# Tension at NU over teachers' appointments

Appointments to two senior posts in the National University (NU) in violation of recruitment rules have sparked anger and frustration among the ranks of education sec-

Senior teachers and officials concerned said the appointments were given following political interference of the government high-ups.

The National University (NU) has appointed Muhammad Ibrahim, a retired deputy secretary, to the vital post of controller of examinations ignoring seniority rules. It has also appointed Abdur Rashid, a newly promoted associate professor, to the college inspector's post that

According to the university recruitment rule no 8, one should have a minimum of five years' experience as deputy controller and must possess 15 years' job experience in the related field to be appointed as controller of examina-

The new appointee Mohammad Ibrahim does not have even a day's experience as deputy controller of

The NU authorities have appointed him ignoring many experienced and eligible candidates, said a senior teacher of a government college.

"This is the very first instance of such inexperienced persons being appointed to these vital posts. Previously, principals and senior professors usually were appointed

to these posts," said the teacher,

requesting anonymity. The person NU authorities have appointed as the college inspector has been promoted to associate professor from assistant professor only three months ago.

Recruitment rule No. 6 says 15 years' work experience as professor, principal or college inspector is required for a college inspector. First these appointments were

made on ad hoc basis. But they were made permanent within a month breaching the recruitment rules that require at least six months' proba-

The NU authorities have also appointed Harun-ur-Rashid, a former bank employee, who has no prior teaching experience, as deputy college inspector.

The NU vice chancellor could not be reached for comment despite repeated efforts

Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk replying to a query at a press conference on Sunday said the ministry is aware of the situation.

"I have asked the University Grants Commission to investigate the matter and inform the ministry,"

## Sylhet airport swamped

the beginning of monsoon, blamed for the deluge in two other South Asian countries India and Nepal.

The flood-hit people in most areas were not provided with adequate relief and it has become a mockery of aid distribution as a victim received less

Reuters reports that five people drowned when a boat sank in a flooded river near Sylhet yesterday. INANDAROUND CAPITAL

Sufferings of about one million people around the capital have intensified, as floodwaters inundated the eastern

Hundreds of people in Keraniganj moved to high ground abandoning their homes, as floods are closing in on more low-lying areas

The Turag, Balu and Shitalakkha rivers, flowing fast on the eastern side of the city, flooded unprotected areas. Floodwaters that rolled down to the centre from upstream swept thou-sands of houses in Amulia, Mendipur,

Kaekpara and Paiti in Demra. People in vast low-lying areas behind Khilgaon, Shahjahanpur and Bashabo are using country boats for commuting in suburbs. All roads in and out of Manda, Madartek, Dakkhingaon and Dumuni have been

reelingunderfloodwaters. LEFTTOSTARVE

Most families in Dhunat in Bogra and Kazipur upazila in Sirajganj marooned in the wake of Dhunat embankment sabotage pass their days in starvation as government relief reached only a few of them, while the water level climbs by the day because of ceaseless downpour.

Dhunat-Sherpur Road is a few

centimetres to go under water and Dhunat will be disconnected by road link from the rest of the country if the

About 5 lakh stranded people in the two upazilas still wait to be rescued, but the government has not taken any step. Waterborne diseases such as dysentery and diarrhoea broke out among over the floodaffected people who took shelter on

Asked, local Union Parishad Chairman Monul Hossain Mukul said: "I don't have a full list of the affected

People in Bhandarbari union have received some relief since the dam was breached apparently by saboteurs on July 14, but none in the rest eight unions got relief until now.

