

JU TEACHER'S INDECENT BEHAVIOUR Business Admin students boycott class from today

JU CORRESPONDENT

The students of department of Business Administration (DBA) of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will start boycott of classes and examinations from today protesting 'indecent behaviour of a teacher with the female students.'

The programme was announced in the presence of about 100 students, including female ones, at a press conference at the Jahangirnagar University Journalists Association office yesterday.

The students announced that they would stage a sit-in in front of the social science faculty today demanding exemplary punishment to and removal of the teacher.

They also vowed to enforce tougher programme if their demand is not met by Monday.

The students alleged that Tanvir Ahmad Siddique, a newly appointed lecturer of the department, did 'indecent behaviour with the female students on different occasions.'

The agitating students submitted written complaints to the chairman of the department, proctor, dean of social science faculty, registrar and president of Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (Juta) yesterday demanding punishment to the teacher.

'A teacher should behave like a teacher. As I do not exactly know about the allegations against me, I can not make any comment at this moment,' said Tanvir Ahmad Siddique.

Chowdhury Golam Kibria, chairman of the department, said 'We have convened a departmental meeting today to take decision in this regard.'

'If the allegations are proved to be correct, the offender, whoever he is, will be punished,' said proctor Prof Sayed Kamrul Ahsan.

Fire at Ctg EPZ factory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire broke out at a sportswear factory of Youngone Group at Chittagong Export Processing Zone (EPZ) yesterday morning.

An electrical short circuit at the power sub-station of Karnaphuli Sportswear Limited (KSL) sparked off the fire at around 6:30am, sources said.

Fire fighters from the EPZ sub-station rushed to the scene and extinguished the blaze.

The damage caused by the fire is yet to be ascertained, said the fire fighters.

Motijheel OC yet to be arrested

Kamrul's family fears fresh attacks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The panic-stricken family members of slain Kamrul Islam Momin, a student of Mirpur Commerce College, have kept themselves confined at their Ibrahimpur house in Kafrul fearing more attacks as the prime accused Officer-in-Charge (OC) Rafiqul Islam was not arrested seven days into the killing.

The killers have been threatening the family to withdraw the OC's name from the FIR (first information report) after Kamrul was gunned down in front of his house on September 13.

'We have no other way but to confine us at home fearing more attacks as the OC is not yet arrested,' Kamrul's elder brother Saiful Islam told The Daily Star yesterday. 'We even keep our mobile phones off as they threaten us over phone,' he added.

The family has called a press conference at their residence today to press home their demands for the arrest of the OC and other criminals as well as its security. Police is yet to arrest the absconding OC Rafiqul, who sought anticipatory bail from the High Court on Tuesday, although the investigating officer (IO) Nasimul Islam confirmed that Kamrul was killed following the property feud with the OC.

The bail petition remained pending with the High Court. Meanwhile, Rapid Action Battalion nabbed another FIR-listed criminal Johnny, 22, from Ibrahimpur area and handed him over to Kafrul police yesterday evening.

Int'l photo exhibition begins in city today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An international photography exhibition titled 'Tales from a Globalising World' begins in the city today.

The exhibition aims at focussing widening gap between the developed and developing countries in economic and social sectors through photography.

A total of 241 pictures of ten eminent photographers from all over the world will be on display at the exhibition.

Besides, an edited version of the exhibition will also tour on rickshaw and vans to outreach areas especially in slums, park and open space in the capital where people do not have access to art galleries.

The mobile exhibition will continue its visit for first seven days. Professor Muzaffer Ahmad, trustee of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), will inaugurate the exhibition at the Drik Gallery at 5:00pm.

Dr Dora Rapold, Swiss ambassador to Bangladesh, will attend the inaugural session as special guest while Dr Shahidul Alam, managing director of Drik, will preside over the session.

Durga Puja begins Oct 9

BSS, Dhaka

Sharadiya Durga Utsab, the biggest religious festival of the Hindu community, will be celebrated in the country from October 9 to 13 keeping pace with the heritage of maintaining religious harmony among people of different communities.

Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad (BPUP) at its general meeting at Dhakeswar National Temple in the city on Tuesday night decided to celebrate the occasion peacefully across the country as the holy Ramadan, the largest religious function the Muslim community, also falls in the same month.

Under the BPUP guideline, Puja Udjapan units across the country will chalk out the programme of the festival in their areas through consultation with the respective local administration, public representatives and political leaders.

The immersion of deity would be held on October 13 though according to calendar the holy Nabami and Dashami Puja will be held on the same day on October 12.

