



## 80th anniversary of Tajuddin's birth today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 80th birth anniversary of Tajuddin Ahmad, the first prime minister of independent Bangladesh.

On this day in 1925, he was born in Dardaria village under Kapasia thana in Gazipur district.

Tajuddin Ahmad will be best remembered and revered for playing

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## 21 BLAMED FOR CONFINING TEACHERS

# Duta gives 72-hr deadline to punish students

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Teachers Association (Duta) has given the DU authorities a 72-hour ultimatum to deal out punishment to the students responsible for confining teachers in the TV room of Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall for about 14 hours on July 17.

The association made the demand at an emergency general meeting on Thursday night.

Meanwhile, the teachers, who have resigned from the posts of provost and house tutors of the hall, in a press conference yesterday disclosed names of 21 female students that they claimed were behind the July 17 incident. They demanded stern actions against the students for being very rude with the teachers.

They burst into tears while nar-

rating their July 17 experience at the press conference arranged at the Duta office. They described what they went through as terrible and humiliating.

"We had to stay at the TV room without lights, fans, food and water for 14 long hours," one of the house tutors said.

Prof Nasrin Ahmad, who has resigned from the post of provost, said, "There must be a conspiracy and someone must have instigated the students against me for political reasons. It's true that the students were demonstrating for 13-point demand, but they were never seeking my resignation. I wonder what happened on July 17 that all of a sudden they began to clamour for my resignation."

Duta President Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique too said that there must be

someone who had incited the students to force the provost resign.

Duta General Secretary Prof Mohammad Akhtaruzzaman, Dr Shamima Nasrin Shahed, and other house tutors of the hall were present at the press conference.

### DATA MEETING

Presided over by the Duta president, the Thursday night's meeting threatened to go for tougher programmes if their demand is not met immediately. Deploing the students' 'unruly behaviour', the Duta urged the authorities to reinstate the teachers in their earlier positions. They also demanded proper investigation into the incident.

Besides, the meeting asked the

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## One robber cop still at large, ornaments yet to be recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives are yet to recover 13.4kg silver ornaments and arrest the fifth member of a police team, which robbed two employees of a jewellery shop on Thursday.

Five policemen snatched the silver ornaments and extorted Tk 28,000 from Sohel Rana and Habib, employees of City Silver House, at Tantibazar in Old Dhaka.

The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested four cops -- Assistant Sub-inspector (ASI) Khalil Ullah, Nayek (non-commissioned officer) Abdul Bari and constables Shamsuzzaman and Korban Ali -- after Rana filed a case. But the fifth member, constable Rafiq, went into hiding.

"We're quizzing the four but yet to trace the whereabouts of the silver," Inspector Farid told The Daily Star yesterday.

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# Floods unchanged as major rivers swell further

AGENCIES, Dhaka

The flood situation in Kurigram, Nilphamari, Gaibandha and Sylhet is likely to remain unchanged, as the major rivers flowing across the districts swelled further.

However, the situation in Sunamganj and Netrakona may improve in the next 24 hours due to a sharp fall in water level of the rivers in southeastern hill basin.

According to a bulletin of the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) yesterday, the flood situation in the low-lying areas in and around Dhaka, Narayanganj and Munshiganj remained unchanged.

The Ganges and the Padma yesterday continued to rise at all points. The Brahmaputra and the Jamuna marked fall at all points except at Aricha. Most of the rivers in

the Meghna basin recorded rise and the rivers in the southeastern hill basin receded.

Out of 86 monitoring points, 34 points marked further rise, 29 points recorded fall, 4 points remained steady and 8 points--the Balu at Demera, the Padma at Goalundo and Bhagyakul, the Surma at Kanaighat and Sunamganj, the Kushiyara at Amalshid and Sheola, and the Kangsha at Jariajanjail---are flowing above their danger levels.

The Buriganga registered further rise by 5cm at Dhaka, while the Balu recorded further rise by 9cm at Demra.

In the Ganges basin, the Ganges-Padma recorded further rise by 16cm at Pankha, 14cm at Rajshahi, 18cm at Hardinge Bridge, 6cm at

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## Goons ransack hospital, force out patients

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Unknown goons ransacked Al-Rajhi Hospital at Farmgate in the capital and drove out some patients from the hospital in the early hours yesterday.

Around a hundred youths went to the hospital at 12:30am and ousted the six ansars guarding the hospital, said an employee of the hospital.

Then they threw some of the furniture out on road, broke glasses and basins and vandalised the

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Prayer Timing		
July 23		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-58
Esha	8-15	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		