Starving families are frightened by the breakout of waterborne diseases in Kazipur, most of which is under water. Most diarrhoea patients did not get oral saline, as medical teams working in the upazilas could not

FLOODINGRAGES

Three people drowned in floodwaters in Sherpur on Friday and Saturday. A sharp rise in the Shomeshwari, Mograra, Kangsha and Donu submerged several upazilas in Netrokona, our correspondent reported. Mymensingh Sadar upazila has gone under water as the Brahmaputra rose

Rushing waters washed away four children in Kushtia and Boror Char unions on Saturday afternoon. Flood-hit people who moved to

safety are passing their days with a little or no food, as no relief was distributed there.

that the floods in Barisal division deteriorated killing a 6-year-old boy. Twenty villages went up to 4 feet floodwater marooning thousands of people. Surging water washed away about

20 metres of the town protection embankment along the Ghagot river in Kajoldhop in Sadullapur upazila and 40 meters at Rayerbazar in Gobindaganj in Gaibandha.

## Business strike

Revenue (NBR) stripped the VAT inspectors of arrest power, but retained the authority with assistant

Md Helal Uddin, chief of Baboshayee Shangathan Oikya Parishad (BSOP), a newly formed platform of shops and other businesses that called the strike, told The Daily Star that they would hold the strike as the arrest power still existed

The NBR has yet to meet the demand for introduction of retail VAT in package system, he said, adding the extension of time for payment of outstanding Vat at import level in installments would little benefit the

The BSOP called the strike from a press conference at the National Press Club earlier yesterday.

(SRO) on June 10, the NBR gave Vat inspectors authority to arrest dodgers upon instructions from the assistant commissioners.

The NBR at a meeting with the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) at the NBR office yesterday took a set of decisions to solve the problems of

Chowdhury chaired the meeting while Chairman of FBCCI standing committee on Vat and FBCCI Director Dewan Sultan Ahmed led the chamOur Barisal corespondent reports

FROM PAGE 1 introduction of package system for

VAT payment. Instructed by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, the National Board of

with the commissioners.

In a statutory regulatory order infrastructure, the government

agitating shop owners.

NBR Chairman Khairuzzaman

The NBR exempted importers with outstanding VAT from paying the arrears at a time. They will be able to

The rest 70 percent could be paid in installments by March 31 next year. NBR said the importers across the country owe Tk 400 crore to the

release their goods seized at ports

upon payment of 30 percent of the

national exchequer. The meeting decided that the importers would pay 1.5 percent VAT in advance to unload their imported

consignments. It also extended the deadline for self-assessed Vat return by retail-level taxpayers to August 31 this year from July 31 considering the monsoon

floodingravaging Bangladesh. At the press conference yesterday, Helal Uddin alleged customs officials were not releasing imported items in the name of VAT collection at import

level, creating instability of some products in the market. The basic infrastructure and technology required for realising VAT at retail level has not yet developed. Since majority of the traders will fail to deposit VAT because of the absence of

should replace the system with yearly disation of VAT, he said. After promulgation of the SRO, retail and wholesale traders with the BSOP hoisted black flags atop shops and businesses in Dhaka on July 6 in

protest against the arrest power. About five lakh traders and employees in Dhaka City also kept their shutters down and staged street processions against the authority on

## to AL HQ to foil siege plan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police blocked the roads to the Awami League (AL) headquarters on Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday with barbed-wire fences to foil a siege programme of the Awami Jubo

At 8:00am law enforcers sealed all entries to the AL central office and Awami Jubo League office for four hours. Awami Jubo League was scheduled to bring out a procession from the area at 11:00am to submit a memorandum to the secretary of Home Ministry. During the barricade, police mounted guard against participants of the programme and forced the vendors of the road side footpaths to leave the area while Ramna Bhaban market authorities were compelled to shut down their shops. At least 15 workers of the youth front were injured when police used batons to disperse the

Awami Jubo League's programme was to protest the implication of Jubo League chairman and general secretary in the double-decker bus arson case on the basis of a judicial statement of a vagabond. It also demanded withdrawal of 'false' case against Opposition Leader and AL President Sheikh Hasina.

At 12:15pm police barricade was relaxed and Jahangir Kabir Nanok and Mirza Azam MP, chairman and general secretary respectively of the Jubo League, read out the memorandum at a press conference in front of the party office. The memorandum demanded judicial investigation into the bus arson incident and immediate arrest of the real criminals. "The ruling alliance was trying to avoid its responsibilities by blaming the Jubo League leaders", it added. It also demanded withdrawal of the case filed against its top lead-

Apart from the top leaders of the youth front, Dr Mizanur Rahman, Syedur Rahman, Majibur Rahman Chowdhury, Fazlul Haq Atique, Mohiuddin Mohi and Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shahon were present at the press conference.

