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Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) stages a demonstration at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday protesting cabinet decision on pay hike for ministers and MPs.

Journo beaten in city

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of miscreants beat up a Dhaka University (DU) correspondent of the daily Samakal at Shahbag in the city on Wednesday night, leaving him seriously injured.

Samakal Correspondent Ishtiaq Husain was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with severe injuries in his face.

The hired goons of a café beat Ishtiaq while he was having meal along with a group of reporters at a roadside café at Shahbag. They beat him up with rods and sticks.

Ramna Police arrested three on charge of beating him.

All University Fair begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day 'All University Fair-2005' began at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday with the participation of some 21 local and foreign universities.

Inaugurating the fair, Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan said, "We should put our efforts to build a knowledge-based society rather than a money-based society".

Terming young generation the future leaders of the country, he stressed the need for providing

proper higher education facilities for them.

Organised by the GrameenPhone's popular brand Djuice and Windmill Advertising Ltd., the fair, a showcase of courses and programmes, gives an opportunity for the students and universities to come closer to know each other.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, Erik Aas, managing director of GrameenPhone, said the private universities have been playing a significant role in providing higher education to the

students.

Marketing Director of GrameenPhone Kafil HS Mueyed and Chief Executive Officer of Windmill Riazuddin Mosharraf also spoke.

The fair drew a large number of visitors, mostly the HSC and 'A' level examinees.

"I came here to know how the credits can be transferred to foreign universities," said a student of North South University.

The entry ticket has been fixed at Tk 20.

Hasina to visit Gopalganj Tuesday

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina will go to Gopalganj Tuesday on a two-day visit.

Hasina will place wreaths at the graveyard of her father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Tungipara and offer prayers, a party press release said.

She will also attend a commemorative meeting marking the National Mourning Day on August 15.

3 ex-JCD leaders on fresh remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed the three former Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders, arrested Saturday, on a two-day fresh remand for further interrogation.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Mostafizul Islam Mamun, former general secretary of Dhaka University unit, Harun ur Rashid Shishir alias 'Dog Shishir', former central international affairs secretary, and Ashraf Hossain, member of the same unit, with a pistol and ammunition at Shahbagh in the city.

On completion of their three-day remand, Ramna police produced them before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court with a five-day fresh remand prayer.

The forwarding report placed before the court said the information derived from the three about the firearms and ammunition is not sufficient. So, they need to be quizzed intensively to find out the clue about the arms and ammunition and whereabouts of their accomplices, the report said.

Opposing the remand prayer, the defence lawyers submitted bail petitions saying that their clients were implicated in the case as part of conspiracy to harass them falsely.

After hearing both the sides, Metropolitan Magistrate Shafiq Anwar rejected the bail petitions and granted them a two-day remand.