

# NAM flat allocation policy adopted

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A meeting of the Housing Sub-Committee of the Sangsad Committee yesterday adopted a report on NAM flat allocation policy submitted by lawmaker Abu Hena.

The meeting was held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban in the city with its chairman Khondaker Delwar Hossain in the chair.

The meeting asked the authorities concerned for taking immediate steps to set up telephone lines and police barrack and allotment of a prayers room and reception room

in the NAM flats which will be allocated among the members of parliament.

The meeting discussed on the report of establishing a hospital in the Sangsad Bhaban area.

Whip Alhaj Syed Wahidul Alam, Whip Alhaj Mohammad Zahed Ali Chowdhury and Chief Whip of the opposition Vice-Principal Mohammad Abdus Shaheed attended the meeting.

On special invitation Abu Hena was present in the meeting.



Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon speaks at a national dialogue on 'rise in acts of violence by extreme fundamentalist and communal forces' at the National Press Club yesterday. Workers Party organised the dialogue.

# Attack on British HC condemned

The Jalalabad Association in Dhaka yesterday condemned the May 21 bomb attack on the British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Anwar Choudhury after Juma prayers at the Hazrat Shahjalal (RA)

Shrine, says a press release.

In a statement, the association's Acting President Dr C M Delwar Rana and General Secretary Qaiyum Chowdhury also protested the heinous attack and demanded

of the government to immediately bring the culprits to book.

They also prayed for salvation of the souls of those killed in the incident and sympathised with the bereaved families.

# Dhaka Novo Theatre opens next month

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The country's first planetarium, built at a cost of Tk 120 core is set to be inaugurated next month at Bijoy Sarani in the city.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the Dhaka Modern Novo Theatre.

The Ministry of Science, Information Communications Technology and the Ministry of Housing and Public Works are implementing the project. The construction work for the project is nearing completion.

The BNP government in 1995 initiated the primary work for the project which was approved by the ECNEC on March 17, 1997. Later, the project was approved with amendments on July 26, 2001. The prime objective of the project is to make the youths particularly the students interested about stars and planets.

The light blue coloured metallic dome and the beautiful architectural design of this huge building draw attention of the passersby. The people of the all age will be able to enjoy the vast world of cosmology in the Novo Theatre.

The last minute cleaning is going on for the inauguration. The imposing building has 14 pillars, seven on each side, at the entrance of the Novo Theatre. Which are called 'Free Height Roman Column.' The images of those columns will be reflected on the three fountains located in front of the Theatre.

There are three exhibition halls at the planetarium, where evolution process of animal world will be displayed. A 250-seat lecture hall will be used for holding seminars and symposia on science related matters.

The 1.25 lakh square feet planetar-

ium will have water fountains, food shops, lobby, library and arrangement for audio-video units. A four-storey administrative building is located at the back of the planetarium and also has a car-parking facilities on 1.5 lakh square feet area.

The entrance fee has been fixed at Tk40.

# Buet, Duet activities discussed

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The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Education yesterday discussed overall activities of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) and Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology (Duet) at the Sangsad Bhaban here.

Committee chairman Shamsul Alam Pramanik presided. Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anny and Mohammad Abdul Gafur Bhuiyan attended the meeting.

The meeting was told that there are 7593 students at Buet. Of them, 4625 are at graduation level and 2968 at post-graduate level. There are 470 teachers of whom 222 are Ph.D holders.

The meeting expressed deep shock at the killing of Ahsanullah Master MP and prayed for the peace of his departed soul.

It also expressed concern over the bomb blast at the Shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) and condoled the deaths of three persons there.