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Bangladesh Garments Sramik Oikya Parishad took out a procession yesterday protesting price spiral of essentials.

President hosts reception for Hindus

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahamed and his wife Prof Dr Anwara Begum hosted a reception for the members of the Hindu community on the occasion of Durga Puja at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Bangladesh, teachers of different universities and medical colleges, political leaders, religious leaders, freedom fighters, recipients of national awards, high officials, lawyers, doctors, journalists, artists and businessmen attended the reception.

Ambassador of Nepal in

No change in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 19.6 degree Celsius at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:26pm tomorrow and rises at 6.00am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.3	22.6	53	58
Chittagong	34.0	24.0	68	62
Rajshahi	31.8	20.4	67	80
Khulna	—	23.0	72	—
Barisal	33.0	22.5	80	92
Sylhet	33.5	22.0	71	71
Cox's Bazar	34.6	26.0	81	77

Medicine shop ransacked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals ransacked a medicine shop at Mitford Hospital premises in old part of the city yesterday as the owner refused to pay them Tk 2 lakh in illegal toll.

Hospital sources said a gang of five, reportedly local BNP activists, came to MH Medical Hall and demanded the toll.

As the owner expressed his

inability to pay, the criminals led by Haji Kamal and Tuhin ransacked the shops and locked it.

They also beat the shop employees.

However, they later allowed the owner to open the shop.

Hospital sources said the shop owner did not file any case against the criminals with the local police station for fear of reprisal.

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Quran exhibition

The inaugural function of an exhibition on the Holy Quran, organised by Iranian Cultural Centre, will be held. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum. Time: 3.00pm. The exhibition will continue till October 28.

Discussion

A discussion on 'Islam and the rights of the disabled' will be held with Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid as chief guest. Venue: Tejgaon government orphanage. Time: 4.30pm.

Lions Seminar

In observance of the United Nations Day, Lions Club of Dhaka Central organises a seminar on 'UN Today: Where is it heading?' Venue: BTMC Bhaban, Karwan Bazar. Time: 3.30pm.

Symposium

United Nations Association of Bangladesh will hold a symposium to mark the United Nations Day with Advisor for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman as chief guest. Venue: CIRDAP Auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 4.15pm.

DCCI seminar

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry organises a seminar on 'Quality Management System in Bangladesh' with Industries Minister Matiur Rahman Nizami

Founding anniversary

The first founding anniversary of Jatiya Mukti Council will be held. Venue: 21/2, Purana Paltan. Time: 2.30pm.

PHM meeting

A meeting of the People's Health Movement will be held to build up resistance against the World Bank. Venue: Gonoswashtya Nagar Hospital Auditorium, Mirpur Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Rally

Dhaka City Awami League organises a rally to protest the price hike of essentials. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 3.00pm.

Dress exhibition

Irregularities in JU admission under quotas

JU CORRESPONDENT

Irregularities have been alleged in admitting students at Jahangirnagar University (JU) under various quotas in 2003-04 academic session.

The Central Admission Committee, at a meeting on October

SSKOP demands 6th Wage Board

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Sangbadik Sramik Karmochari Oikya Parishad (SSKOP) yesterday called for formation of the 6th Wage Board, declaration of 60 percent dearness allowance and full implementation of the 5th Wage Board.

In a joint statement, the leaders said the continuous price spiral of essentials has made the 5th Wage Board of 1996 ineffective.

They said the government has already formed a pay commission for government officials and employees, but it is not taking any steps to form the 6th Wage Board.

"Besides, many newspapers did not implement the 5th Wage Board," the leaders said, adding the association placed the 7-point demand to the prime minister, information minister and the owners of the newspapers, but none has initiated the steps to implement them.

The newspapermen will be compelled to declare tougher programmes if the government does not form the 6th Wage Board within one month.

The signatories to the statement included parishad Co-convenors Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Md Fazle Imam, Member-secretary Ruhul Amin Gazi, Joint-member-secretaries Matiur Rahman Talukder, Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul and members Abul Hashem, Md Khairul Islam, Altaf Mahmood, Elahi Newaz Khan Saju, Shah Alamgir and Abdus Shahid.

AL hosts Iftar for diplomats

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil MP yesterday hosted an Iftar for diplomats at Hotel Sonargaon.

Ambassadors and High Commissioners from America, Europe, Asia-Pacific and OIC countries, former diplomats, senior Awami League leaders, editors and journalists attended the iftar party.

18, selected a total of 230 students for admission.

Of them, 63 were selected under cultural quota from 360 applicants while 64 each from freedom fighters and sports quotas from 600 and 640 applicants respectively.

Twenty-six and 15 students were selected under Ward and Tribal quotas respectively.

According to sources, around 10 students were selected on the recommendation of ministers, 20 to meet the request of BNP law-makers and secretaries, around 70 on the recommendation of the teachers loyal to the vice-chancellor and the Awami League and the rest under the influence of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders and JU employees raising question about transparency and credibility of the process.

JCD leaders took Tk 30,000 to Tk 50,000 from each student who was selected on their recommendations, the sources added.

