

JCD activists beat up fellow worker at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists beat up a fellow activist on the Dhaka University (DU) campus yesterday, leaving him seriously injured.

Didar Hossain Shuvo, a student of Islamic studies department, was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with severe injuries after the activists of Zahurul Haque Hall JCD

1,786 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,786 people, including two listed criminals, on various charges from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours as of 6.00am yesterday.

During the period, the law enforcers recovered four firearms, two other weapons, one bullet and three bombs and filed six cases against nine people.

attacked him. Later, he was shifted to Orthopaedic Hospital.

Campus sources said Shuvo is an accused in the JCD activist Mahbubul Islam Khokon murder case. Khokon, a MSS student of political science, died three days after he was beaten up by a group of JCD activists on September 14 last year.

Sources said Shuvo came to the campus to sit for the honours final examination at around 1:00pm. But a group of JCD activists, including Mustak and Babu, grabbed him near the back entrance of the arts faculty and took him to the Zahurul Haque Hall where they hit him with bricks and sticks.

Hall students said provost of the hall Prof Zahidul Islam rescued Shuvo and sent him to the hospital.

Tension was running high among the JCD activists of the hall as the university authorities did not take any action against the accused in Khokon murder case. Khokon was the resident student of the same hall.

Dr Rezwan made UIU VC



Professor Dr M Rezwan Khan was appointed Vice Chancellor of United International University (UIU) recently, says a press release.

Earlier, he was serving as the Dean of School of Science and Engineering of the university.

Dr Rezwan served as a senior professor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

YMCA executives



Marcel A Gomes has been reelected president of the National Council of Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Bangladesh,

says a press release.

The election was held at the 28th annual general meeting of the association at the YMCA Training Centre at Savar on April 15.

Other office-bearers are James Probal Areng, Dilip Marandi and Amosh Baidya -- vice presidents; Anthony Topno -- honorary treasurer. The executive committee members are Rupchand Baroi, Pronob chambugong, Melvin R Rozario, David Anirudha Das Dipok, Patric Sarker, Gogon Rozario, David Dipok Pandey and Ashok Sarker.

Duncan Chowdhury will continue as general secretary of the association.

40,000 visually impaired children in country

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Participants at a workshop yesterday said there are about 40,000 visually impaired children in the country.

Of them, 12,000 can regain sight through cataract surgery and another 12,000 could be prevented, the workshop was told.

Child Sight Foundation (CRF) organised the workshop where noted personalities from home and abroad took part.

The participants brought their experiences from various sectors in the government and non-government

sectors and contributed to the workshop.

Viola Corczak, Australian Youth Ambassador for Development and Programme Development Advisor to CSF, conducted the workshop.

Professor M A Matin, MP, Director of Social Welfare Directorate Hafizul Islam Mia, Dr Jobaida Hannan and associate professor of Dhaka University Diba Hossain also spoke.

Zonta Club holds fundraising event

The Zonta Club III of Dhaka organised a fundraising event at Sonargoan Hotel in the city on April 23, says a press release.

It was attended by philanthropists and generous donors.

The funds will be used to support the various initiatives taken by the club for the advancement of women through education and health project. The club runs the 'Shishu Bikas Kendro', a school for the underprivileged children.



Zonta Club III President Fahmida Karim hands over a prize to a winner of the raffle draw at a fundraising event in the city recently.

Hailstorm hits Chittagong

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A severe hailstorm struck the Chittagong city yesterday morning, paralysing normal life for around 30 minutes.

The hailstorm, accompanied by a downpour, began at 11:10am, forcing traffic movement to come to a halt and the pedestrians to run for cover.

Standing crops were damaged in suburban areas, but no casualties were reported.

Though the hailstorm stopped after half an hour, the downpour continued until 2:00pm.

The Meteorological office recorded 46mm of rain.