

DU expels 3 students for ransacking Duta office

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The Dhaka University (DU) authorities yesterday expelled three students for their involvement in ransacking the office of the president of Dhaka University Teachers Association (Duta) on the campus on September 11.

The expelled students are Md Nasir Uddin Ahmed of history department, ZA Haider Chowdhury of Islamic studies department, and Jasim Uddin Khan of Marketing department.

The authorities took the decision as per recommendations adopted by the DU Syndicate at a meeting on Monday with Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz in the chair.

NBR wants to extend income tax return deadline

STAR REPORT

If the finance minister permits, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) will defer the deadline for submitting self-assessed income tax returns by 15 to 30 days considering the adverse impacts of recent flooding.

NBR sources said the board has sent a proposal to the finance minister for extending the submission time. The present deadline is September 30.

On the other hand, the NBR yesterday started providing 10-digit identification numbers to advance income tax (AIT) deducting authorities or agents. The board will use the identification numbers to monitor AIT collection by the 14,000 AIT deducting agents working at the moment.

The board has introduced AIT from this year as a potential area for growth in tax collection. AIT already represents 65 percent of total income tax collection but it also is the area where tax officials exact huge kickbacks from taxpayers to lower the record of their taxable income.

AIT covers 28 sectors including bank interests, land registration fees, contractors' and suppliers' bills and securities.

The Syndicate communicated the decision to Duta General Secretary Prof Akhtaruzzaman and urged the teachers to withdraw their class abstention programme in the greater interest of the students.

It (syndicate) also urged the leaders of different student organisations to withdraw their indefinite strike to help restore a congenial atmosphere on the campus.

New tactics for drug peddlers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officials of the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) yesterday seized around 1,100 bottles of phensidyle from a covered rickshaw-van similar to one that Dhaka City Corporation uses for garbage disposal.

Such a unique tactics applied by a drug peddling gang is unveiled for the first time.

Tipped off, a DNC team raided Swamibagh area yesterday and seized 1082 bottles of phensidyle from the covered rickshaw-van kept on a road.

They also arrested Haider Ali, an operative of the gang, from the spot.

Haider told the DNC officials that his gang were using the covered rickshaw-van for a long time to escape law enforcers' eyes.

The DNC filed a case with Sutrapur Police Station under Narcotics Control Act accusing Haider.

'Suspend activities of judicial probe commission'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sammilitia Ainjibi Samannya Parishad yesterday demanded suspension of all activities of the one-member judicial commission formed to probe the August 21 grenade attack, saying that the countrymen have no confidence in it.

The Parishad leaders alleged that the probe commission was preparing the report on the basis of 'false information' provided by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and other government agencies.

They called on the people, including lawyers, to join the 'no confidence' demonstration against the government today.

Barrister Shafiq Ahmed, advocate Sahara Khatun, Subrata Chowdhury and Md Shahabuddin spoke at the meeting.