(Clockwise from right) Supporters and activists of Awami League throng Paltan Maidan in the city yesterday to join its election rally. Awami League President Sheikh Hasina waves from the dais. Security men keep vigilance during the meeting. Hasina introduces grand alliance candidates contesting the parliamentary elections from Dhaka city. An army man keeps his eyes open as part of beefed up security. (Story on











### 'Do not vote for war criminals'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE), a platform of eleven teachers' organisations, yesterday urged all teachers not to cast vote for war criminals, repressors of women and corrupt candidates in the upcoming national election.

They also called upon the teachers to encourage women their vote for establishing a progressive government.

have become victims due to friendly government through the press conference.

casting vote on December 29," said Prof Quazi Farruque Ahmed, chief coordinator of NFTE, at a press conference at

its office in the city. He also said that the ninth parliamentary election is very much important as country's development, quality education and teachers' progress can only be ensured if progressive political forces come to power.

Teachers who will be polland first time voters to cast ing officers should play a neutral role during the election period for the greater interest Thousands of teachers ofdemocracy, he added.

NFTE leaders M Azizul | programme. repression of BNP-Jamaat Islam, Mosharraf Hossain, alliance leaders and activists. Prof MA Sattar, Mohammad Now time has come to estab- Ali Chowdhury, M Arzu and M lish a education and teacher- Abdur Rashid were present at

## First-ever reunion at BAF Shaheen College held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 5,000 former students of different batches gathered on the BSF Shaheen School and College premises yesterday amid huge enthusiasm and joy in their firstever reunion.

The alumni, who attended the programme with their spouses and children, passed the whole day gossiping with their classmates, seniors and teachers and enjoyed a cultural the familiar playground and five computers were

Inaugurating the reunion,

earned a good image at different national and international levels.

"I believe this trend of its students would be continued," he added. Speaking as the special

guest, Bangladesh Football Federation President Kazi Salahuddin, who was a stuschool, said he is very glad to come to his school and on where he once played a lot.

Air Marshal SM Ziaur Amzad Hossain hoped that the students. Rahman said Shaheen the newly formed ex-Shaheen College has not only become Association Dhaka (ESAD) successful institutionally, would play a positive role for the programme.

but also its students have the betterment of the college. ESAD General secretary

Zia Shamsi said BSF Shaheen School was established in 1960. A total of 5000 students success of the institute and of the schools and college from home and abroad participated in the programme.

Air Commodore M Sanaul Hug, who is also the president of college governing body, hoped that this kind of gathdent of 1970 batch of the ering of new and old exstudents would be continued.

A check for Tk one lakh handed over to the college Principal of the college AM authorities for the welfare of

Brig Gen MM Salehin and ESAD president addressed CANCER RESEARCH INSTT

# Irregularities in Tk 6cr purchase

#### Top official faces departmental action

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

The health ministry has recently taken departmental action against only one official of the National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital (NICRH) six months after the probe committee submitted its report identifying several other officials and staffs involved in corruption at the

The ministry sent a show cause notice to NICRH Director and Project Director Prof Dr AMM Shariful Alam on December 17 on charges of misconduct and corruption.

The one-member probe committee led by Deputy Secretary (hospital) Dr Mohammad Abdul Jalil of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare submitted the report to the ministry on May 29.

The report revealed that corruption in the purchase of computer and software, hospital furniture and office equipment worth about Tk six crore in 2006 caused a huge monetary loss to the government.

The report said the director of the hospital took an initiative to prepare a joint inventory of the items only after the launch of the investigation on

taken any such steps in the last two years before the investiga-

tion started, it added. The report said Prof Dr report, he added. Shariful Alam, former project director and president of Technical Specification Committee (TEC) Dr Farhad Halim, and members of Survey and Receiving Committee were found involved in the irregularities while the store-in-charge and store keepers assisted

The report recommended formulating an inclusive committee to identify the officials responsible and to assess the extent of financial loss.

It also recommended taking legal action against Dr Alam who took charge as the project director on April 23, 2007.

According to the report, Dr AFM Kamal Uddin, registrar, Radiation Oncology, was not directly involved in the process of purchase, but he assisted and influenced the project director in this regard.

The report recommended 5,000 from him. transferring Dr Kamal and Dr Mostofa Aziz Sumon (OSD) of the directorate of health services immediately.

Kamal wondered how the

March 30, 2008. But he had not investigation committee found his involvement in corruption. Even he was not officially informed of the committee

When contacted, Dr Shariful Alam and Deputy Secretary (Hospital) Dr Abdul Jalil declined to make any

#### Four muggers held in Savar

UNB, Savar

comments.

Local people caught four muggers while they were fleeing after robbing off a vegetables trader in Imandipur area here yesterday

The arrested were identified as Azad, Rony, Sohel, and Shohel. Police said five muggers hacked vegetables trader Salam early in the morning while he was going to his business establishment in Genda Bazar, leaving him injured. They took away Tk

Hearing his cry for help, local people rushed in and caught four of them after a hot chase.

Later, they were handed over Talking to The Daily Star, Dr to police after giving them a good beating.



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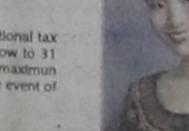


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