

# Ban students-teachers' politics on campus

## Academics tell seminar

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Politics by the students and teachers should be banned in public universities to help restore academic atmosphere, said the academics at a seminar yesterday.

They said the current campus politics is involved with narrow party interest, nepotism, corruption, extortion and criminal activities.

Expressing different views some academics however said arms and muscle-based politics should be stopped on the campus instead of banning the students-teachers politics.

They said the students played vital role during language movement, liberation war and anti-autocracy movement.

The seminar titled 'Upgrade the standard of education in public universities: Dhaka University' was organised by DU '67 Club in the city.

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof Assaduzzaman said public universities including DU could not maintain

the calendar due to students-teachers politics, forcing the universities into more session jam.

Now time has come to free new generation from this ailment, he added.

Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed of Biswa Sahitya Kendra said vital posts of public universities including vice-chancellors, pro-vice-chancellors and proctors are being appointed politically.

The students-teachers politics is disrupting normal academic activities, he added.

Prof Anisuzzaman said education standard at public universities is deteriorating because power politics has grabbed the campus.

"Many teachers do not take class regularly, even some go abroad without leave," said Prof Syed Manjurul Islam while presenting a keynote paper.

Prof Asif Nazrul said students' evaluation should be introduced for the promotion of teachers.

DU '67 Club President Sohail Ahmed Chowdhury presided over

the seminar which was also addressed by Prof Hafiz GA Siddique, Prof Fakrul Alam, Dr Nazrul Ahmed and Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury.

## Parade Square to remain open to visitors Mar 26

### UNB, Dhaka

National Parade Square will remain open to visitors at 8:00am tomorrow to witness the parade marking the Independence and National Day.

The guests will enter the square through a specific gate mentioned in the invitation cards while the general public through the gate nos. 3, 4, 13 and 14.

ISPR, in a press release, advised the visitors not to carry cellular phone, camera, vanity bag, hand-bag, umbrella and any other electronic gadgets during the parade.



## Ex-state minister Manjur Hossain passes away

### UNB, Dhaka

Syed Manjurul Hossain, former state minister and lawmaker, passed away due to kidney disease at Apollo Hospitals in the city yesterday at the age of 65.

Manjur, who was elected member of parliament from Chapainawabganj for the fourth time in 2001, left behind his wife, only daughter and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He had joined recently formed Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) from BNP.

The first namaz-e-janaza for Syed Manjur Hossain was held at the South Plaza of the Jatiya Sangsad in the afternoon.

Speaker Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, Deputy Speaker Akhter Hamid Siddique, Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, former President and LDP President Prof AQM Badruddozza Chowdhury, LDP leader Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed, Anwarul Kabir Talukder, former MPs and government and non-government officials attended the janaza.

The Speaker and Deputy Speaker placed wreaths on his coffin on behalf of Jatiya Sangsad.

Former chief whip Khandaker Delawar Hossain placed wreaths on behalf of BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia.

The second janaza was held at Holy Family Hospital Mosque at Maghbazar after Asr prayers.

He will be buried at Mistrpara graveyard in Chapainawabganj today.

Meanwhile, Speaker Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar and Deputy Speaker Akhter Hamid Siddique expressed deep shock at his death.

In a condolence message, they prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

BSS adds: Manjur was born in Maldah in the Indian state of West Bengal in 1943 and obtained his graduation from Kolkata University. His political career began with the National Awami Party (NAP) of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani in 1970 and later he joined BNP in 1981.

He was the nephew of former Pradesh Congress President of West Bengal and Indian Railway Minister Ghani Khan Chowdhury.

LDP President Badruddozza Chowdhury expressed deep shock at his death.

He prayed for peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

### Dr AHM Nurul Alam



Dr AHM Nurul Alam, former director general of Health Service (In-charge) and son of late Maulvi Abdul Hamid Malik passed away due to old age complications on March 20 at NICVD at Lalmatia in the city at the age of 76.

He left behind his wife, three sons and two daughters.

### Dr Swapna Anwar



Dr Swapna Anwar, additional chief medical officer at BCIC Head Office in the city, passed away in the early hours of March 23, says a press release.

