BCL men beat

JNU reporter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chhatra League activists at Jagannath University (JNU) yesterday beat up a journalist on the campus severely while

he was collecting news about snatching a mobile phone

Injured Md Mohsin, who is

the JNU reporter of news

agency BSS and also a student

of Geography department,

was admitted to nearby

Kotwali Police Station accus-

ing around 20 BCL cadres in

Journalists' Association also

filed a general diary with the

police station seeking the

authorities formed a two-

member committee to probe

Meanwhile, the JNU

security of its members.

A case was filed with

Jagannath University

from a student.

Sumona Clinic.

this connection.

# Rights issues for women with disabilities absent in law

Speakers tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion on the occasion of the International Women's Day said the rights issues of the women with disabilities are absent in both the Bangladesh Disability Welfare Act 2001 and the National Policy

SHAFIQUE'S HOLDING **OF TWO POSTS** 

## Hearing resumes today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday adjourned until 2:00pm today the hearing on a writ petition challenging the legality of Law Minister Barrister Shafique Ahmed's holding the posts of the minister and of a member of Bangladesh Bar Council at a time.

As the petitioner's counsel Advocate ABM Nurul Islam started submission on the petition, the HC bench of Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Quamrul Islam Siddiqui said the court will hear submission from the attorneygeneral on the matter.

Nurul Islam on March 5 filed the writ petition praying for issuing a rule upon the law minister and two others concerned to show cause as to why their non-recognition and noninvitation to him (petitioner) as a member of the Bar Council following the Shafique Ahmed's assumption of the office of the ministry should not be declared

Two other respondents are Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, ex-officio chairman o Bar Council, and its secretary.

We are looking for you,

for People with Disabilities 1995. Prevention of Women and Child Repression Act 2000, amended in 2003, also has no

provision to fight discrimination against the women with disabilities, who remain one of the most vulnerable groups in the society.

National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) organised the discussion at the TSC road island on the Dhaka University campus yesterday. A 12-point demand aiming to end all discriminations against the women with disabilities was announced at the programme.

Activists working with the disabilities at the programme also called for immediate revision of the existing laws and policies for the persons with

stop service in police stations and hospitals, establishing special schools, increasing residential facilities at educational institutions, quota in

employment, disabled people friendly transport system and other infrastructures, and announcement of a national day exclusively for the women with disabilities.

Rights activist Mahua Paul, a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 said, "Women in general face discrimination in society, but women with disabilities remain marginalised of the marginalised."

"They remain in a cycle of discrimination. Firstly, as women, then as disabled persons and they also remain poverty stricken largely because of their condition", she added.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique speaking as the chief guest on the occasion said, "Women with disabilities have the ability to rise above all the The 12-point demand also odds and step ahead. All they includes establishment of one- need is proper opportunity and support.

While Ferdous Akhter, general secretary of the Association for the Hearing and Speech Impaired Persons, said, "Facili-

9th convocation

The 9th convocation o

American International

University-Bangladesh (AIUB)

will be held at the Bangladesh-

China Friendship Convention

Centre in the city today, says a

also chancellor of the univer-

and Vice Chancellor Dr

Carmen Z Lamagna will deliver

will receive their certificates.

sity, will preside over the

President Zillur Rahman,

of AIUB today

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press release.

their speeches.

Jeane Lona, spouse of Australian High Commissioner Dr Justin

Lee, hands over a cheque for Tk 3.2 million to ASF Hospital

Executive Director Munira Rahman in the city yesterday.

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ties in education for the women with disabilities is very little. But education is the best way to include them in the mainstream.

The programme concluded with a cultural function performed by members of various organisations working for the people with disabilities.

Rasheda K Chowdhury, former adviser to a caretaker government, Jahurul Alam, president of the NFOWD, Farida Yasmin, senior vice-president, Women with Disability Thematic Group of the NFOWD, Nazran Yasmin Hira, programme officer of Manusher Jonno Foundation, Rabeya Sultana, sector head of rights and social justice sector of ActionAid Bangladesh, among others, were present on the occasion.