### Saarc FMs' meet in Islamabad begins today

The two-day meeting of the Saarc (South Asian Association for Regional Coperation) Council of Ministers begins today in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, aimed at spurring trade among the

South Asian countries. Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, who is now in Islamabad, is leading the Bangladesh delegation to the foreign minister-level meet-

Foreign secretaries from the seven South Asian states met in Islamabad on Sunday and finalised a 16-point agenda for the meeting of the council of ministers, according to a message received in Dhaka

The agenda of the meeting includes South Asia Free Trade Area (Safta) pact, promotion of investment, standard of quality control and cooperation in poverty alleviation, environment, communications and energy.

On the sidelines of the Saarc foreign ministers' meeting, Morshed Khan will hold talks with his Indian counterpart Natwar

Security has been tightened in

### BTTB cellphones

the Awami League government was

negotiating with a company to implement the project at \$104 million, but we are implementing it at \$41 million under a consortium of 14 countries.

Before connecting the country to the information superhighway via submarine cable, he said the BTTB is going to increase the capacity of international trunk exchange (ITX). It will add some 10,000 ITX and is installing 15,000 circuit TAX.

The telecoms minister said currently the digital exchanges have been expanded to all the 64 district headquarters and 165 upazilas. The remaining upazilas will be brought under digital network in the current fiscal year and the installation of digital exchanges in the upazilas will start in December.

On the high rates private mobile-phone operators charge, he said a parliamentary subcommittee is discussing with Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) and the private operators a call rate cut. He hoped they would reduce the rate soon. The telecoms minister said the

government has taken initiatives to privatise the landline telephone considering the growing demand of fixed phone. "Let the private sector also come for the sake of a healthy competition," he added.

## Cops seal roads | Farm loan recovery

FROM PAGE 1 during such a serious crisis.

The minister gave the directives at a meeting attended by high officials of his ministry, agriculture ministry, Bangladesh Bank governor and chief executives of the SoBs at the Secretariat.

Sonali Bank Managing Director Tahmilur Rahman said at the meeting the bank had already appointed one deputy general manager for each of the two districts for fair disbursement of farm loans.

According to primary estimates of the Department of Agricultural Expansion (DAE), the sector has incurred a loss of about Tk 300 crore as the current floods have submerged 2,78,028 acres of arable land in 165 upazilas in 31 districts. Approval of the Tk 20 crore fund came in response to the DAE's

and other inputs for flood-affected The finance minister asked the ing loans and said, "Farmers do not default on loans, but the thieves and robbers you have dinners with are

the ones who default on loans." He added, "The wealthy, and not the poor, are the ones who steal

Explaining the proposal for insurance for natural disasters. Saifur said farmers cannot repay loans when floods affect them, and consequently the banks have to bear a large part of the loss.

Initially, Tk 10 crore to 20 crore will be provided for creating an insurance fund to make good the loss to the SoBs and the amount will be gradually increased.

Saifur also advised the SoBs to create contingency funds by themselves to offset the loss incurred due to natural disasters.

request for Tk 18 crore for saplings About the Karmasangsthan Bank, Saifur said its officials should be active in ensuring security of the

## JCD men make money

reportedly for their firm stand against illegal activities of the JCD. Despite repeated attempts, Principal of the college Firoza Begum could not be contacted.

Each time it was said she was busy. DHAKA COLLEGE College unit JCD leaders have taken as high as Tk 15,000 to Tk 30,000 each for illegal admission of students. JCD leaders, split in at least four groups, have influenced the college authorities to get admitted of more than 100 admission seekers, sources in the student body said.

