

Polytech teachers submit memos

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Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers' Association (BPTA) yesterday submitted 10-point memorandums to the Education Minister, Education Secretary, Director General of Vocational Education Department and also to the Chairman of Board of Bangladesh Vocational Education. Their 10-point demand includes

recruitment of new teachers in vacant posts, paying 40 percent of the basic for second shift teaching, expansion of polytechnic education and increasing quota and quantity of scholarship.

The memorandum submission was followed by a rally on Dhaka Polytechnic Institute premises in the morning.

Presided over by BPTA President (Dhaka Polytechnic) Mostofa

Hossain, the rally was also addressed by the leaders of the organisation.

BPTA President (central) Md Shamsur Rahman and BPTA General Secretary (central) Md Idris Ali were present on the occasion.

BPTA is a national body of teachers representing 38 public polytechnic and 3 monotechnic institutes.



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Swadhin Bangla Garments Sramik Karmachari Federation stages a demonstration at Shahbagh in the city yesterday protesting free trade policies ahead of WTO ministerial conference scheduled to begin in Hong Kong on December 13.

JCD factions clash at DU: 9 injured

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At least nine activists of the ruling BNP's student wing of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were injured in an intra-party clash over seat occupation at Haji Mohammad Mohsin Hall of Dhaka University yesterday.

The JCD DU unit President and General Secretary expelled five of the JCD hall unit activists for their alleged involvement in the clash. They are Mosharrif Hossain, Abu Bakar, Palash, Saifuddin and Mahfuz.

The injured were identified as JCD hall unit General Secretary Ehteshamul Haque, JCD activists Supta, Mosharrif, Jahangir, Saifuddin, Majed, Palash, Jahid and Mehedi.

Among the injured Supta, Mosharrif, Jahangir, Saifuddin and Majed were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Sources said the clash erupted at about 2:00pm during an altercation

between hall President Ejmal Hossain Pilot and Ehtesham over occupation of a seat at the hall.

JCD sources said Pilot accommodated one loyal JCD activist Mosharrif to stay at room no 401 of the hall five days ago. Hearing the news Ehtesham went to the room and ousted Mosharrif and accommodated his loyal Nayeem.

In sequel to the incident the supporters of the two factions JCD were locked in the clash at around 2:30am in the early hours of yesterday.

Police rushed to the hall and brought the situation under control.

JCD DU unit General Secretary Saiful Islam Firoz told The Daily Star that they would take more punitive action against those who would be engaged in anti-organisational activities. "We urged the law enforcement agencies to take legal action against the trouble-makers," Firoz added.

Filipino envoy calls on Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Outgoing Philippines Ambassador Jose Lino B. Guerrero yesterday made a farewell call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina and exchanged views on bilateral matters as well as current political developments in

Bangladesh.

Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil, Kazi Zafrullah MP, Syed Abul Hossain MP and former Ambassador Zaiuddin were also present.

Jalil emerging from the meeting told the journalists that they discussed how to further improve

bilateral cooperation between the two countries. The Ambassador hoped that "democracy would be further strengthened" in the country, ensuring economic development.

The envoy also thanked Hasina for extending her cooperation during his tenure in Bangladesh.