



PHOTO: STAR  
Noor Hossain Sangsad places wreaths at the Noor Hossain Square in the city yesterday to pay tribute to Noor Hossain who sacrificed his life for democracy.

### Noor Hossain Day observed

UNB, Dhaka

Different political parties and student organisations observed the 'Shaheed Noor Hossain Day' yesterday.

They placed wreaths at his grave and held discussions.

Noor Hossain, a worker of Awami Jubo League, was killed in police firing at Zero Point in the city on November 10 in 1987 during the anti-Ershad movement.

Noor Hossain took to the street inscribing the slogans 'Down with autocracy' and 'Let democracy be freed' on his chest and back. The killing of the Jubo League worker triggered widespread violent protests that eventually led to the fall of Ershad on December 6, 1990, paving the way for restoration of democracy in the country.

In observance of the day, a discussion was also held at the Awami League central office at 9:00am. Other political parties, including BSD and its student wing Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, also held discussions.

### JU application date extended

UNB, Savar

Jahangirnagar University authorities have extended the date for collection and submission of application forms for 1st year admission test under 2006-2007 academic session until November 12.

### Skop demands EC reforms

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Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (Skop) yesterday urged the President and Chief Adviser to the caretaker government to bring reforms to the Election Commission (EC) by removing all the 'controversial' election commissioners, including the Chief Election Commissioner, to make the EC independent and acceptable to all political parties.

They also called upon the President to appoint neutral persons in the administration by cancelling all the contractual appointments.

At a press conference in the city, the Skop leaders said the BNP-Jamaat government unilaterally formulated a labour law that ignored different labour rights, including the right to form trade union.

Reading out a written statement, Delwar Hossain, general secretary of Bangladesh Labour Federation,

said the BNP-led four-party alliance incorporated some 'black sections' into the labour law.

He urged the authorities to formulate a democratic labour law by repealing the 'black sections', provide 30 percent dearness allowance for all workers and declare a national minimum wage.

The Skop leaders alleged that some garment owners are still filing false cases against the workers, violating the tripartite agreement signed between the government, owners and workers.

Wazedul Islam Khan, general secretary of Bangladesh Trade Union Kendra, Shafiqur Rahman, president of Jatiya Sramik Federation, Abdul Kader Hawlader, president of Jatiya Sramik Jote, Bangladesh, Abdul Matin Master, president of Jatiya Sramik League, and Shafuiddin Ahmed, general secretary of Jatiya Sramik Federation, were also present.