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# Mohiuddin leaves for Bangkok today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Crg

Chittagong city Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury leaves for Bangkok today to see his ailing daughter who is undergoing treatment there.

The mayor will also undergo treatment in Singapore. He is scheduled to leave by a Thai Airways flight after Juma

His wife, one son, son-in-law, granddaughter and APS are

expected to accompany him. Meanwhile, a Chittagong court yesterday fixed October 20 as the date for giving its decision on framing of charges in three cases against Mayor Mohiuddin after a hearing on it.

The hearing on charge framing was held at the court of Chittagong Divisional Special Judge SM Solaiman, court sources said.

Two cases are related to corruption in fixing the rate for hiring dump trucks and for earth filling in a graveyard at Nasirabad. The third is a tax evasion case.



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed visits a stall at an exhibition marking the World Food Day at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

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# CA calls for boosting farm output

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser (CA) Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday called for boosting domestic food production to ensure food security.

He made the call while addressing a function on World Food Day at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre. The head of the caretaker gov-

ernment strongly suggested a switch from the rampant chemicaldependent farming to ensure sustainable agriculture system through innovative alternatives. He praised the farmers for

reaping bumper harvests by tackling successive natural disasters and said food stock now stands at nearly 13 lakh tonnes, the highest meight years. out Diss sources sollo

At the function, he announced that agriculture day will be observed every year in the country to recognise the farmers' untiring labour in food production for food He also announced that an

in Dhaka to project the country's tradition of agriculture, its problems, innovations and potentialities to future generations. The agriculture ministry organised the function. The theme of this

agriculture museum will be set up

year's World Food Day is "World Food Security: the Challenges of Climate Change and Bio-energy".

Agriculture Adviser CS Karim presided over the function while FAO representative in Bangladesh Ad Spijkers and Joint Secretary of Agriculture Ministry MA Momen also spoke. Advisers, special assistants, agriculturalists, NGO activists and government officials were present.

The CA told his audience that food security is threatened due to less production of food compared to growing demand of population in various countries and impact of climate change on crops.

"The impact of climate change is visible in our country. Two back-

# Bijoy Sarani link road to open Dec 16

UNB, Dhaka

Bijoy Sarani-Tejgaon link road will open to traffic on December 16 after the removal of Rangs Bhaban, Housing and Public Works Adviser Maj Gen (retd) Golam Quader said yesterday.

The adviser disclosed this while addressing a meeting on Bijoy Sarani road at the Housing and Public Works Ministry.

Qauder said the link road is vital to easing traffic congestion in the city. He directed all concerned to complete the construction work on schedule.

The meeting was told that the road from Tejgaon Industrial Area to Shaheed Tajuddin road is being constructed by Rajuk

## SUST admission tests in Nov

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The admission tests for the first year honours courses under academic year 2008-09 in Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) will beheld on November 29 and 30.

The tests for 'Ka' and 'Ga' units will be held on November 29, and 'Kha' and 'Gha' units on November 30. Application forms will be sold and filled-in forms will be received

from November 3 to 22.

# to-back floods and Cyclone Sidr have done massive loss to our crop production and agriculture sector

as well," he told the function. He said the county has carried out efforts to import food from abroad to meet the food shortages although different rice-exporting countries have stopped exporting

Under this situation, the CA said his government has taken the strategy to increase domestic food production and taken various pragmatic measures to that end.

As a result, thanks to hard labour and courage of the country's peasantry, bumper production of food crops, including rice, wheat and potato, was harvested Later, the CA inaugurated a two-

day agriculture fair at the conference centre.

# 'Reduce DU admission form price'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Pragatishil Chhatra Jote (PCJ), an alliance of left-leaning student organisations, has demanded immediate withdrawal of increased price of admission test form at Dhaka University.

This year the price of each admission form for the first year honours courses has been increased to Tk 300, up from Tk 250, the previous year's price.

Canteen on the campus yesterday.

PCJ leaders said they would not tolerate any move to commercialise higher education by increasing the price of admission form.

They alleged that increasing the price is a conspiracy against students from middle- and lowerclass families to discourage them from enrolling at public universi-

The student leaders also threat-The demand was placed at a ened to launch a tougher move-

press conference at Madhu's ment if their demand goes unheeded.

