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## DU asks govt to allow academic activities quickly

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) authorities yesterday urged the government to take immediate measures for bringing back peaceful environment on the campus and ensuring security for all DU teachers, students, employees and their family members.

At an emergency meeting, DU syndicate members also called upon the government to take steps so that academic activities of the university can be resumed shortly.

DU Acting Vice Chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider presided over the meeting of the syndicate, the highest policy-making body of the university. The meeting decided to postpone all scheduled examinations indefinitely.

## New policy to ensure balanced migration

Special focus to be given on workers' migration from poverty-prone districts

PORIMOL PALMA

The government is thinking about formulating a mechanism that would ensure equal number of workers from all districts of the country migrating abroad. The government would give special focus on the poverty-stricken north and north-western regions from which fewer labourers migrate.

The government is also consulting various stakeholders of labour migration to formulate a strategy to

reduce migration costs. High migration costs were identified as a major obstacle to migration of labourers, especially the unskilled.

These issues were elaborately discussed at an inter-ministerial meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday. Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury and officials of the ministries of foreign affairs, expatriates' welfare and overseas employment, home affairs, information and the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and

Training (BMET) were present at the meeting.

Talking to journalists after the meeting, Iftekhar said the government is to ask Malaysia to review the recruitment process through outsourcing companies, which often leads to exploitation of many Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia.

"Migration has a direct link with development. But it has been observed that labour migration occurs from only a few concentrated

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## Former BNP MP Beltu sued for extortion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Former BNP lawmaker Shahiduzzaman Beltu was sued on Sunday on charge of extortion.

Habibur Rahman Mollah of Sreerampur village under Kaligonj upazila filed the Tk 5 lakh extortion case with Jhenidah first class magistrate's court against the former BNP lawmaker of Jhenidah-4 constituency.

The other accused are BNP leader's wife Papya Akther Poppy, Abdul Kader, Rezaul Islam of Bahir Gachhi village and Ashraf Ali of Fala village.

The plaintiff said that the accused asked his son Farid Uddin

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## NBR finds 34,400 new taxpayers in 6 cities

Drive on to identify professionals out of tax net

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has so far identified over 34,400 new taxpayers, mostly businessmen, in six metropolitan areas during the ongoing tax inspection and survey drive launched in March this year.

Of the total, 24,578 were identified in the capital and the rest 9,835 from five other cities.

The drive was launched to widen the tax net and raise earnings from income tax, sources said.

Meanwhile, the revenue board has launched a special drive to

identify taxpayers among the professionals as it believes that a good number of taxable professionals are still missing in the income tax net.

"Some inspection teams have been tasked to identify new taxpayers among physicians, engineers, architects and advocates," Ashek Hossain, member of NBR's tax inspection department, said.

According to the official, 48 teams are currently working in the metropolitan areas, of which 20 are conducting drives in Dhaka and the rest are in other cities.

The NBR has also identified

around 25,300 people who have Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) but do not pay taxes.

Sources said the survey will be continued in six cities till December this year and after that the drive will be launched in all the district towns from January next year.

According to the NBR, though around 22 lakh people have TINs only 9.5 lakh submit income tax returns regularly.

"The irony is that only 5.5 lakh people pay regular taxes contributing over Tk 10,000 crore revenue to

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## India interested in democratic Bangladesh

OUR CORRESPONDENCE, New Delhi

Against the backdrop of fresh unrest in Bangladesh, India yesterday hoped that political leaders and people would be given the chance to steer the country back to "full democracy" through peaceful, free and fair elections.

"As a friendly neighbour, India is interested in a stable, democratic and prosperous Bangladesh," spokesman for India's external affairs ministry Navtej Sarna said in New Delhi.

He said the Indian government is closely watching the developments in Bangladesh after widespread violence last week led to the imposition of curfew.

"At this difficult time, it is our hope that the people of Bangladesh, their representatives and their leaders will be afforded every lawful opportunity to take Bangladesh to full restoration of democracy through peaceful, free and fair elections," Sarna said.

