



PHOTO: STAR
DU Mass Communication and Journalism Alumni Association takes out a mourning procession on the campus yesterday in memory of Dr Andrew Alok Kumar Dewary.

Ideal School guardians protest fee hike

UNB, Dhaka

Guardians of the students of Ideal School and College yesterday staged demonstration in front of the school gate in Motijheel protesting the raise of session and tuition fees without prior notice.

Earlier at noon, Guardians' Welfare Association of the school and college held a rally where the guardians strongly condemned the school authority's decision of increasing session and tuition fee during the time of high price of essentials.

Terming the decision "totally illogical", they said it would become very difficult for many lower and middle-income group families to spend extra fees for their children at that time.

As the guardians tried to submit a memorandum to the school authority, they closed the school gate.

After an hour, the assistant headmaster received the memorandum from the guardians on behalf of the authority and informed the guardians that a decision would be taken in this regard before January 12.

The school authority fixed this year's session fee at Tk 5,000 from last year's Tk 3,200 while monthly tuition fee at Tk 400 from Tk 300.

Prof Andrew's death irreparable loss

Speakers tell condolence meet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers at a condolence meeting yesterday said the sad demise of Dr Andrew Alok Kumar Dewary caused an irreparable loss to the country's communication and journalism studies.

He will remain immortal in the heart of the people for his benevolence and generosity, they added.

They said this at the meeting at the gallery of arts faculty on the Chittagong University campus seeking divine blessings for the departed soul of the associate professor of Communications and Journalism department.

Chairman of the department Mir Mosharrat Hossain presided over the meeting.

The speakers placed a number of demands, including naming of the seminar library of the department after Dr Andrew Alok Kumar, providing honorarium to his family, appointing a psychiatrist at each university, eliminating complexities regarding teacher's promotion.

Former VC Prof Dr Abu Yusuf Alam, Social Science Faculty Dean Prof Gazi Saleh Uddin, Dr Hossain Kabir, Ali Asgar

Chowdhury, Atiqur Rahman, Shahidul Haque, Morshedul Islam, Abul Kalam Azad and Rawshan Akter Soma spoke.

Earlier, a mourning procession was taken out from in front of the arts faculty that paraded through different faculties.

An eminent columnist Andrew Alok committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling fan at his house at Mirzapur on January 6.

Emdad new executive director of CRP

METRO DESK

Md Emdad Moslem has recently joined as the new executive director of CRP, says a press release.

Prior to his new assignment, he worked as a short-term consultant with CDMP, UNDP, OXFAM, SCE-UK for the last two and half years.

He started his career as a volunteer of Service Civil International (SCI) and later has developed as a community and social development activist.

HOME COMING DAY OF BANGABANDHU

Vow to free Bangladesh from corruption, war criminals

RU CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred teachers, students, officials and employees of Rajshahi University (RU) at a rally yesterday vowed to build a Bangladesh free from poverty, corruption, militancy and war criminals.

The rally was organised jointly by Progressive Teachers Society (PTS) and other student and cultural bodies on the campus to celebrate the historic homecoming day of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Speakers at the meeting also pledged that they will cooperate with the Awami League (AL)-led grand alliance government to root out poverty, corruption, militancy and war criminals from the country.

They termed grand alliance victory in the election a verdict against injustice, corruption, militancy and misrule of the BNP-led four-party alliance government.

They hoped that the new government will work for establishing democracy, good governance and rule of law in the country.

The speakers also urged the government to start the trial of war criminals and execute the verdict of Bangabandhu Murder Case.

They called for remaining alert against the anti-liberation forces as they are hatching fresh conspiracy against AL chief Sheikh Hasina and her new government.

Presided over by Parishad President Prof Mukhlesur Rahman, the rally was addressed by PTS Convener Prof Dr Mozaffar Hossain, former RU vice-chancellor Prof Abdul Khalek, syndicate member Prof Abdus Sobhan, Prof Jalal Uddin, Prof Anando Kumar Saha, Prof Mahabubur Rahman, Prof Fayekuzzaman, Prof Dulal Chandra Biswas, Prof SM Abu Bakkar, Prof Muhammad Nurullah, Prof Shamsuddin Ilias, Prof Dulal Chandra Ray, Prof Golam Sabbir Sattar Tapu, Zannatul Ferdous, Tarek Noor, Hasibul Alam, Anisur Rahman, Mustak Ahmed, SA Haider and Rabiul Islam.

Bangabandhu Parishad, Sammito Sangskritik Jote, RU Debating Society, Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan RU unit, Anusilon Drama Group, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) RU unit and JSD Chhatra League also took part in the rally.

Earlier, a procession was brought out on the campus that paraded different streets demanding punishment to war criminals.

The teachers and the students also placed wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu at the Central Shaheed Minar and stood in solemn silence for a while as a mark of respect for him.

The BCL also celebrated the homecoming day of Bangabandhu at Bangabandhu Hall of RU for the first time since its inauguration in 2003.

JCD leader beaten by Jubo League, BCL men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A ward level leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was beaten with sticks by the activists of ruling party youth and student fronts, leaving him injured in the city's Jatrabari area last night.

The victim was identified as Shamim Mahmud, 25, joint secretary of city's 85 ward committee.

Jatrabari Police Station Officer-in-Charge quoting Shamim told The Daily Star that Jubo League and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists attacked him with sticks in a dispute over construction of a makeshift house in Citypalli area of Jatrabari last night.

Shamim was rushed to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, police said.

Police visited the spot but did not arrest anyone in this connection.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOHK DOTCOM
Terminated journalists and workers of the daily Ittefaq stage a demonstration at Paltan in the city yesterday demanding their reinstatement and payment of salary arrears.

LAND DISPUTE

Madrasa students beat woman, set fire to her microbus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of a madrasa assaulted a woman and set fire to her microbus over a land dispute in the city's Uttarkhan area yesterday evening.

The woman was identified as Nur Afzana of Uttarkhan. Police said she had a dispute over a land with Islam Mission Madrasa in the area for long.

The students of the madrasa set fire to the microbus of Afzana and attacked her and the people accompanied her.

Officer-in-charge SM Alamgir Hossain of Uttarkhan Police Station said the microbus was burnt to ashes.

No case has been filed against the madrasa students for torching the microbus and assaulting the women as of filing of the report at 10:00pm.

Two boys kidnapped

UNB, Savar

An anonymous caller has phoned guardians of two minor children demanding Tk 3 lakh as ransom for release of their sons who were abducted from Singri village at Dhamrai on Friday.

Omi, 5, son of Badaruddin Master, and Nahid alias, Babu, 6, son of Shukur Ali were found missing since Friday noon.

Fathers of the minor boys suspect that Al-Amin, 26, of Khakerhat village in Deviganj upazila of Panchagarh district was behind the kidnap. Al Amin was a domestic help of their brother Safaruddin four years ago.

Al-Amin returned to the village for reason unknown and took the children to a nearby shop at about noon to give them chocolate. Since then they were missing.

Police were informed about the kidnap and the telephone call for ransom with threat of killing the minor children.

Their guardians along with police went to Deviganj yesterday evening to investigate if Al Amin was involved in the kidnapping.

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