

# Buet students' memo to edn minister

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Progatishil Chhatra Jote, an alliance of four student organisations at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), yesterday submitted a memorandum to the education minister in protest against the fee hike of admission form and torture of students by police.

campus when they were marching towards the education ministry in a procession to submit the memorandum. Later, a team of students were allowed to go to the ministry. Personal secretary of the minister received the memorandum. Meanwhile, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front staged a demonstration on the Eden College campus to protest the additional fee charged by the college authorities while filling in forms for honours third year.

# 'Gramin Ghar' for poor villagers

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An inexpensive and environment friendly house named 'Gramin Ghar' has been invented for poor villagers. The house was introduced by Majumdar Enterprise at its stall at the World Habitat Fair at the Institution of Engineers in the city yesterday. Briefing newsmen at the stall, Nur Alam Majumdar, owner of the enterprise, said the new house is so cheap that poor villagers can buy it easily.



Environment and Forest Minister Tariqul Islam speaks at a press conference on 'Bangladesh-India joint tiger census in the Sundarbans' at Press Information Department auditorium yesterday. On his left are State Minister for Environment Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, Indian High Commissioner Veena Sikri and UNDP Resident Representative Jorgen Lissner.

# BNP factions clash in Rajshahi: 20 hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

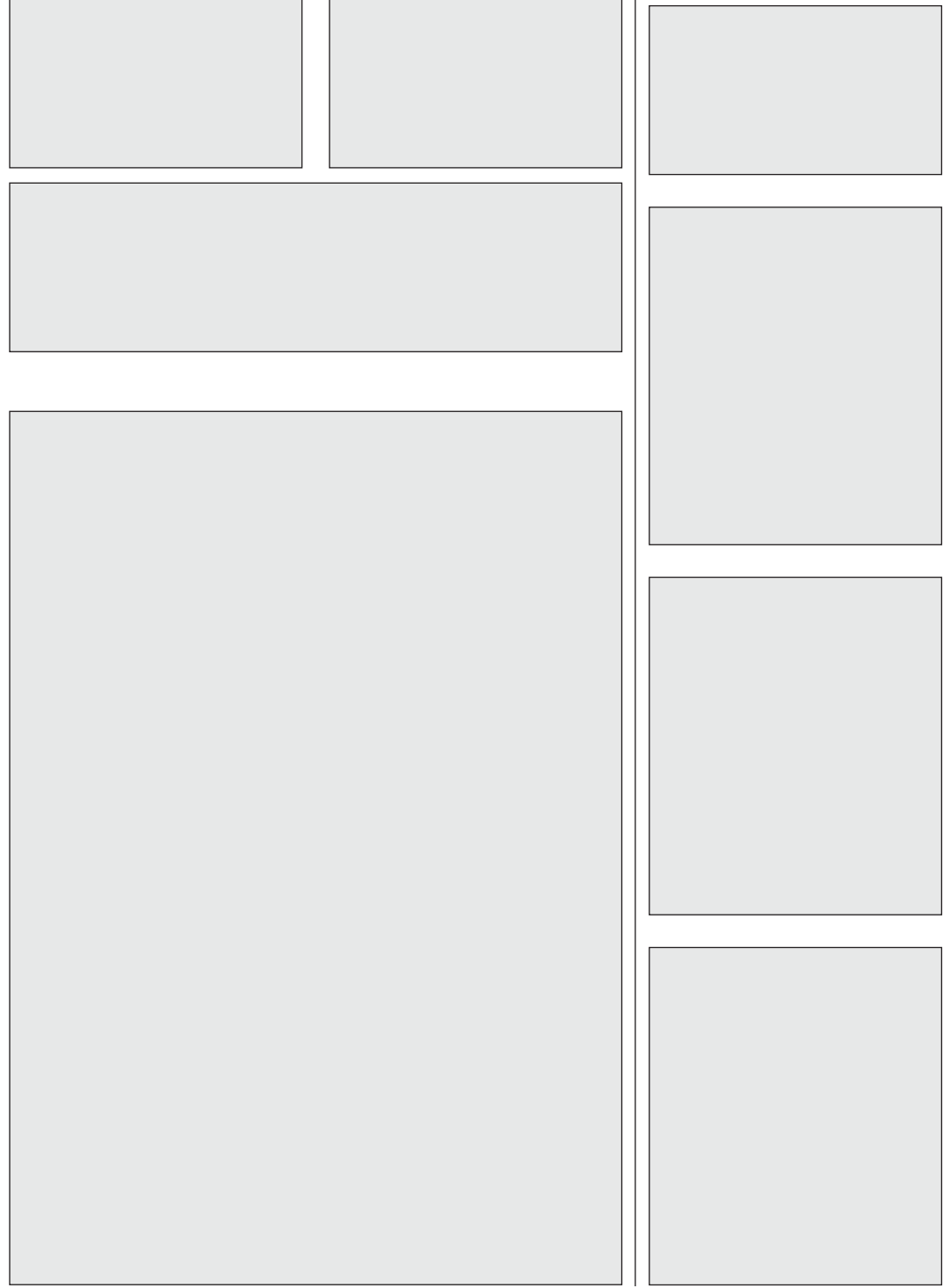
Formation of a new Rajshahi city BNP committee triggered clashes between the supporters of two factions of the ruling party here yesterday evening, leaving about 20 people injured. Programmes to celebrate three years of four-party alliance government were foiled and tension ran high as a district BNP leader fired three bullets from his licensed revolver during the clash. Former lawmaker and district BNP President Azizur Rahman and Jubo Dal leader Ashik Mahmud were injured. The warring groups used sharp and lethal weapons. The workers also tore dresses of senior leaders in the melee. At a meeting in Dhaka on Thursday night, the BNP dissolved the Rajshahi city committee and announced the names of Mayor

