

DU students protest price hike of essentials

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of students of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday demonstrated on the campus protesting the price hike of essential commodities.

Several hundred students under the banner "Students' Movement Against Torture (SMAT)" brought out a procession from Madhu's Canteen that marched several streets on the campus and ended holding a protest rally at the footstep of Aparajeo Bangla to press home their demand.

At the protest rally SMAT leaders alleged that a neighbouring country in a planned way is trying to create food shortage in Bangladesh, violating the international rules.



Winners of Inter-college Cultural Competition pose for photograph with Cultural Affairs Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury at the prize giving ceremony at the Biam auditorium in the city yesterday.

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90pc of kidney patients die without proper treatment

Say experts

UNB, Dhaka

There are about two crore kidney patients in the country and 90 per cent of them die without proper treatment because of its high cost and lack of availability, specialists said yesterday.

Concerned over the situation, the physicians urged the well-to-do people to come forward with their helping hands and positive attitudes to save these kidney patients through providing generous donation for tackling this expensive treatment.

"A man after successful kidney transplant can survive more than 40 years," President of Kidney Foundation Prof Harun-Ur-Rashid said while presiding over a press conference in the city on the occasion of the launch of a lottery programme against this grim background.

Prof Rashid informed journalists that they started the Kidney Foundation lottery-ticket sale across country from Thursday to raise funds for establishing a world-class kidney hospital at Mirpur in the city. A six-storied and

200-bed modern hospital will provide treatment with 40 beds of dialysis unit.

He said all branches of Sonali Bank and the agents would sell the lottery tickets across the country. The draw will be held on June 23, 2008.

National Professor MR Khan, senior journalist Ataus Samad, UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan, Sonali Bank MD/CEO SA Chowdhury and Kidney Foundation Secretary General Prof Muhibur Rahman were present on the occasion.

Non-MPO teachers' ultimatum to govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of non-MPO (monthly payment order) educational institutions have set an ultimatum to the government of April 20 to bring them under MPO, otherwise they would launch tougher actions including black-badge wearing.

class abstention and hunger strike from April 23.

The teachers under the banner of Teachers-Employees Oikya Parishad stated this yesterday at a press conference in the city.

President of the platform Principal Esharat Ali read out a written speech at the press conference. Esharat in the speech said: "Teachers of the non-MPO educational institutions are living inhuman and insecure life, though they are in the noble profession of teaching." "The organisation will launch tougher programmes if the government recognised non-MPO educational institutions were not brought under MPO," he added.

The programmes of the organisation include submitting memorandum to the chief adviser, army chief and education adviser on April 23, wearing black badges from April 24 to April 26, forming human chain in every district across the country, class abstention from April 29 to May 3 and hunger strike for indefinite period at the Shaheed Minar from May 10.

"Currently there are about 32,000 educational institutions of which 25,000 are non-government and 8,000 institutions of them are recognised by the government but are not under MPO status," said Esharat. "About one million students are studying in these institutions," he added.

General Secretary of the organisation Md Kamal Hossain, Advocate Mostafa Ahmed, Principal Mahmudunnabi Dollar, Principal Abdul Mannan and Md Idris Ali, among others, were present at the press conference.

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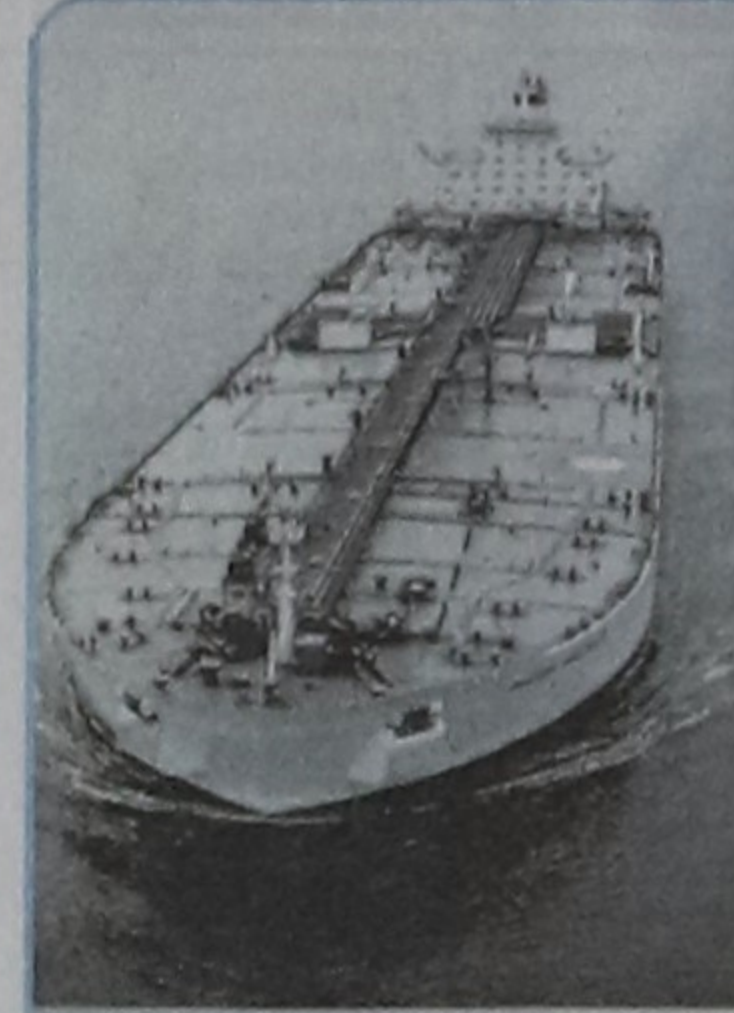
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