Two such admission seekers said they had to pay 20,000 to a JCD

JCD leaders also influenced the college authorities to change departments of their candidates. One of the students allegedly paid Tk 15,000 to a former JCD leader to

change his department. Principal of the college Prof Mariam Begum denied the allegations and said, "No such admission was entertained in my college." She admitted JCD's influence in admission procedure.

JAGANNATH COLLEGE JCD leaders of the college unit were also involved in similar malpractice, taking Tk 10,000 to Tk 20,000 from each admission seekers. They have

so far influenced the college author-

ities to grant admission to more than 100 students, sources alleged. BCL leaders of the college unit also made a list of at least 20 admission seekers and pressed the authorities to get them admitted. Principal of the college Prof Ayesha Shirin Rahman was not available for her

KABINAZRULCOLLEGE Leaders of the JCD college unit took Tk 5,000 to Tk 10,000 from each promising illegal admission to many students. Principal of the college Selima Khaleque however denied

any such admission in her college. Sources said illegal admissions are also going on in Tejgaon College, Bangla College, Titumir College and some other government colleges. The situation was similar when the ALwas in power, they added.

## Women's reserved

sion of 45 seats is absolutely absurd and unworkable and it cannot be implemented because 300 constituencies are not divisible by the num-

They said previously the number of reserved seats was initially 15 and later it was increased to 30 and both these figures are factors of 300 general seats. The reserved seats for women in the past had corresponding constituencies, which is absent

in the present provision. The petition moved by Barrister Tania Amir said women for these 45 reserved seats are to be indirectly elected by members from 300 general seats according to proportional

representation in parliament through a single transferable vote. In other words, under the new system, every political party or a group of MPs that commands at

### Sea vessel drifts away in Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CIE

A foreign cargo vessel yesterday drifted into the mainstream of the Karnaphuli river from the jetty of Chittagong port, as its anchor rope was torn by heavy current.

MV Tireless, registered in the Marshal Island and laden with imported edible oil, escaped major accident at the port channel as it did not collide with other vessels, radio

control of the Chittagong port said. The 170-meter long ship loaded with 21,000 tonnes of edible oil arrived at the outer anchorage of the Chittagong port Sunday and entered the port's RM-4 jetty yesterday afternoon, radio control said.

The Tireless floated away towards the mainstream at 6:30pm as soon as the anchor rope torn off during the low tide, a senior port official said.

Tugboats of the port were sent to the Karnaphuli for toeing the trouble-torn vessel, he added.

#### 1 more robber FROM PAGE 12

were still lying at the DMCH morgue as no-one came to receive those. Tuhin's father went to the morgue but he could not take the body due to lack of of money, hospi-

tal sources said. "We had no contact with Tuhin since he left us and got involved in criminal activities a few years back," said his father Samiullah

'Golakata' Mujibar's body The body of notorious gangster Golakata' Mujibar, who was killed in a shootout with police in Motijheel in the early hours of Sunday, was at the DMCH morgue till yesterday. No-one came to

Autopsy of this body was carried out in presence of a magistrate.

least 6.67 (300 divided by 45) seats will proportionately be entitled to one woman MP from the reserved

This will lead to discrimination against smaller political parties having fewer than 6.67 seats or independent lawmakers as much as they will not have a representation through a woman MP, which is incongruous with Article 27 of the constitution. The petitioners also said the

become legislator but the new provision bars her from becoming awmaker unless she belongs to a political party. The petitioners, apart from being eminent persons in their individual capacity, also collectively represent a cross-section of society aggrieved by the amendment. They cited no

fewer than 14 legal and moral

grounds against the incorporation

of the provision allowing indirect

constitution allows a woman to

election of women to parliament through the reserve seats. The provision for reserved seats will be effective for 10 years from the

first sitting of the next parliament. The incumbent parliament will also have reserved seats as the 14th amendment inserted a sub-article in the fourth schedule of the constitution to this effect. However, election to the reserved seats is yet to be held, as the government has not enacted the law.