Before holding the programme, PCJ leaders met DU Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz at his

office and placed their demand. DU unit President of Bangladesh Chhatra Union Golam Kibria Shaheen, DU unit President of Bangladesh Chhatra Federation Lubna Tabassum and General Secretary of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front Biplob Mandol took part in the press conference.



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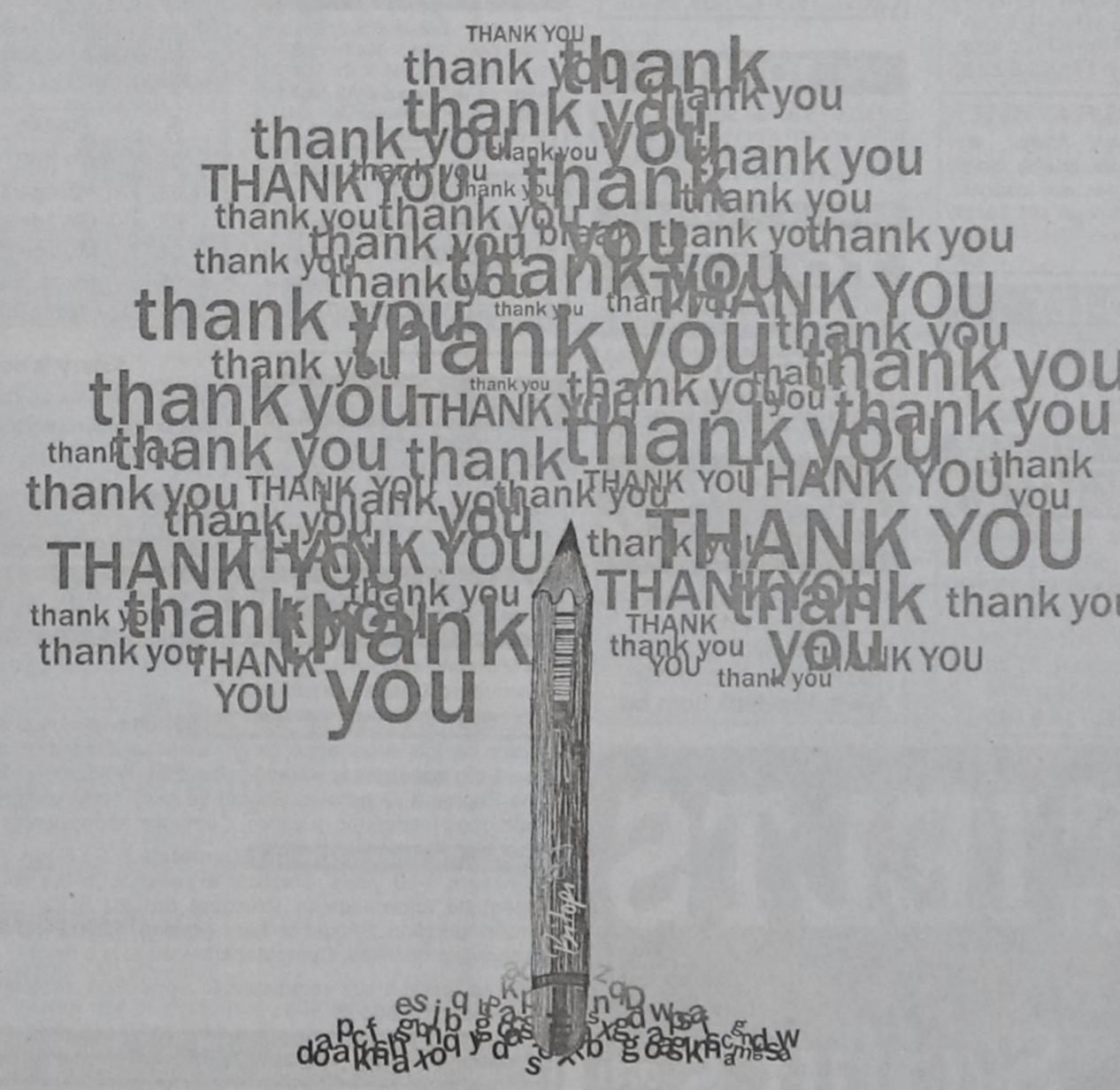
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