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Students of Birshrestha Noor Mohammad Rifles Public School and College come out of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) headquarters after attending classes yesterday. The school, which had been closed since the BDR mutiny, reopened yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

5 JCD men hurt in BCL attack in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Five activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were injured as Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists attacked and foiled a JCD programme at Government Sayed Hatem Ali College in Barisal yesterday.

The injured were identified as Saiful Islam Sujon, Marnun, Shamim Reza, Zamal, and Liton. They were treated in different hospitals and clinics in the city.

JCD activists brought out a procession on the college campus protesting cancellation of lease of BNP Chairperson Begum Zia's residence. The BCL activists chased the JCD activists and foiled their programme.

Mainul Islam, a BCL leader, told The Daily Star that when general students were forced to join the JCD procession, they protested and chased the JCD cadres out of the campus.



PHOTO: STAR  
A student of Fine Art Institute gives finishing touches to a mask at the institute on the Dhaka University campus yesterday. Like every year, the students are taking preparations to arrange a colourful procession to welcome the Bangla New Year on Tuesday.

All closed mills to be reopened Says Monnujan

UNB, Saitkhira

State Minister for Labour and Employment Monnujan Sufian assured that all the closed mills and factories in the country would be reopened in a reversal of the policy prescribed by donor agencies and pursued by previous regimes.

She spoke of the new government's move at a meeting of workers organised by Sramik League, the labour wing of the ruling Awami League, at the poura auditorium here yesterday.

"The profitable mills and factories were first denationalised during the regime of late president Ziaur Rahman, turning those into non-profitable concerns. In continuity of the policy, mills and factories were shut down one after another, rendering thousands of workers jobless," she told her audience.

The state minister also deplored that Khaleda Zia "formed alliance with war criminals and patronised them as she doesn't support the War of Liberation".

She alerted all against "the misdeeds of anti-liberation forces".

Sramik League district unit President Saiful Karim, lawmakers Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and MA Jabbar also addressed the meeting.



Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

There are chances of rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind over Sylhet division and the regions of Tangail and Mymensingh, Met Office said.

Mild to moderate heat wave may sweep over Khulna division and regions of Barisal, Patuakhali, Faridpur, Rajshahi and Ishwardi.

Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degrees Celsius over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:19pm today and rises at 5:39am tomorrow.

Highest temperature 37.6 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 18.8 degrees Celsius at Dinajpur.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	35.4	25.6	56	30
Chittagong	33.0	25.0	71	65
Rajshahi	36.6	20.8	34	29
Khulna	36.2	24.5	88	50
Barisal	35.8	24.3	75	52
Sylhet	32.0	21.2	83	62
Cox's Bazar	34.5	24.5	73	73

Save Tamanna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Tamanna Akter, a minor girl of 5, has been suffering from blood cancer, and is undergoing

treatment at bed no 5, ward no 303 of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital in the city.

According to her doctors, there is a possibility of her recovery if necessary treatment could be provided to her.

But it is not possible for her father Md Zahidul Haq, who is a small jobholder, to bear the cost of her expensive treatment.

So he has appealed to well-to-do people of the society for financial assistance to save the life of her daughter.

Contributions can be sent to Md Zahidul Haq, SB Account No 22170637, The City Bank Ltd, Principal Office, Dhaka.

Interested persons can also contact him at cell phone no 01726855694.

TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

Int'l organisations to observe trial process Says minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several international organisations have been invited to Bangladesh only to observe the process of trial of war criminals, not to conduct the trial, Planning Minister AK Khandker said yesterday.

The international organisations will observe whether the trial is being held in a transparent way, he said at a view exchange meeting with the students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) at its auditorium.

AK Khandker, also the chairman of Sector Commanders' Forum (SCF),

said those who undermined the Liberation War by terming it 'civil war' should be arrested on sedition charges.

He said, "Anybody having records of war crimes must stand trial even if they join Awami League hiding their past."

He also said, "I don't know how long it will take to complete the trial process, but I am sure the war criminals must be tried in this soil."

The trial is a must for establishing justice in the country, he added.

He said prosecutors, judges and investigators would be appointed from the pro-liberation forces.

Replying to a question

about the demolition of a sculpture of former president and Sector Commander Ziaur Rahman at Mujibnagar museum in Meherpur, the minister said there should have been sculptures of all the sector commanders, not of any single sector commander.

Former army chief and Chief Coordinator of SCF Lt Gen (ret'd) Harun-ur-Rashid, Sector Commander KM Shafiullah, Col (ret'd) Nurunnabi Khan also shared their experiences with the students at the meeting presided over by Buet Vice Chancellor Prof AMM Shafiqullah. The meeting was jointly organised by SCF and Buet.

DHAKA TODAY

Roundtable

Brac University and TIB jointly organise a roundtable on 'Save lives, make hospitals safe in emergencies' marking the World Health Day. Venue: Aarong House, Brac University. Time: 3:30pm.

Drama festival

The inaugural ceremony of International French Drama Festival 2009 will be held. Venue: Shilpakala Academy. Time: 6:00pm.

Seminar

Karmojibi Nari and Manusher Jonno Foundation jointly organise a seminar on agricultural labour laws. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 9:30am.

Photo exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a photo exhibition and competition will be held. Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association organises the event. Venue: Association's auditorium. Time: 11:00am.




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