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CU reopens after 63 days

CU CORRESPONDENT

Academic activities of Chittagong University (CU) resumed yesterday after a closure of 63 days.

A large number of policemen were deployed at the main gate of the university and railway stations from city's Sholoshahar to the campus.

Proctor and assistant proctors checked the identity cards of the students with the help of law enforcers at the main gate of the university since morning.

No student was allowed to enter the campus without showing identity card, sources said.

When contacted, CU Proctor Prof Jasim Uddin said no untoward incident was reported till yesterday.

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China launches first lunar orbiter

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday launched its first lunar orbiter in an event broadcast on national television, with the mission a key step in the nation's plans to put a man on the moon by 2020.

Chang'e I took off around

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HIGH PROFILE CORRUPTS

Trial of 44 out of 573 completed so far

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty-four out of 573 cases filed against high-profile corrupt suspects and their relatives have been disposed of during the present caretaker government's nine-month tenure.

Chairman of the National Coordination Committee (NCC) on serious crimes Maj Gen (ret'd) MA Matin hoped to complete trial of rest of the cases before the government hands over power to an elected government.

"Primarily, it took time to deal with the cases due to shortage of skilled manpower for investigations. Army personnel who are helping us were also not that efficient," Matin told reporters during a briefing at the communications ministry yesterday.

"Performance in the coming months will be better as our men are now more experienced and competent," Matin, also the communications adviser, said.

The Anti-Corruption

Commission, National Board of Revenue and police filed 372 cases while others lodged 201 cases against the corrupt suspects whose names were published in five phases.

A total of 131 cases are now under trial while investigations are in progress in 285 other cases, the NCC chief said. Inquiry is on in 88 cases while preliminary inquiry is being done in 25 other cases.

Names of 50 corrupt suspects came in the first list, 51 in the second, 39 in the third, 35 in the first part of fourth list and two in a special list.

About 100 big shots have so far been apprehended during crackdown on corrupt politicians, ministers and businessmen.

High-profile people who have been awarded punishments in 44 cases include former ministers Nazmul Huda, Mohammad Nasim, Shahjahan Siraj, Amanullah Aman, Anwar Hossain Monju and Iqbal Hasan Mahmud, ex-lawmakers Naser Rahman, Ali Asgar Lobi, and

Nadim Mostafa, Rajshahi Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, political secretary to former prime minister Khaleda Zia Harris Chowdhury and businessman Giasuddin Al Mamun.

Investigations into corruption charges are on against former premiers Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina, now staying in sub-jails in the capital.

Matin said 60 to 62 task forces are currently working across the country. The number of task forces needs to be increased, he felt.

Capacity of the ACC and NCC workforces should also be enhanced to speed up the pace of investigation and trial, Matin added.

He said "If we cannot finish trials of all the cases, the elected government will carry it on."

When asked, the NCC chief failed to say whether cases filed against corrupt suspects aspiring to contest the city corporation elections likely to be held in

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Turkish jets bomb Kurd rebel targets

AFP, Ankara

Turkish warplanes bombed Kurdish rebel targets along the Iraqi border yesterday as government and military leaders weighed their next move against rebel bases in northern Iraq.

Fighter jets bombed and destroyed several Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) mountain positions in Sirnak, Hakkari, Siirt and Van provinces bordering Iraq and Iran, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Helicopter gunships also joined the raids that followed the killing of 12 soldiers in a PKK ambush near the Iraqi border on Sunday. The PKK said it captured eight soldiers in the clashes.

Another operation against the PKK is under way in the eastern province of Tunceli, Anatolia said, adding that suspected PKK militants detonated two remote-control bombs as soldiers combed the countryside for landmines.

The military said 34 PKK militants were killed in operations that followed Sunday's attack, which increased pressure on Ankara for a military incursion into northern Iraq, where the rebels take refuge.

The National Security Council

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CORRUPT GOVT OFFICIALS

ACC submits list of 200 to govt

It would impact on their promotion

JASIM UDDIN KHAN

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has drawn up a list of first-class government officials having corruption charges in a bid to make the administration corruption-free.

The graft watchdog sent in the list to the establishment ministry last week following a government decision to place clean officers at key posts after cleansing the public departments of corrupt apparatchiks, sources said.

A high official at the establishment ministry told The Daily Star, on condition of anonymity, that the number of blacklisted bureaucrats might be around 200, adding that from now on the ministry will consult the list when it comes to promoting officers and giving them selection grade and time scale.

The Superior Selection Board will also go through the list in recommending individuals for high-value posts -- secretary, additional

secretary, joint secretary and deputy commissioner -- in the future.

Sources said the present government has decided not to promote officials or transfer them to important posts if they have corruption charges at the ACC, adding that already-posted civil servants will be withdrawn from their positions if their names surface on the ACC list.

The Cabinet Division in a meeting on July 30 this year concluded that the ACC should prepare such a list and submit it to the establishment ministry by September 30.

The meeting also held that the ACC would update the list from time to time to include new suspects or drop clean officers, if there be any, from the list.

Meantime, another establishment ministry official said that from now on government officials would not need to submit clearance from the ACC in getting promotion or joining new posts.

During the last 10 years, some

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BNP plans to set up temporary office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders are planning to set up a temporary party office as the Naya Paltan office remains locked due to the dispute arose after ex-secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan was ousted from the party.

"A new office will be set up temporarily so that the party leaders and activists can meet me easily," said Bhuiyan's successor Khandaker Delwar Hossain while addressing the leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal at his NAM flat yesterday.

Party leaders said they found a place in city's Kakrail to use as party office temporarily.

Delwar once again called for

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Prayer Timing

October 25		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-50	5-25
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-32	5-35
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Sector commanders for ban on anti-independence forces

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sector Commanders Forum, a platform of sector commanders of the Liberation War, has demanded that the caretaker government ban 'anti-independence' forces like Jamaat-e-Islami from taking part in elections.

It also demanded trial of the leaders of Jamaat and other forces which had opposed the Liberation War.

The demands were made at a post Eid-ul-Fitr and Durga Puja reunion of freedom fighters at city hotel on Tuesday.

Six sector commanders who made the demand also vowed not

to attend any state function on the coming Victory Day if anti-independence forces are invited there.

Five of the 11 sector commanders are dead.

The reunion was attended by four sector commanders and two others who could attend expressed solidarity with them.

The four are Maj Gen (ret'd) CR Dutta, Lt Gen (ret'd) Mir Shawkat Ali, Maj Gen (ret'd) KM Shafiqullah, Lt Col (ret'd) Kazi Nuruzzaman, Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) A K Khandker, Gen (ret'd) Mustafizur Rahman, Lt Gen (ret'd) M Harun-ur-Rashid.

The other two backed the demands are Maj (ret) Rafiqul Islam

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