She left behind her husband, only son and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Her kulkhwani will be held at her residence at 339 Elephant Road in the city after Asr prayers tomorrow (Monday).

# Arrested vendor dies at DMCH

## Victim beaten allegedly by Narcotics Control Deptt team

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A cigarette vendor who was beaten allegedly by a team of Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) at Khilgaon in the city on March 17 died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

The team picked up Abdul Halim, 25, from Jheelpar at around 1:30pm on charges of drug peddling. He was seriously injured when the team took him to Shahbagh Police Station, his father Nawab Ali said.

## Ashtami Snan at Langolbandh begins today

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, N' garj

Ashtami Snan, a religious festival of the Hindus, begins at Langolbandh in the district today.

Hundreds of pilgrims have already started thronging the area since yesterday to have a holy dip in the sacred water of Brahmputra till Monday afternoon.

Members of the armed forces have constructed 13 snan ghats to facilitate the holy dip.

Police have introduced one stop service at the ghats to ensure security of the pilgrims.

Additional police, BDR and Rab personnel have been deployed in the area to strengthen security and ensure sanitation and water supply for the pilgrims.

A three-day-long Bashanti fair has also been organised on this occasion.

Assistant Sub-Inspector of narcotics control department Mujibur Rahman took him to DMCH in a critical condition at around 12:45 am on March 18, hospital sources said.

Nawab Ali alleged that the narcotics control department officials beat up Abdul Halim.

Moreover, his son got injured at noon but was taken to hospital in the early hours of the next day, he said.

Narcotics control department also filed a case with Khilgaon Police Station against Halim on March 17.

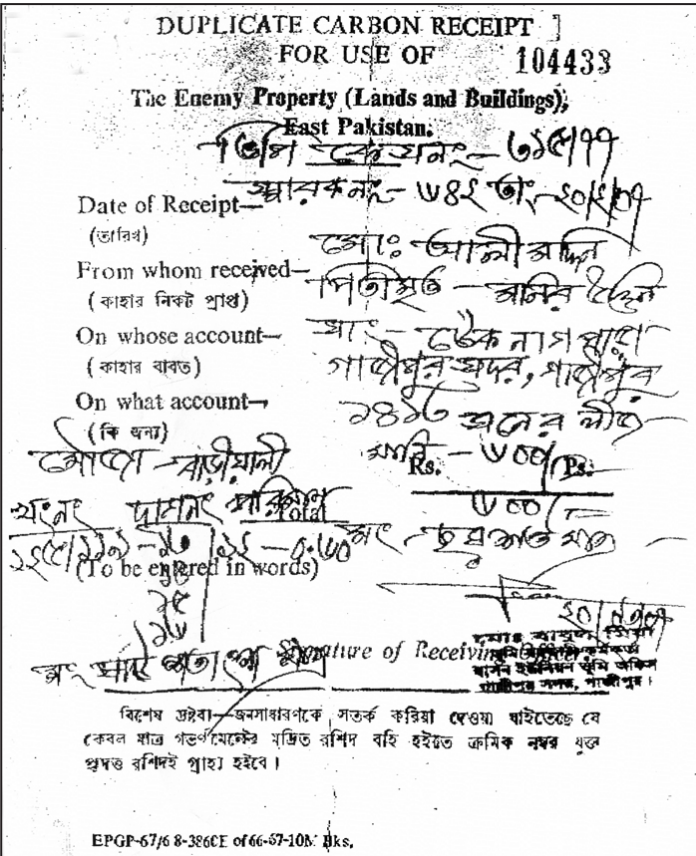
## 11 muggers held in city

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested eleven muggers and recovered several mobile sets, mobile cards and cash money at Alu Bazar in the city yesterday.

Acting on a tip off, the elite force members raided hotel Ar-Rahman at Alu Bazar in the old part of the city at about 4:30pm and arrested the muggers and recovered 24 mobile sets, mobile cards worth Tk 3600, cash Tk 11,062 and other valuables from their possession.

The arrestees are Shahjahan, 22, Mizan, 22, Mokhles 24, Kamal 23, Rafiq, 25, Jasim, 33, Monir, 35, Jahangor, 37, Anwar, 22, Harun, 21 and Ibrahim, 26.