Mizanur Rahman Minu and Nadim Mustafa MP as president and general secretary of the new committee.

# Int'l confce on religious militancy begins today

UNB, Dhaka

A four-day international conference on 'Religious militancy and security in South Asia' begins in the city today. More than a dozen scholars from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Nepal and host Bangladesh will take part in the conference organised by the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) in collaboration with German and French embassies.



# 'Promote tolerance, respect for religions'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of the civil society yesterday called on the people of different faiths to show mutual tolerance and respect for religions of others in the month of Ramadan.

# ISA countrywide protest Oct 13

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Islami Shashantantra Andolon (ISA) yesterday announced a countrywide demonstration on October 13 to protest the women's football tournament. It also criticised the alliance government for allowing such tournament terming it a 'disgrace to women'. The government came to power with pledges to establish Islamic ideals, but it is now violating the Islamic principles, ISA leaders said at a rally at the North gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city. Later, several thousand leaders and workers marched down the streets in a procession but police intercepted them at Paltan intersection, foiling their bid to lay siege to the Jatiya Krira Parishad Bhaban. Charmoni Pir Syed Fazul Karim and Abu Sayeed Siddique spoke at the rally.

# 'Resist fanatics trying to stop women's soccer'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations yesterday condemned the threat by Charmoni Pir Fazul Karim to stop women's football tournament. Saifuddin Ahmed, general secretary of Gono Forum, in a statement said a vested quarter wants to push the country backward. He called on the people to resist the religious fanatics trying to disrupt it. He also urged the government to take necessary steps to continue the tournament. Abdur Rouf of Jatiya Oikya Mancha and Farida Yasmin of Jatiya Nari Oikya Mancha demanded stern action against the fanatics for issuing such threats.

# Death anniversary

Today is the sixth death anniversary of Prof. Dr Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury, a child specialist, says a press release. On the occasion, Dr Sultan Ahmed Smriti Sangsad will arranged religious programmes to observe the day.

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**Documentary show**  
Goethe-Institut will screen a documentary film titled 'Sand and Water' by Shaheen Dill Riaz. Venue: Goethe-Institut Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 7.00pm.

**Film show**  
The High Commission of India will screen a film titled 'Main Hoon Na'. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House-25, Road-96, Gulshan-2. Time: 6.30pm.

**Drama**  
Padatik Natya Sangsad, a theatre group, will stage a drama titled 'Jalbalika' directed by Shamsul Alam Bakul. Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium, Bailey Road. Time: 7.00pm.

**Musical evening**  
Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, organises a musical evening. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

**Publication ceremony**  
The publication ceremony of four books written by Mahmuda Samsuzzoha will be held. The books are 'Opekha', 'Muktijuddhe Shaheed Prokoushalider Smritikatha', 'Juddha Chaina Na Shanti Chai' and 'Bishwayan Nitir Karone Aaj Narira Panya'. Venue: VIP Lounge of the National Press Club. Time: 6.00pm.

**Meeting**  
Swadhinata Forum Kendrio Sangsad organises an opinion sharing meeting on 'The duty of student and youth community to resist the politics of terrorism and anarchy' with Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman as chief guest. Venue: Conference Lounge of the National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.

**Mental health day**  
The inaugural ceremony of World Mental Health Day 2004 will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.00am.