"Only 10 applicants were qualified to be selected under sports quota and at best 14 more could be admitted on recommendations from 64 applicants," said a member of the sports quota admission committee.

Informed sources said some students were selected under cultural quota without showing their performances while some others got selection under freedom fighter quota showing fake certi-

icates.

"I had formed several committees to select qualified students under quotas. They were selected on the basis of their merits," said Vice-chancellor Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman

Admission of the students under various quotas will begin on November 1 and continue till November 10.

Distribution of JU admission forms begins Nov 8

JU CORRESPONDENT

Distribution and submission of admission forms for first year honours classes under 2004-05 academic session at Jahangirnagar University (JU) will begin on November 8 and continue till November 30.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the admission committee on October 20 with Vice- chancellor Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman in the chair.

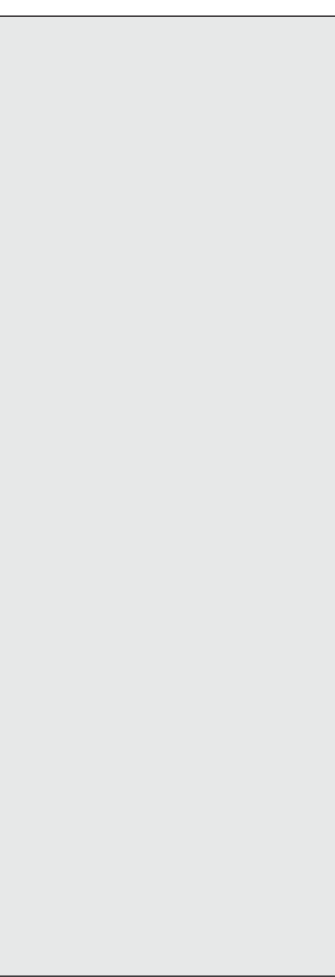
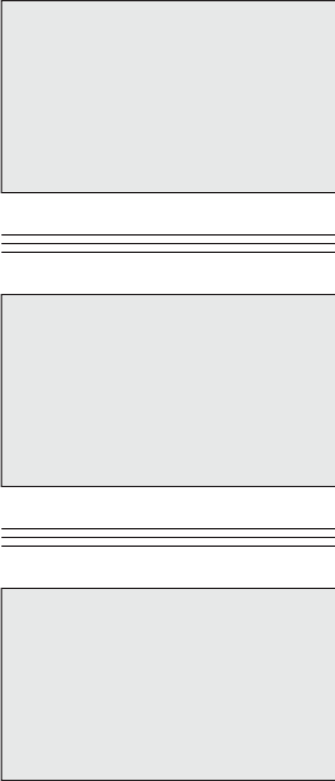
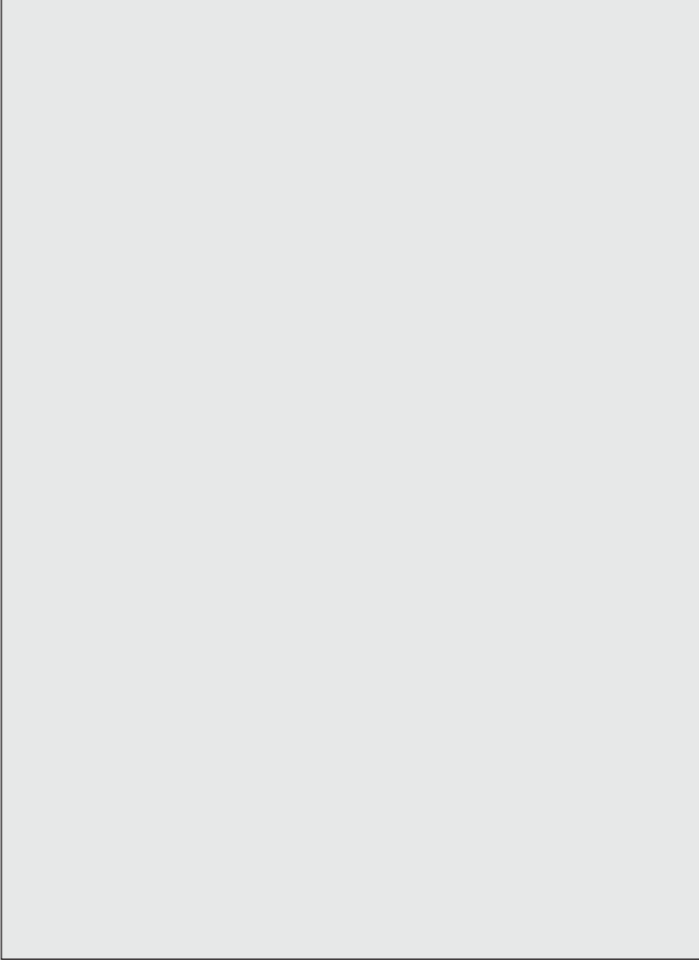
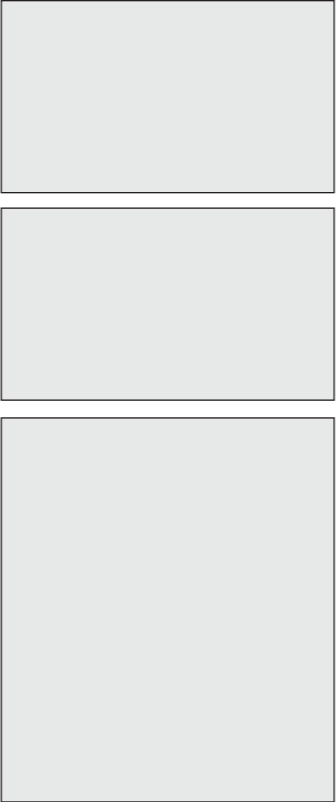
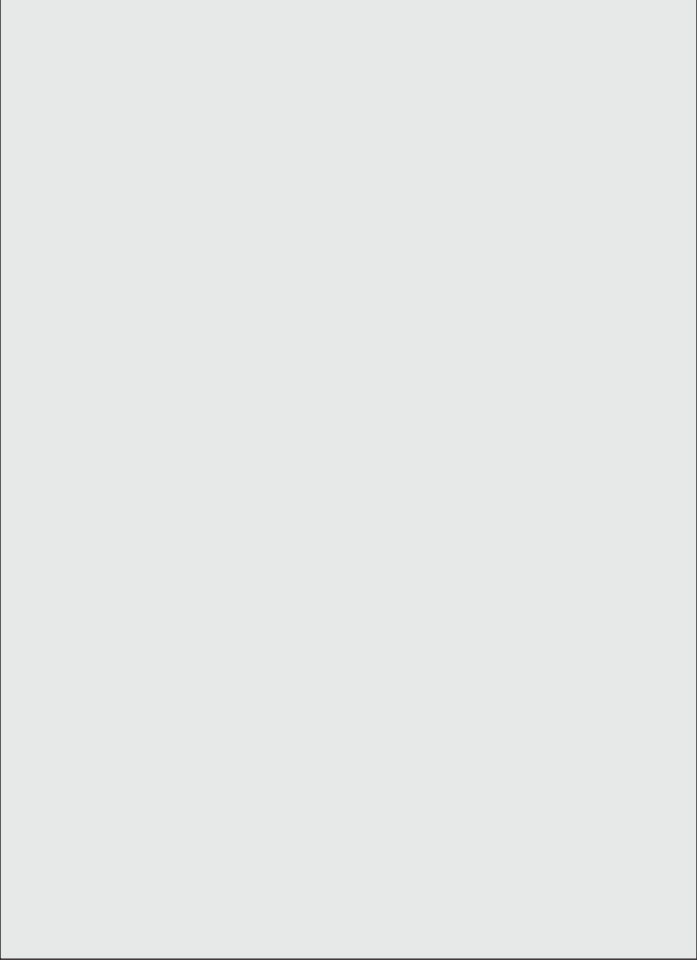
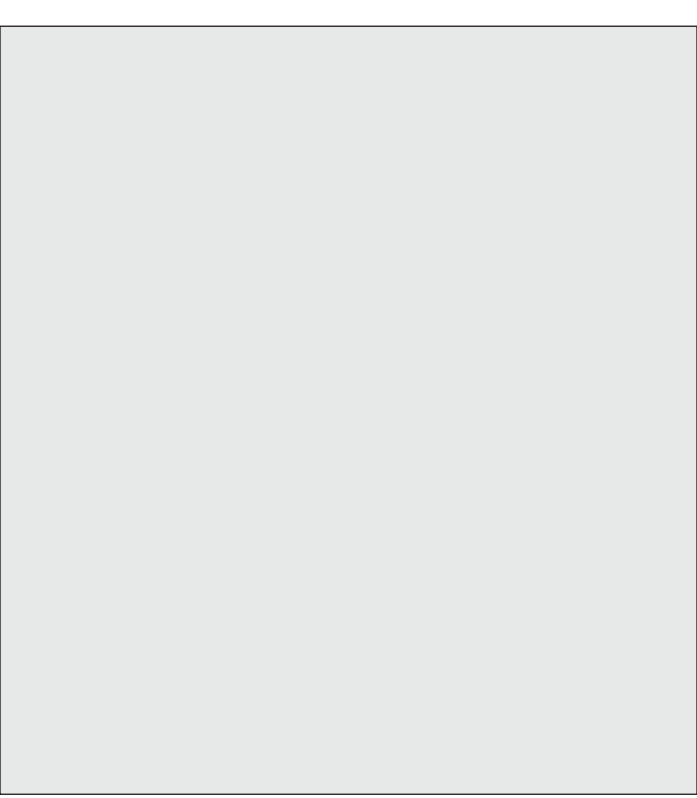
Admission forms will be available at Tk 250 each from Agrani Bank Branches at JU and National Museum.

Admission tests will be held from December 18 to 28.



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Candidates seeking job at the postal department stage a demonstration at Muktangan yesterday protesting irregularities in written test.



Obituary



Suhrawardi Hospital in the city on October 15 at the age of 90, says a press release.

Hafiz left behind his one son and three daughters.

He was buried at his family graveyard at village Bagia of Kapashia upazila in Gazipur district.