#### Court accepts FROM PAGE 12

During the hearing of the charge sheet yesterday the court found release of three of the 10 trucks held with firearms "mysterious". It also observed that the charge sheet showed Hafizur Rahman as the principal accused in transporting the huge consignment of arms and ammunition but it did not name any probable

source of the firearms. The court proposed including three other persons in the charge sheet as accused. They were Kamal Mia, owner of the crane seized with the firearms, Feroz Ahmed, arrested from Banshkhali as the reported owner of seized engine boat FV Amanat, and Shahabuddin, a worker of another engine boat MV Khazar Daan. They were dropped from the charge sheet and the IO pleaded for their release.

The court said that it remained to be proved that ownership of Kamal's crane or MV Amanat was changed. At the same time there was no proof that Shahabuddin was not working for MV Khazar Daan during the arms haul. With the inclusion of these three

persons on the advice of the court, the number of accused in the case will rise to 42 from 39. Of the accused, so far 21 were behind bars while the rest 21 are absconding. Earlier the charge sheet was subagainst 29 and 37 in April and March. mitted on June 11. But the court could The home secretary, inspector not accept it immediately as there general of police and other home

surfaced some discrepancies between

the first information report (FIR) and

the charge sheet. The first hearing to

decide on the acceptance of the chargesheetwasheldonJuly 15.

### Teenager abducted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A gang kidnapped a teenager of the village Gobinda Roy under Sadullapur Upazila on Sunday. The abductors later demanded a ransom for his release

The gang wielding sharp weapons abducted Ashraful Alam, 17, when he was going to Dharai from

The gang of abductors took Ashraful to their hideout. Nurul Islam claiming to be a leader of the gang yesterday demanded Tk 50 thousand for Ashraful's release.

A case was filed in Sadullapur Police Station.

#### Ekata train rerouted for flood

UNB, Dhaka

Dinajpur bound Ekata Express train from Dhaka will run over the Jamuna Bridge from tomorrow (Wednesday) as Bahadurabad-Balasi ferry ghat has beenflooded.

A Bangladesh Railway press release said the train service has been is temporarily rerouted to run through Santahar, Bonarpara and Kaonia.

Ekata Express will leave Dhaka at 9:00am everyday to reach Dinajpur at 9:30pm. Likewise, it will leave Dinajpur at 5:30pm to reach Dhaka at 6:00am.

ever, continue to run on the Dhaka Bahadurabad Ghat route until further notification. In the western zone, shuttle trains Teesta on Dinajpur-Trimuhini, Karotoa on Santahar-Trimuhini and

Teesta on Lalmonirhat-Kaonia

Teesta and Ekata trains will, how

### 7 hurt in BCL factional clash

routes--will remain suspended.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Seven persons were injured, two of them severely, in a clash between the two rival factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on the MM City College campus in Khulna The clash occurred following a

conflict over formation of a new committee at the biennial conference of the organisation. According to witnesses, the faction of Deb Dulal Bappi demanded the forma-tion of the new committee of college through secret ballots. But the Prashanta Das faction rejected this demand. As a result supporters of both factions clashed using bombs, clubs and brickbats for half an hour. Central leaders Zakir Hossain Maruf and Raihan Farid invited to attend the biennial conference as guests were beaten up by the Deb Dulal Bappi faction supporters. The office of students' union in the college was damaged during the clash. The injured seven Chhatra League activists of both factions are Mizanur Rahman, Sabuj, Rajiv,

Bappi, Bappa, Korban Ali and Prashanta Das Leaders of Jatiya Chhatra Dal, Islamic Chhatra Shibir and Students' Union of MM City College strongly condemned the incident and demanded immediate arrest of those involved in ransacking the

students' union office. BCL leaders, on the other hand accused agents of Jatiya Chhatra Dal and Islamic Chhatra Shibir for creating rift in the student body. Two platoons of police have been deployed on and outside the MM

#### City College campus. Suicide bombing

FROM PAGE 12 Insurgents often target the police and the National Guard, accusing them of collaborating with the US military. One National Guardsman was angered by that accusation on

"They say we collaborate with the coalition. We don't collaborate, we just protect our nation. We protect the land of Iraqis," Amer Shaker

#### Mehdi said. Babar warns

FROM PAGE 1 embarrass the government, meeting

sources said. The minister urged them to handle properly each murder case and arrest the real culprits. The supervising official will also be held responsible i the IO (investigation officer) failed to arrest the killers, he added.

police are yet to arrest killers of the two cops of Cobra-7, a special police team, who were gunned down in Motijheel on June 20. The meeting suggested a crack-down on illegal CNG-run three-wheelers using forged numberplate.