## ACC notice to Hasina now valid

Says ACC secy after SC order

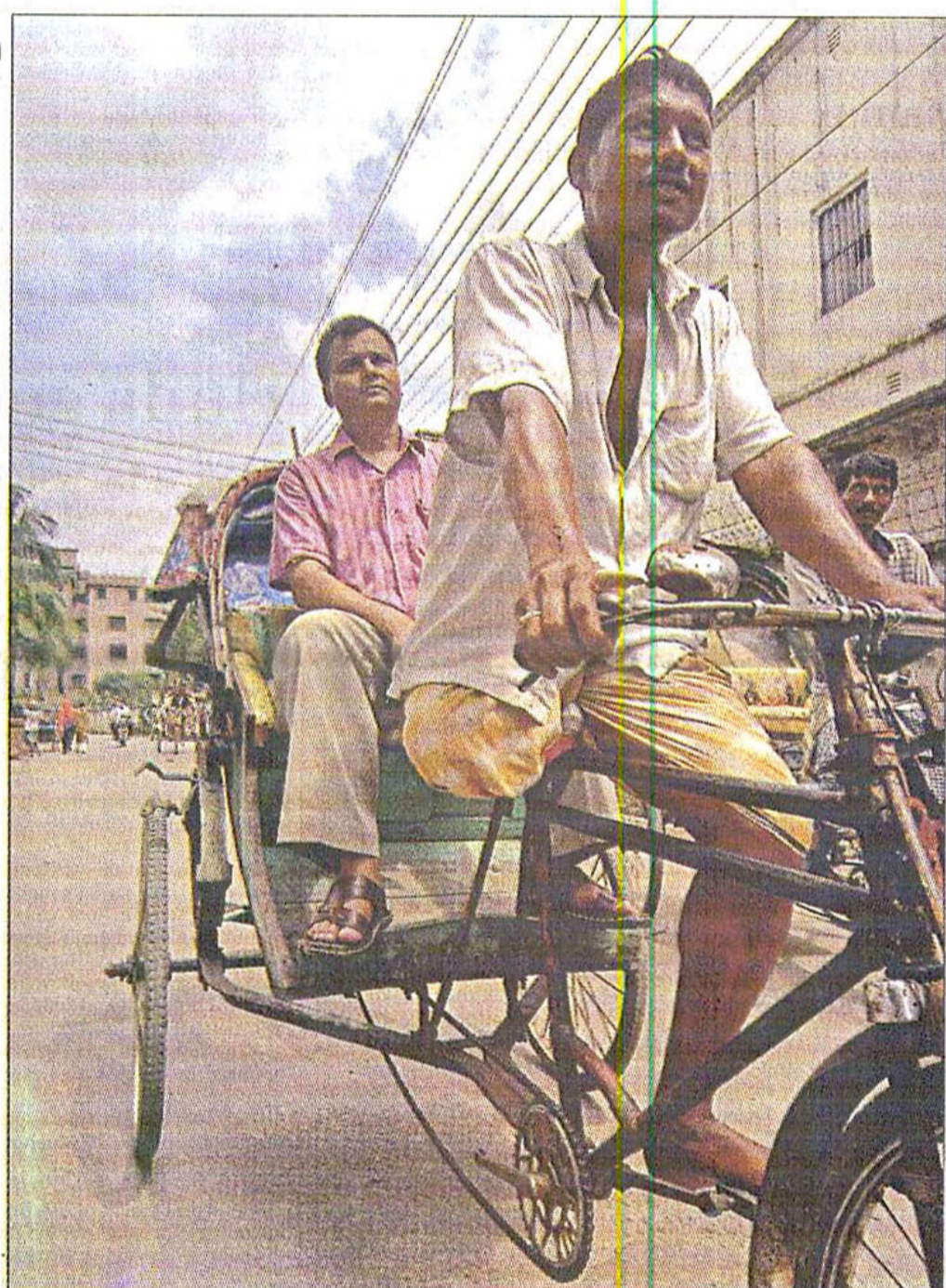
UNB, Dhaka

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday said the Supreme Court verdict staying the High Court's order and asking Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina to

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Prayer Timing		
August 28		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-30	5-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-33	6-36
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



Physically-challenged Mozammel Hossain, 37, paddles rickshaw on a street of Gopibagh in Dhaka as he is the lone breadwinner of a six-member family. But sometimes people refuse to get on his rickshaw after seeing that he has one leg.

## Two cops jailed for drug peddling

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

A Sathkira court yesterday sentenced two policemen of Detective Branch (DB) of Police and a rental car driver to rigorous imprisonment of different terms in connection with drug trafficking.

The three convicted are sub-inspector (SI) Sakmol Hossain and constable Mostafizur Rahman of Detective Branch (DB) of Police and Babul Gazi of Sultanpur in Sathkira who was driving the car that was carrying 200 bottles of Phensidyl.

Sakmol was sentenced to life imprisonment and fined Tk 25,000, in default of which he is to stay in prison one more year while constable Mostafizur Rahman and Babul Gazi were sentenced to 17 years rigorous imprisonment and fined Tk 10,000 each in default of which they are to stay in jail for six more months.

Judge Ashish Ranjan Das of

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## HC asks govt to explain why CHT peace treaty not illegal

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the government to explain why the CHT peace treaty signed with the erstwhile "Shanti Bahini" in 1997 should not be declared without lawful authority.

After a brief hearing on a public interest litigation writ, a two-judge bench headed by Justice Shah Abu Nayeem Mominur Rahman issued the order asking the government to explain within eight weeks.

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## VOTER LIST WITH PHOTO 9 donors to fund Tk 345cr

UNB, Dhaka

Nine major development partners will provide Tk 345 crore for the Election Commission (EC) to prepare the voter list with photographs for holding credible elections.

The European Commission, DFID, the Netherlands, UNDP, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and Korea will provide the support through a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project called "Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photograph (PERP)". The project will be implemented by the EC.

UNDP signed an agreement to this effect yesterday with the Election Commission and the Economic Relations Division (ERD), said a press release.

The PERP project will help establish the technical infrastruc-

ture and other requirements necessary to complete the voter list with photos.

This includes funding the ICT equipment, such as laptops, webcams and fingerprint scanners, required for completing the nationwide digital voter registration.

The project will also establish and strengthen the system necessary to update the voter list with photos following the next parliamentary elections.

UNDP Country Director Manoj Basnyat said a credible and widely acceptable voter list is needed for a free and fair election.

"The support of nine major development partners indicates strong international commitment to assist the government in its effort to hold a peaceful and successful election," he added.

## Internet, telecoms in chaos

Optical line to submarine cable snapped again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Internet and international telecom services were disrupted, for the second time within a week, from yesterday noon as miscreants in Chakoria, 121km off Chittagong, snapped the optical fibre line that connects the nation to the submarine cable.

On August 22, miscreants cut the optical fibre line at two points—about 60 metres of it in Lohagara, 76km off Chittagong. That line was restored before evening the next day.

This time, criminals at Chakoria snapped the cable around 2:30pm yesterday. A press release from Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) says that its technical team is trying to repair the line.

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মসজিদের ইমাম মায়েদদের দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ

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