric tons of Boro rice at Tk 13.25 per kg this season.

The meeting was held at the PM's office with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in the chair.

Of the targeted amount, 1.54 lakh tonnes will be procured in the form of

paddy and one lakh tonnes in the form of rice. The price of paddy has been fixed at Tk 8.40 per kg.

The Boro procurement drive will begin on April 25 and continue till August 31.

The meeting also approved a proposal on signing an agreement on cultural cooperation with Myanmar.

Another proposal on participation of Bangladesh in BIMST-EC free

trade zone and signing a framework agreement in this regard was also endorsed at the meeting.

It approved another proposal for signing 'Inter-governmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network'.

Cabinet members, state ministers concerned, cabinet secretary, principal secretary to the prime minister and concerned secretaries were present at the meeting.