The BPUP called upon the district units to maintain religious gaiety and fervour during celebration of the festival. It asked the units to switch off the microphones during the time of Ifar, Tarabi prayers and Sehari and not to allow anyone to use fireworks or any other materials like explosives at the time of puja or bring out procession.

General Secretary Joyanta Sen Dipu presented the organisation report while Prof Lalit Mohan Nath, Anil Chandra Nath, CR Sarker, Swapan Kumar Saha and central and district unit leaders spoke at the discussion.

Parishad President Chitta Ranjan Majumder presided. Advisor Maj Gen (Retd) CR Durta was present at the meeting.

The meeting called upon the government to take necessary steps to maintain law and order across the country during the festival.

ITTEFAQ'S EDITORSHIP Mainul Hosein's lawyer's statement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has not decided in favour of Anwar Hossain to hold that he is the editor of the Daily Ittefaq following an appeal petition filed by him, said a press release signed by Barrister Hassan MS Azim, counsel for Mainul Hosein.

The press release said that before the full judgement of their Lordships became available, Anwar Hossain got his name published in the printer's line as the editor of the Daily Ittefaq, claiming that the Appellate Division found him to be the editor.

'At that time, we gave opinion that the order 'appeals allowed' would not make anything clear unless the full judgement was available,' it added.

The final portion of the judgement is reproduced below: 'In view of our discussion above, we are of the view that since the appellant is no more a minister, the Rules in all the writ petitions have become inoperative and, as such, we are reluctant to examine and decide whether in view of the provisions of Article 147(3) with its proviso, the holding of the post of Executive Director-II and the editor, printer and publisher of the Daily Ittefaq by the appellant after he became a minister was violative of the Constitutional provisions or not as that would amount to answering merely academic question,' according to the press release.

The press release also said that Anwar Hossain is not the editor of the Daily Ittefaq and as required under the Printing Presses and Publications Act, 1973, his name was not published for the last nine years. Anwar Hossain did not himself challenge the legality of such removal.

Autorickshaw strike in Ctg Sept 25

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong CNG Autorickshaw Owners-Drivers Oikya Parishad yesterday called a strike for September 25 in the port city to protest harassment of the drivers by police sergeants.

The policemen were harassing the drivers for not installing meters in the autorickshaws, and the authorities were also not issuing fitness certificate to the vehicles without meters, said the Parishad leaders at a press conference yesterday.

They said the government has only engaged five companies to install meters and they are charging Tk 7,500 for a meter, whereas the figure should be between Tk 2,000 and 4,000.

Parishad President Abul Kasem Sarker read out a written statement at the press conference. Parishad leaders Nazrul Islam Sarker and HM Delwar Hossain were also present.



The cover of a manhole near the Nabakumar School at Bakshibazar in the city caved in about a month ago, but the authorities remain indifferent to the suffering of the pedestrians as well as passengers.

2nd housing project for journo under consideration

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government formed the Sixth Wage Board for the journalists and employees of newspapers and news agencies to enhance their salaries and other benefits.

'The Wage Board is likely to submit its recommendations within the next nine months', she told the JS while replying to a question from Jamaat lawmaker Miah Golam Parwar.

She said late president Ziaur Rahman allotted lands in Mirpur for the journalists, who have now been residing there along with their families. The second housing project for the journalists at Mirpur is under the active consideration of the government, she said.

She told the House that arrangements have been made for residential accommodation of the members of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) near the Kanchpur Bridge. Besides, she said, the government has given two acres of land of over Tk 20 crore at the current rate to the National Press Club.

The government has also allotted lands for solving the residential problems of the journalists of Chittagong.

Cats Eye launches new collection tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Cats Eye will launch a new collection of unique designer wear for men at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Convention Centre at Agargaon tomorrow.

The new collection will highlight the designer wear through fashion shows and contemporary display at the venue. The clothes are especially created to be environment-friendly and occasion-worthy.

Starting from the first week of Ramadan, the Cats Eye collection and its other brands 'Monsoon Rain' and 'Unlimited' will be showcased at all the outlets of Cats Eye.

Grey Advertising Bangladesh Limited is handling the entire event and related activities on behalf of the Cats Eye, said a press release yesterday.

TANIA MURDER One arrested in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The police yesterday arrested one person in connection with the murder of a young housewife that took place at Patiya upazila on Monday.

Tania Tasneem Karnia, 21, wife of Hanif Mohammad, who has been living abroad, was killed over dowry at her in-laws' house at Shantirhat Kusumpura.

