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The Ministry of Agriculture takes out a procession at Farmgate in the city yesterday marking the World Food Day.

2 SCF leaders injured in Shibir attack on CU campus

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Two leaders of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) were injured in an attack by the Islami Chhatra Shibir on the Chittagong University (CU) campus yesterday.

Witnesses said Shibir activists attacked and beat up Md Zamir Uddin Russell and Prolin Chakma with iron rods at Katapahar at around 9:45am when they were going to their classroom.

Russell was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) with injuries in his head while Prolin was released after first aid treatment.

SCF General Secretary Kanchan Sarker said the Shibir men were trying to prevent his organisation from waging its planned movement against the university authorities' decision to raise the price of admission form.

"We have informed the vice-chancellor and the proctor of the incident immediately and they assured us of taking necessary steps in this regard," he said.

He also threatened to launch a tougher movement if the authorities fail to take action against the persons responsible without delay.

NSU VC honoured



Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqi, vice-chancellor of North South University (NSU), has been awarded the Asian Grid

Leadership Award 2005 for his lifetime achievement in providing leadership to promote higher education, particularly in the field of management education in Bangladesh, says a press release.

The award was given to him at the Seventh Annual Convention on Leadership 2005 at Nehru Centre in Mumbai, India, on October 5.

About 1,000 dignitaries from nine countries attended the convention.

2005 set to be second hottest year

REUTERS, London

Year 2005 will be the second or third warmest year on record globally, Britain's national weather service said on Friday, as climate concerns build among people in polar and low-lying areas and in the insurance and utility industries.

"Whether it is second or third depends on how Siberia reacts between now and the end of the year," said Wayne Elliott, Met Office spokesman.

"1998 was the warmest ever, 2005 is looking at being second. It will be another very warm year generally, which is in line with global climate change research."

The Met Office bases its measurements on both land and sea temperatures.

After 1998, the four hottest years globally were the last four years, according to Met Office data going back to 1861. The second hottest year was 2002, followed by 2003, 2004 and 2001.

The trend adds weight to concern among many scientists that the world is heating up and that human activity, including burning of fossil fuels and generation of "greenhouse gases" by industry, is playing a major part.

Two recent hurricanes have left the United States with tight fuel supplies, energy companies say.

Meanwhile, in Europe Portugal and

Spain have experienced their worst droughts ever recorded, and further east, floods and torrential rain drenched Switzerland, Germany, Austria and EU membership candidates Bulgaria and Romania.

"The vast majority of scientists would now say that there is a significant, substantial human effect on the environment," Craig Hutton, project manager at the GeoData Institute, University of Southampton, said on Friday.

"I think that's good enough to get on and start to plan in reality for the effects of climate change."

Southampton University is working with IBM to research an early warning system for UK flood responses, to anticipate storm and tidal surges.

Ershad leaves for London today

UNB, Dhaka

Jatiya Party Chairman and Former President HM Ershad leaves Dhaka for London today to visit his daughter and grandson.

The Party Vice-Chairman HM Golam Reza will accompany him during his 10-day visit, says a JP press release.



The raffle draw of Grill n Chill (GnC), a sister organisation of the Sky Business Service Ltd., was held at Dhanmondi in the city on October 11. The GnC will supply foods with a 20 percent discount to its customers everyday and a 30 percent discount under 'Happy Hour Special'.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Awami Jubo League stages a demonstration at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday protesting price hike of essentials.

Khaleda keen to work with Merkel to strengthen ties

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia greeted Ms Angela Merkel on her election as the new Chancellor of the Federal republic of Germany.

In a message Khaleda Zia said, "I have great pleasure in extending my warm congratulations and felicitations on the victory of the Christian Democratic Union under you every successful leadership in the federal elections held on September 18, 2005 and your election as the new chancellor of Germany."

Khaleda also said, "Bangladesh

and Germany have traditionally enjoyed close and friendly bilateral relations and cooperation. I look forward to working closely with you to further enhance and enlarge the deep-rooted relations that exist between our two countries and peoples and to uphold our shared commitment to the principal of peace, development and democracy.

I take this opportunity to express my best wishes for your good health, happiness and long life and for continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Germany".

Price hike of drugs protested

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Leaders of the Post Graduate Doctors' Association (PGDA) yesterday protested the price hike of similar medicines of different brands by 20 pharmaceuticals in the name of keeping their price level equal.

PGDA President Kazi Shahidul Alam and Secretary General Dr Rakibul Islam Litu, in a statement urged the authorities concerned to reduce the prices of those medicines, otherwise low quality drugs from the neighbouring country would capture the local market heightening the sufferings of the people.