

Lay-off period of Alim Jute Mills extended

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Lay-off period of state-owned Alim Jute Mills has been extended by 15 days for the sixth time with effect from February 2.

Notice in this regard was issued by the project director of the mill at 6:00pm yesterday.

The jute mill was first laid off on September 22 last year. The fifth lay-off period expires today.

According to Project Director Monwar Hossain, there will be no more lay off as the BJMC chairman has asked for taking necessary preparation to reopen the mill.

But the CBA leaders said it is a tactics of BJMC chairman to stop road and rail barricade programme of workers from Saturday which will continue till their demands for payment of arrears and reopening of the mill are met.

Workers will not stop their agitation, said CBA President Abdul Hamid Sarder.



Visually challenged students of Dhaka University stage a demonstration in front of the Aparajeyo Bangla on the campus yesterday demanding review of the quota system in the BCS examinations.

Nat'l Poetry Festival begins today

BSS, *Dhaka*

The two-day National Poetry Festival begins today on the Dhaka University (DU) campus with the slogan 'The message of poetry, the victory of democracy'.

Poet Syed Shamsul Haq will inaugurate the festival on the premises of the DU central library at 10:00am.

Around 400 poets from home and abroad are expected to participate in the festival organised by the National Poetry Council.

During the festival, the council will introduce the National Poetry Council

Shamsur Rahman Award in honour of its founder president alongside the National Poetry Award 2007, the organisers said.

Eminent poets will recite their poems at different sessions during the festival, which will also feature seminars and musical soirees.

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Police arrested 1,157 people on various charges in separate drives across the country in the last 24 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday.

During the countrywide drives, four firearms and two bullets were also recovered.

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Govt policy to emphasise North Bengal dev: Iftekhar

UNB, *Dhaka*

Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury yesterday said government policy will be designed to accord special emphasis to North Bengal in the development field because no region of the country should be left behind.

He made the observations about the caretaker government's development outlook to the media on the eve of his two-day trip to the north. He will visit Bogra, Gaibandha and Sirajganj from today.

The foreign adviser, who is also in charge of the Expatriates' Welfare Ministry, will visit the Technical Training Centre (TTC) under the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training in Bogra today.

"The people in the monga area should be better trained to respond to job demands abroad, and that is one of the purposes of the institute. I would emphasise that its curriculum be designed accordingly," he added.

Iftekhar also pointed out the agrarian region's potential for contributing to government objective of ensuring country's food autarky.

"These are boro-growing regions and, as I have said before, with appropriate supply of inputs there is no reason why this area of the country cannot contribute to the required food self-sufficiency, a matter that the current government is stressing," he said.

About holding Advisory Council meeting in Rangpur, on Saturday, he said it is a splendid idea to take government to the doorsteps of the people. "We will do this more often," he concluded.

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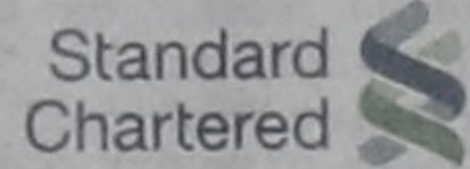
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