

**ATTACK ON FF
DU students
demand
punishment to
Shibir cadres**

DU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Dhaka University (DU) brought out a torch procession on the campus last night demanding exemplary punishment to the Jamaat-Shibir cadres who assaulted freedom fighter Sheikh Muhammad Ali Aman.

Around 200 students under the banner 'Chhatra Odhikar' took out the procession with torches in their hands from Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU) building premises at around 7:30pm that paraded different streets on the campus.

The student also held a protest rally at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) intersection.

They demanded formulation of a special tribunal for the trial of war criminals and Razakars (local collaborators of the Pakistani army in the liberation war in 1971).

Freedom fighter Aman was assaulted by Shibir cadres at a programme of 'Jatiya Muktiyoddha Parishad', an organisation backed by Jamaat-e-Islami, on July 11 when he demanded trial of war criminals.

Talking to The Daily Star, Ashraful Alam Bakul, a student of Jahurul Haque Hall, said, "We demand an exemplary punishment to Jamaat-Shibir activists who assaulted the freedom fighter and trial of Razakars who opposed our liberation war."

"We also demand removal of those who are still trying to integrate the war criminals socially from all administrative posts. And the process should be started from DU," Bakul added.

Azad Hossain of Haji Mohammad Mohsin Hall and Kamrul Hasan of Shahidullah Hall spoke at the rally.



Garbage litters almost half of the road in front of PN Girls' School in Rajshahi city as there is no dustbin nearby, causing suffering to passers-by, but the authorities remain indifferent. The picture was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ASAOUZZAMAN ASAD

**Police-media cooperation
sought to prevent crimes**

Training on media relations begins

BSS, Dhaka

A three-day training on media relations for police officers began yesterday with a call for increased cooperation and partnership between police and the media to help prevent crimes in the country.

"Cooperation and partnership between the police and the media are very important for prevention

of crime," said Additional Inspector General of Police and National Project Director of the Police Reform Programme NBK Tripura while addressing inaugural session of the training on "Effective media relations".

He said both print and electronic media have been playing significant roles in highlighting the law and order issues, articulating

public opinion, maintaining accountability and transparency of public officials and agencies and also creating awareness.

Police Reform Programme arranged the training at the Brac Centre Inn with the participation of 20 police officers including six female police personnel, a home ministry press release said.

Additional Inspector General (RM&T) of Police Mohammad Aminul Islam, Deputy Inspector General of Police (Training) Mokhesur Rahman and Programme Manager of Police Reform Programme Hubert Staberhofer, among others, also spoke on the occasion.

The training is a part of Police Reforms Programme and one of the top issues that intends to improve the skill and capacity of the police officers in media relations, the press release said.

The main objective of the training course is to provide Bangladesh Police personnel with a range of knowledge and skills necessary for media relations, it added.

The purpose of the Police Reform Programme is to develop a safer and more secure environment based on respect for human rights and equitable access to justice through police reform, transforming it from a colonial government order model to a public service organisation, making it responsive to all including the poor, vulnerable, women and children.

**Malek to attend
telecom policy
confce in US**

UNB, Dhaka

Brig Gen (retd) MA Malek, special assistant to the chief adviser, left Dhaka on Thursday night for the USA to attend the 6th Access to Capital and Telecommunications Policy Conference.

Minority Media and Telecommunications Council will hold the two-day conference in Washington DC on July 21-22.

**Sena Shahayok
School marks
2nd founding
anniversary**

The second founding anniversary of Sena Shahayok School run by Sena Paribar Kalyan Samity (SPKS) was celebrated at the Ladies Club in Dhaka Cantonment on Thursday, says an ISPR release.

On the occasion, Chief Patron of SPKS Begum Nazneen Moeen distributed prizes among the students. She also distributed certificates among the female students of January-June 2008 session who successfully completed various vocational courses conducted by SPKS.

A total of 50 students of Sena Shahayok School received prizes and 78 female students of vocational courses received certificates. Later, students of the school presented a cultural show.

President of Dhaka area of SPKS Begum Zaheda Rahman and students and guardians were present at the ceremony.



Chief Patron of Sena Paribar Kalyan Samity Nazneen Moeen gives away a prize to a student at a function marking the founding anniversary of Sena Shahayok School at the Ladies' Club in Dhaka Cantonment on Thursday.

PHOTO: ISPR

Scientists to explore Lake Baikal

AFP, Moscow

Russian scientists on Thursday outlined plans for a submarine expedition this month that will for the first time probe the depths of Lake Baikal, a unique ecosystem and the deepest lake in the world.

The expedition is being organised by Artur Chilingarov, a pro-Kremlin member of parliament and an Arctic explorer who led the team of scientists that planted a

flag at the bottom of the North Pole in August last year.

"It's technically very complex," Chilingarov told reporters in Moscow, explaining that the bottom of Lake Baikal at 1,600 metres has never been explored, with previous missions only going down hundreds of metres.

Scientists will collect samples at different depths and hope to document the effects of global warming on the lake, as well as drawing the

attention of the Russian government to the need for greater environmental protection.

The mission to Lake Baikal -- a UN World Heritage site -- will begin on July 29 and will carry out dozens of dives by the Mir-1 and Mir-2 mini-submarines. The mission is being funded by environmental organisations.

Lake Baikal contains around a fifth of the world's freshwater reserves.

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