The government has limited the

number of auto-rickshaws to 10,000 in

the capital. It also recommended a

Babar blasted the officials, as

survey of the police stations across the country under the additional home Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Ashraful Huda at the meeting indicated improvement in law and order in the capital but submitted statistics that showed 51 and 40 people were killed in June and May

ministry high officials were present. Prior to the meeting, Babarhanded over a check of Tk3 lakh to the families of four constables and one coastguard sailor killed by criminals.

## Injured Javed

FROM PAGE 1 scored back-to-back fifties in the in the first phase, is sidelined due a

hamstring injury. Another thing that has upset the team on the eve of the big match is news of newcomer left-arm spinner Razzak's bowling action being called into question after the Tigers' last match against Pakistan on

Javed said he was feeling an occasional pain but when the team resumed training yesterday at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground he had to sit out the session.

He has a lateral hamstring strain in the left leg and will be out for at least two matches. If he recovers sufficiently then he might play in the third match," said team physio John

"But if there is any further aggravation, then Javed might be out of action for six to eight weeks. We are not ready to take such risks," he

Razzak, who made his interna-

### HC acquits 7 convicts

UNB, Dhaka

Seven people, condemned to death by a district court, were acquitted by the High Court yesterday.

Those acquitted are Mizanur Rahman, Ohidul Islam, Zulfiqar Ali, Abdul Wahab, Azgar Ali, Ismail Hossain and Rabiul Islam of Haibat village in Kaliganj upazila of henidah district.

Accused of murder of Abul

Hossain of the same village seven

years ago, they were sentenced to death by the additional district and sessions judge of Jhenidah on After hearing both sides, a bench comprising Justice Mohammad Ali

Asghar Khan and Justice

Mohammad Ashfaqul Islam acquitted the seven of the murder charge. Informed sources said Abul Hossain was shot dead over internal conflict of the outlawed Sarbahara

Khandokar Mahbub Hossain

appeared for the condemned pris-

oners while Deputy Attorney

## General Golam Kiabria stood for the

ballot as ordered by the HC.

Army official FROM PAGE 12 Mannan brought the contempt charge for non-deployment of army in each polling centre in the July 1

After the PM's principal secretary and the defence secretary met their lawyer Advocate TH Khan in his HC chamber, Khan told reporters, There is no reservation of the civilian officers (three secretaries) about appearing in court in person." "I'll submit a petition for exemp-

tion of one (the PSO) from appearing in court in person in line with the country's constitution since he has a distinct identity." The defence personnel have their own law for trial, he said, add-

appear in court. On reply to the HC rule, Khan said, "So far I know the reply is being made for submission in time.

ing he believed the PSO needed not

"If it is not possible, the four will seek more time," he added. Filing a petition with Supreme Court Appellate Division Chamber Judge Justice Amirul Kabir Chowdhury on July 13 for exemption of the four from court appearance in person, Advocate Mahbubur Rahman said the four needed to be in their offices as they dealt with

#### The chamber judge directed fullbench hearing of the appeal on last Saturday, but Mahbubur withdrew the prayer as the petitioners decided not to proceed with the petition.

important public matters.

Man cashes

incident that sparked violent mass protest in the district and elsewhere. Taking advantage of the precarious condition of Sattar's family, Salma's husband is now demanding

Tk 1 lakh in dowry and threatening

her with divorce for non-

compliance. What is my fault?" Salma sobbed to newspersons during their visit to her parents' home in Chandkhana Hazipara village in Domar upazila. She is now with her mother there.

