

# JCD cadres beat BCF activists at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cadres beat up a left-leaning party activist and two others at Maulana Bhasani Hall of Jahangirnagar University (JU) on Wednesday night as they refused to comply with the JCD order.

The incident occurred when the JCD cadres numbering 15 to 16 led by Habib, Avi, Rasel and Shihab tried to occupy the room no-216 of the hall at 10:00pm.

They beat Golam Murshed, a Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF) activist, and two others refused to leave the room.

Progotisheel Chhatra Jote brought out a procession on the campus protesting the JCD attack and demanded immediate punishment of the culprits.

Our Staff Correspondent adds, BCF protested the attack on Golam Murshed.

BCF in a statement condemned the attack on Golam Murshed and said such an attack has revealed the fascist character of JCD.

They said the JCD cadres attacked Golam Murshed as he organised the movement against increased admission fee at JU.

Progotishil Chhatra Jote will organise a protest rally demanding trial of the culprits on the Dhaka



New Market area in Chittagong during daylong hartal yesterday, called by the 14-party opposition combine. PHOTO: STAR

# No plan to provide cash incentive to drug manufacturers

## Minister tells parliament

UNB, Dhaka

Health and Family Planning Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said the government has no plan to provide cash incentives to the drug manufacturers, but assured all possible help for the export-oriented companies.

He was replying to questions in Parliament.

Replying to a supplementary question of Dr Syed Abdullah M Taher (Jamaat-Comilla), he said locally produced medicines now meet 96 percent of the country's total demand.

He said at present, local manufacturers export medicines to 65 countries across the world and the number of export destinations is expected to rise in

near future.

Detailing the steps taken by the government to promote medicine export, he said delegations in cooperation with the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) is sent to different countries for introducing locally produced medicines. Bangladesh also takes part in all medicine-related international fairs across the globe.

Besides, under the auspices of the government, medicine fairs are organised in different countries, he added.

To facilitate export of medicines, Mosharraf said the government has increased the allocation of foreign currency to 25,000 US dollar from 2,500 US dollar to meet various expenses,

including setting up of offices in different countries, advertisements and registration of product.

He said a plan to set up a full-fledged Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) industrial park is under active consideration of the government to attract domestic and foreign investments, and to modernise and expand export-oriented pharmaceutical industries.

Replying to Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annie (BNP-Laxmipur), he said there are 237 allopathic drug manufacturers in the country, who produce medicines worth Tk 10,000 crore a year.

# Alleged thief beaten to death in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

An alleged thief was beaten to death in Jessore town on Wednesday night.

The victim was identified as Selim, 27, son of Yousuf Sheikh of Sankarpur in Jessore town.

Police and locals said Selim, a heroin addict, was caught red handed when he was stealing rod from the house of Zia and Toni of Sankarpur area on Wednesday night.

He became unconscious as he was mercilessly beaten by the people.

Police recovered the body of Selim yesterday morning and sent it to Jessore hospital morgue for autopsy.