

# 20 hurt as police swoop on USTC students

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At least 20 students were injured as police charged baton on them on the University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC) campus in the city yesterday.

They were staging demonstrations including a sit-in demanding cancellation of an expulsion order issued against eight students. Sources and witnesses said the trouble erupted when the students were staging a sit-in ahead of the scheduled arrival of the newly appointed Pro-Vice-chancellor Abdullah Al-Ahsan to take office in the morning.

Police swooped on the students as they barred the police from entering the campus. The law enforcers

foiled the sit-in charging baton in two phases in and outside the campus and left twenty injured.

They also lobbed two tear gas canisters.

The students have been observing agitation programme since August 30 to realise their 14-point demand that included cancellation of an expulsion order and withdrawal of cases filed against eight students.

Later in the evening, the agitating students held a rally on Chittagong Press Club premises protesting the police attack, and called for a half-day hartal in Chittagong on Sunday.

The authorities have suspended all classes of the university till September 16.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman inaugurates a three-day Youth Lifestyle Fair '05 -- Djuice Duniya -- at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

## Djuice Lifestyle Fair begins

A three-day Youth Lifestyle Fair '05 -- Djuice Duniya -- began at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre yesterday, says a press release.

The fair has many entertainment programmes, including sports, music, fun and most of all the lifestyle of youth under one roof. The fair is a place for friendship, fun and laughter for the youth and it will continue till September 9.

State Minister for Youth and Sports, Fazlur Rahman MP inaugurated the fair. Erik Aas, managing director of GrameenPhone, was present as the special guest.

The fair will remain open for the public from 10:00am to 9:00pm everyday.

Special events at the fair include the "One Day Baadshah" competition, where three lucky winners will be given royal treatment for 24 hours and the Fastest Fingers SMS contest. Other activities include music and concerts, indoor games, fashion shows, and fire spinning shows. Djuice connections and exclusive mobile sets will also be available at the fair.

The entry fee is Tk 20. Djuice Xtra cardholders will get two tickets for the price on one.

The fund raised from selling tickets will be donated to "Ahsania Mission" and "Grameen Shikkha".

# Hold talks on Aug 17 serial blasts: Ershad

UNB, Dhaka

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday urged the BNP and Awami League to hold talks on August 17 serial bomb blasts in the interest of the country's sovereignty and independence.

"BNP and AL are blaming each other for the bomb blasts. But have they thought that the culprits are taking advantage of such kind of political blame culture?" Ershad asked while talking to a delegation of Satkhira district JP at Banani party office.

Subversive activities like bomb attacks were introduced during the last AL regime and under the BNP-Jamaat

government the overall situation has taken a worst turn, he said.

"It is a matter of regret that BNP and AL, being the two biggest parties of the country, are yet to sit together to find out a solution of the ongoing national crisis," he said.

JP presidium member Abu Sufian, Ershad's political adviser Kazi Firoz Rashid, Vice-chairman HM M. Golam Reza were present at the meeting.

Earlier, Ershad appointed former Member of Parliament Advocate SM Salauddin and Abdul Jabbar of Satkhira as vice-chairmen while Advocate Abdur Rauf of Satkhira and Shahana Akhter of Rangpur as central committee members.