## Australian help to reintegrate acid survivors into society

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Australian High Commi-ssioner Dr Justin Lee and his spouse Jeane Lona yesterday visited Acid Survivors' Foundation (ASF) Hospital in the city and handed over a cheque for Tk 32 lakh to help acid survivors reintegrate into society and achieve economic independence, says a press release.

The visit coincided with International Women's Day. There are currently around 3,000 recorded acid attack survivors in the country with women making upmore than two-thirds.

While efforts to reduce attacks have had some success, there are still estimated to be around 150 attacks every year.

During his visit, Dr Lee said: "The promotion and protection of human rights and gender rights are important principles underlying Australia's cooperation with Bangladesh. The work of Acid Survivors' Foundation is consistent with these goals, and I am very pleased Australia can assist ASF and the people it helps."

The high commissioner and his spouse spoke with acid survivors at the ASF hospital and training centre where ASF Executive Director Munira Rahman gave them a briefing.

The foundation was formed with an aim to help acid survivors rebuild their lives and to stop acid violence by 2015. It provides a programme and confer comprehensive service to help meet medical, legal, social and and assist their rehabilitation.

was provided under the Australian government's Human Rights Small Grants Scheme 2008-09.

## Dhaka Ainjibi Samity executives

Md Mokhlesur Rahman and Gazi Md Shah Alam were

elected president and general secretary of the executive committee of Dhaka Ainjibi Samity, says a press release.

The election was held at the auditorium of the Samity in the ity yesterday.

## Scout movement to help build prosperous country

Hopes president

Scout leaders pose for photograph with President and Chief Scout of Bangladesh Zillur Rahman

UNB, Dhaka

Two deputy attorneys general (DAGs) appointed by the previous BNP-Jamaat coalition government and immediate past caretaker government were terminated from their services.

The terminated DAGs are Joynul Abedin Tuhin and Mozammel Haque.

at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

Two DAGs

terminated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Attorney General's (AG) office sources said Tuhin was appointed by the BNP-Jamaat coalition government and Mozammel by the caretaker government

President Zillur Rahman vesterday issued the dismissal orders. But, it was not immediately known what were the reasons behind their termina-

The sources, however, said the attorneys were dismissed since they did not resign from their offices after the new government took over.

## Letterboxes placed at gates of BDR HQs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) authorities yesterday placed letterboxes at all the gates of BDR headquarters to facilitate communications between BDR members and their family members and relatives. The authorities took the

initiative as hundreds of spouses of around 7,000 BDR personnel had been gathering at the gates everyday to know about their (BDR men) condi-Meanwhile, BDR Director

General Brig Gen Moinul Hossain met the spouses, relatives and family members of the BDR men at the gates.

Brig Gen Moinul urged them to help reveal the fact about the carnage at Pilkhana on February 25.

## Saarc film festival in Abu Dhabi

Bangladesh embassy along with other Saarc embassies in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) organised the first-ever 'Saarc Film Festival' in Abu Dhabi on March 7, says a press release.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony at Abu Dhabi Authority of Culture and Heritage, Ambassador Md Nazmul Quaunine said, "Bangladesh has a rich cultural heritage."

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President Zillur Rahman yesterday hoped that the scout movement would act as a supplementary force in achieving the 'Vision-2021' to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

"Today's youth is the future leaders of the nation. I think youth can play a role in socio-economic development of the country in future, if they are groomed with the

Scout of Bangladesh at Bangabhaban. Chief National Commissioner of Scout Abul Kalam Azad administered the oath and adorned the president with a scout scarf at a

principle of scouting," he said

after taking oath as the Chief

simple ceremony. Zillur expressed his happiness for becoming chief scout of the country and hoped that Bangladesh Scout would play a more responsible role imbued with the spirit of change to build the youth as worthy citizens by increasing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yester-

day issued a rule upon the

government to explain why its

failure to appoint Md Abdul

Wahab, a former additional

HC judge, as a regular judge of

the court despite the then

Chief Justice's positive recom-

mendation should not be

by Abdul Wahab who lost his

job about 23 years ago, the HC

bench of Justice Nazmun Ara

Sultana and Justice Md Rezaul

Haque also asked the govern-

ment to show cause why

Abdul Wahab should not be

judge since the date of non-

justice and parliamentary

affairs ministry has been

asked to reply the rule within

The then military govern-

The secretary of the law,

confirmation of his service.