# Money receipts of E Pakistan era still in use!

### A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Money receipts of the East Pakistan era are still in use at a government office even after 36 years of independence.

Md Alimuddin of Teknagpara village was given the receipt (No. 104433) of the bygone era when he went to the Bashon union land office in Gazipur Sadar on Tuesday to renew the lease on a vested property his family had taken up.

It reads 'Duplicate Carbon Receipt for Use of The Enemy

Property (Lands and Buildings), East Pakistan'. Alimuddin, son of late Maniruddin, received the slip on depositing Tk 600.

When contacted, Assistant Land Officer Mohammad Babul Mia said, "The receipt book we use has been supplied by the head office."

Expressing surprise, Deputy Commissioner of Gazipur Syed Mizanur Rahman told The Daily Star that he was not aware of it. The documents printed during the Pakistan days are supposed to have long been out of use, he added.



PHOTO: STAR

Winners of International Inter-university Photography Exhibition 2007 pose for photograph with chief guest Prof Mazafar Ahmad at the prize giving ceremony at National Art Gallery in the city yesterday. North South University organised the exhibition.

# 'Increase representation of women in media'

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Representation of women in the media should be increased in order to improve their position in society, speakers at a seminar said yesterday.

They said women journalists can play an important role in raising awareness about women's rights by highlighting the issues concerning them.

## Rokeya Kabir Women's Dev Centre launched

The Rokeya Rahman Kabir Women's Development Centre that aims at empowering helpless, vulnerable and battered women, was launched in Rajbari on Friday.

Founder and Chairperson of Brac Fazle Hasan Abed formally inaugurated the centre, says a press release.

At the inaugural ceremony, he paid homage to the memories of Rokeya Kabir and said she had always worked for development of women and her existence will always be felt through this centre.

We wish to carry her incomplete work much further, he added.

The Shoptogram Silk Production Centre, established by Rokeya, was handed over to Brac in 1999, which started operating as "Brac Silk Production and Training Centre." It was later named after Rokeya Rahman Kabir in her honour.

Programme Coordinator of Ayesha Abed Foundation Md Rafikul Islam presided over the ceremony while daughter of Rokeya Rahman and Professor of Sussex University in the UK Dr Nalia Kabir, Additional District Commissioner of Rajbari Faruk Ahmed, Police Super Muniruzzaman, Centre Manager Md Mohiuddin Ahmed and Centre staff Anwara Begum spoke among others.

Later, Abed and other guests visited the different programmes at the centre.

## Fire at Asstt Indian HC in Ctg

### CU CORRESPONDENT

A fire broke out at the office of the Assistant Indian High Commission in the port city yesterday.

Fire fighting unit sources said the fire broke out at around 2.00pm at the storeroom located at the basement of the three-storied building at Khulshi area.

Two computers, some old furniture, official documents and books worth around Tk 5 lakh were gutted.

Two fire fighting units rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire that originated from electric short circuit.



PHOTO: STAR

Nari Sangbadik Kendra President Nasimun Ara Haque Minu speaks at a seminar at Chhayanaut Sangskriti Bhavan in the city yesterday. On her right is Gender in Media Forum Convenor Selina Hossain and on her left are The New Age Editor Nurul Kabir and the weekly Ananya Editor Tasmima Hossain.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Slight rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Sylhet, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country. Met office said. Highest temperature 35.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishwardi and lowest 20.5 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:11pm today and rises at 5:57am 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	34.2	25.3	84	57
Chittagong	31.1	22.3	82	78
Rajshahi	34.6	22.1	87	40
Khulna	34.0	26.3	80	60
Barisal	34.0	24.9	90	69
Sylhet	33.2	20.5	93	60
Cox's Bazar	31.2	22.6	78	80

## DHAKA TODAY

### Roundtable

Young Economists' Forum of North South University (NSU) organises a roundtable on 'Corruption and economics: The crippling truth'. Venue: NSU campus. Time: 10:30am.

### Symposium

United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a symposium to mark the World Water Day. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 4:30pm.

### Photo exhibition

Dr Picture Library Ltd organises a photo exhibition titled '1971: As I Saw It'. Venue: Dr Picture Library. Time: 5:00pm.