"They are now trying to cash in on our distressed mental and social condition," she said.

Salma was married to Abdur Rouf, son of Mofizuddin of Dhakkhin Balapara village in Dimla upazila in June last year. Her grandfather and relatives arranged the marriage.

She said her in-laws knew about her father's death sentence during the marriage.

Her octogenarian grandfather Kofibur Rahman and uncle Abdul Hamid said some of Abdur Rouf's relatives led by Tabibur Rahman, former chairman of Balapara Union Parishad, visited them several times in recent days for negotiation. They are demanding Tk 1 lakh in dowry or We are now penniless after

running Sattar's case for long by selling land, cattle and trees", Kofibursaid.

tional debut in the regional tournament, clearly has been the team's best bowler taking 3-17 and 2-37 against Hong Kong and Pakistan

> respectively. Meanwhile, captain Habibul Bashar said that no official complaint was lodged to the team management from the ICC but it was conveyed verbally. "He was reported for his quicker

> > suspect as far as I know. We have decided to stand beside the young player for the rest of the tourna-"If there is any further problem,

we will take steps to rectify his action after the meet," hoped the Bangladesh skipper.

deliveries but his entire action is not

Bangladesh play hosts Sri Lanka on Friday and their last match is against Pakistan on July 29.

### SC declares illegal DCC shopping complex

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday declared illegal the initiative of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) to construct a multi-storeyed shopping complex in front of GPO near Bangabandhu Avenue.

A bench of the Appellate Division

comprising Justice MD Ruhul Amin,

MM Ruhul Amin and Md Tafazzal Islam has allowed the appeal of Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (Bela) The 1.2-acre land of the underconstruction shopping complex, Udayan Market, was earmarked in the master plan of the city for car parking. The Ministry of Public Works handed over the land to the DCC in 1986 for car parking but the

shopping complex, said a press release of Bela. The site is the only open land, through which air and light pass to the adjoining buildings. Besides, if the DCC constructs the complex with 341 shops and more office spaces, the area will suffer more

DCC started construction of the

Following the beginning of the construction in 1995, Sharif Nurul Ambia, joint secretary of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, filed a petition with the High Court (HC) with legalsupport of Bela Although the DCC did not have approval from the Rajuk and the

traffic congestion, Bela said.

trous for environment, the work continued until the HC issued a stay order on the construction. However, the HC vacated the stay order and discharged the petition in

Department of Environment said

the construction would be disas-

#### the final hearing in 2000, against which Bela appealed.

Two more cracks

dredged for free flow of floodwaters. It costs between Tk 150 and Tk 200 for each cubic metre of dredging."

Moreover, the 32-km-long flood

protection embankment from Tongi to DND dam has been damaged at eight points, officials said. The chief engineer however said the damages do not threaten the

Authorities

FROM PAGE 12 claimed the situation has returned to normal but students yesterday alleged about 25 students fell sick in the last two days. The authorities officially admitted that about 35 students were

affected by Typhoid but sources in

the Buet Medical Complex said

around 150 students were found to be CRP positive, an indication of Typhoid infection, Buet Registrar Mohammed Shahjahan, however, said on July 12 that it was all a ploy to delay the upcoming examinations. A students clique is blowing up the situation out of some stray cases of fever to

Many sick students have already left their dormitories as the authorities advised them to return home after giving some preliminary medi-

"We've been provided with

boiled water at dormitories for the

last few days but are bound to drink

create panic on the campus, he

normal water at canteen," said a student of Sher-e-Bangla Hall requesting anonymity. The Buet, meanwhile, went into 15-day summer vacation from

## Tornado

FROM PAGE 1

The seriously injured people were admitted to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital, while the rest given first aid at the local health complex. Almost all the houses at Tekpara

Local MP Ataur Rahman Khan Angur visited the affected areas and arranged treatment and relief for the

village have been razed to the

A temporary relief camp has been opened at Tekpara Primary