Upon a writ petition filed

declared illegal.

three weeks.

its activities.

He was happy to know that Bangladesh Scout has become the fifth largest scout-member country in the world scout organisation.

The president also assured his cooperation and support to the scout movement in Bangladesh.

Azad congratulated the president for becoming the Chief Scout of Bangladesh.

Earlier, one minute's silence was observed at the function in memory of the slain army officers and others brutally killed at the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) headquarters on February 25 and 26.

Acting Secretary General of World Organisation of the Scout Movement LUC Panissod, members of the advisory council of Bangladesh Scout and high civil and military officials of Bangabhabn were present on the occasion.

Later, Panissod paid a courtesy call on President

ment of General HM Ershad

appointed Abdul Wahab as

additional judge of the HC on

May 29, 1984 for two years but

his appointment was not

confirmed after the comple-

petition with the HC on

February 15 this year to

declare illegal the then gov-

ernment's action of not con-

firming his service and to

reinstate him. Hearing of the

Amir-Ul Islam argued that his

client filed the petition for

getting back his dignity, not for

any tangible facilities, since he

nothing to get now, he said.

His counsel barrister M

petition was held yesterday.

Abdul Wahab filed the writ

tion of the two-year period.

FAILURE TO APPOINT WAHAB AS JUDGE

HC asks govt to explain

considered as a confirmed has to cope with the stigma of

losing his job.

government.

### Contacted, the proctor told The Daily Star, "The culprits beat up Mohsin mercilessly and he tried to save the victim."

"I am hopeful that all the culprits would be identified and punitive measures would be taken against them."

Meanwhile, Dhaka University Journalists' Association (Duja) condemned the attack on Mohsin by Chhatra League activists, says a press release.

### **ECCOWA** condoles death of army officers

Ex Cadet College Officers' Welfare Association (ECCOWA) organin the BDR massacre.

mahfil, says a press release Speakers at the meeting at the

Old Faujians' Association (OFA) office at Mohakhali DOHS in the city expressed deep shock at the death of the army officers and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

faculty members had lost their sons or sons-in-law while the teachers lost many of their students, they said.

cadet colleges Brig Gen (retd) Bashirul Anam, Col (retd) Abdul Aziz Molla, Mofazzal Hossain. Abdul Mazid Mondol, Nurul Hoque, Rais Uddin, Masud Hasan, Golam Kibria Mallik and

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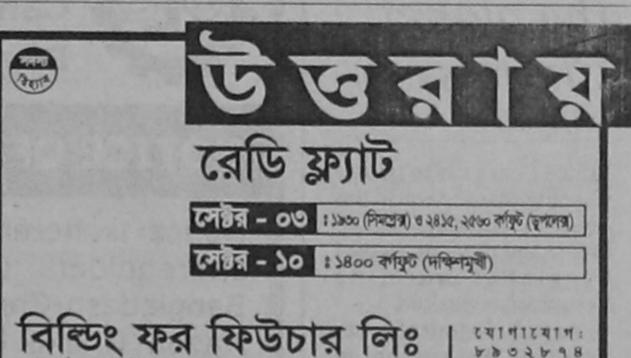
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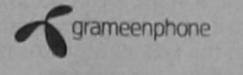
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#### the incident. Campus sources said BCL cadres, including Roni, Sanjib, Jalal, Limon, Shahdat and Monir, swooped on Mohsin at around 11:30am when he went to collect information about the snatching of a mobile from Moni, a student

of the same department. Witnesses said JNU Proctor Dr Kazi Asaduzzaman also received injuries when he went to save the Mohsin.

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ised a condolence meeting on Saturday in memory of the army officers who were brutally killed The condolence meeting was

followed by milad and doa

A number of the former

Former principals of different

He has already been above the retirement age and has Additional Attorney General M Enayetur Rahim was present on behalf of the many others were present.