The police arrested Md Yusuf, 50, elder brother of Hanif, after Tania's brother Mizanul Karim filed a case against seven persons. The other accused -- all are Tania's in-laws -- went into hiding after the incident, sources said.

The victim's family alleged that Tania's in-laws had always tortured her for dowry since her marriage.

Tania's brother said her two-year-old daughter Zonaida Mahmud Moura has also remained missing since the murder. He also said that he tried to contact Tania's husband over phone after the incident, but Hanif hung up on him.

Foreign currency worth Tk 56 lakh seized at ZIA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs officials seized foreign currency equivalent to Tk 56.24 lakh from an outgoing passenger at Zia International Airport (ZIA) on Monday night.

The passenger, Md Alamgir Alam, who was scheduled to fly to Dubai, was carrying 3,40,800 Saudi rials and 60 UAE dirhams.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of customs officials got on a Dubai-bound Bangladesh Biman flight at around 10:30 pm before its take-off and started searching the hand luggage of the passengers.

During the search, they found two wads of notes wrapped in paper and Scotch tape in the handbag of Alamgir. He was then brought to the customs hall and more Saudi rials were found inside his socks.

Alamgir, who hails from Rangunia, Chittagong, was handed over to the Airport Police.

Dengue attacks 8 more people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eight more patients with dengue fever, a viral disease transmitted by Aedes mosquito, were admitted to different hospitals and clinics in Dhaka yesterday.

As many as 86 people have been diagnosed with dengue fever in the last few days, said Nasim Us Seraj, senior inspec control officer of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC).

He also said 11 patients were released from different clinics and hospitals yesterday.

As people from more areas of the city, including Mirpur, Mohammadpur, Tejgaon, Moghbazar, Shantinagar, Khilgaon, Muggda and Sabujbagh, are falling victim to dengue virus, the DCC authorities have stepped up the mosquito control activities, DCC sources said.

The breeding ground of Aedes mosquitoes is clear water in containers and flowerpots, abandoned tires and coconut shells close to the houses where the DCC spray teams or cleaners are not allowed.

According to the control room of the health directorate, a total of 393 dengue patients have been admitted to hospitals since June this year and 335 were released so far.

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Verdict in arms case against Arman today

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Judgement in the Arms case against Arman Khan, one of the 23 most-wanted criminals of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, will be given today.

Judge Mohammad Rabul Hasan of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka will give the verdict at 11:30am, court sources said.

This is the first time that a court is going to deliver the verdict against Arman.

Earlier, the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 16 prosecution witnesses, including complainant Sub-Inspector Abdur Rouf of Rab-4.

A team of Rapid Action Battalion (RAB)-4 arrested Arman from his residence at Dhanmondi in the city on June 4. The team also recovered three firearms, 146 bullets and three mobile phones from his possession.

Arman had been on remand for 31 days, the first 10 days in an arms case and the 20 days in three unknown murder cases filed with Motijheel, Khilgaon and Mirpur Police Stations.

Tk 5.2 cr Danish grant for production of safety syringes

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will get 4.73 million Danish Kroner from Denmark in grants for training and technical assistance and a loan for equipment to support establishment of a local production of safety syringes.

Danish Ambassador in Dhaka Niels Severin Munk approved the grant, equivalent to Tk 5.2 crore, as part of the Danida Private Sector Development (PSD) Programme, said a Danish Embassy release.

The government recently adopted the 'National Policy on Injection Safety' which needs that the reusable plastic syringes are replaced by auto-disposable syringes to prevent reuse and unsafe injection practices, leading to the spread of blood-borne diseases, such as Hepatitis and HIV/Aids.

For the first time in Bangladesh, a facility for production of Auto-disable (AD) syringes for the immunization market and Reuse Prevention Feature (RPF) syringes for the curative market is being established as a joint venture between Emnio ApS, Denmark and Acme Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Bangladesh.

Regional seminar on Islam begins today

UNB, Dhaka

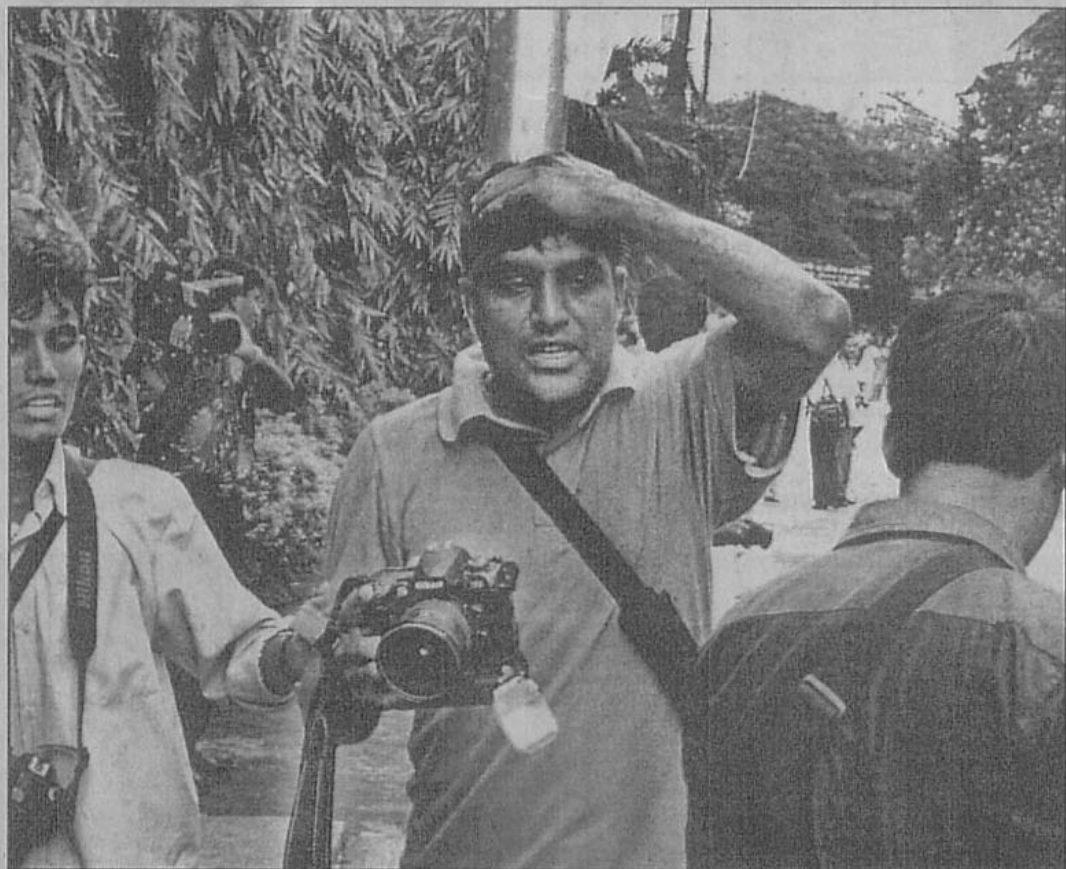
Leading Islamic scholars from seven Asian countries will converge in the capital to join a three-day regional seminar on 'Islam: A Religion of Peace, Progress and Harmony' beginning today.

Centre for National and Regional Studies (CNRS), involved in research and studies on issues of national and regional interest, will organise the seminar to be attended by more than 300 participants.

Former chief adviser to caretaker government Justice Latifur Rahman will inaugurate the seminar at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre.

Southeast University Vice-Chancellor Dr M Shamsur Ali will present the keynote paper at the seminar.

Objective of the seminar is to highlight Islam as a religion of peace, progress and harmony.



Photojournalist Kajol of the daily Samakal receives severe injuries in his head when the Jubo Mahila League activists hurled stones at the police at Dhanmondi in the city during hartal hours yesterday.

Murder of cultural activist condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent cultural activists yesterday in a joint statement condemned the murder of a cultural activist Farzana Ahmed Nila of Jhenidah and demanded immediate arrest of the killer.

They also demanded judicial probe into the incident.

Nila was allegedly strangled by her husband Tarikul Islam Palash, executive director of a non-governmental organisation Action in Development on September 5. There after, he hung the body to the ceiling fan and propagated it as a suicidal case.

The statement also condemned the mysterious role of police and their negligence in arresting the culprit.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Ramendu Majumder, Nasiruddin Yusuf Bacchu, Manumit Rashid and Keramat Maola signed the statement among others.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Sylhet, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are expected at places during the period, Met Office said forecasting slight rise in day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishwardi and lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:55pm today and rises at 5:48am 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	32.8	24.0	80	75
Chittagong	33.2	24.5	93	75
Rajshahi	31.4	26.0	95	96
Khulna	31.0	25.7	76	83
Barisal	30.4	25.4	89	83
Sylhet	31.0	23.5	95	89
Cox's Bazar	32.4	24.0	95	78