

Body found
in N'ganjOUR CORRESPONDENT,
N'ganj

Police recovered the body of a youth from Panchabati BSIC industrial area in Narayanganj early yesterday.

The dead was identified as Sentu Mia, 26, son of late Gias Uddin of Fatullah.

Police suspected that he might have been killed as a sequel to previous feud with a tea stall owner in the area. His chest and throat were thrashed with bricks.

Police said few days back Sentu locked into a quarrel with tea stall owner Rakib and Ashik on a trifle matter.



A devotee offers prayers at Kamalapur Bouddha Bihar in the city yesterday on the occasion of Buddha Purnima.

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President hosts
reception to
Buddhists

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday hosted a reception to the members of the Buddhist community at Bangabhaban on the occasion of their greatest religious festival, Buddha Purnima.

But he rounded off the function halfway as soon as he received the news of death of noted nuclear scientist Dr Wazed Miah, husband of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Earlier, the President welcomed members of the Buddhist community. He also exchanged pleasantries with them and wished them a happy and prosperous future.

Industries Minister Dilip Barua and Religious Affairs Minister Advocate Mohammad Shahjahan Mia were present on the occasion.

Ambassadors and High Commissioners, belonging to the Buddhist community, of different countries, Buddhist religious leaders, including Ven Dharma Mitra Mahathero and Ananda Mitra Bhikkhu, and other professionals were present at the reception.

'Introduce unitrack
education system'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called on the government to introduce unitrack education system up to class eight in line with the Kudrat-e-Khuda Education Commission report.

They also called for allocation of at least five percent of Gross Domestic Products (GDP) for the education sector and steps to monitor whether the budget is being used properly.

The speakers also said the government should provide free education up to class eight under the unitrack system.

Sammito Samajik Andolon organised the discussion at the Liberation War

Museum auditorium in the city.

Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon MP said a comprehensive policy should be formulated for the unitrack system to eliminate discrimination in the education sector.

The government is also planning to have more control over Qaumi Madrasas, he said, adding that "But all decisions related to education would be taken on the basis of the report of Education Policy Formulation Committee."

Principal MA Awwal Siddiqui, member of the committee and president of Bangladesh Shikkhak Samity, said, "If we can submit the report in time, the new education policy might be imple-

mented by next year.

The government should also take the responsibility to ensure education for all, especially the poor, he said.

Human rights activist Dr Hameeda Hossain stressed the need to specify the medium of teaching -- whether it will be English or Bangla -- under the unitrack system.

Dr Syed Anwar Hossain expressed doubts about the activities of the Education Policy Formulation Committee, saying that most members of the committee were selected on political consideration.

Syed Jahangir presented the keynote paper at the discussion presided over by Prof Ajoy Roy.

'Save
Buriganga,
Shitalakkha'OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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Nirveek, an organisation works on environment, held a boat rally and formed a human chain on the bank of Shitalakkha at Hajiganj Ghat in Narayanganj yesterday to press home its demand to save Buriganga and Shitalakkha river.

Cross section of people joined the human chain held at the west side of Shitalakkha River.

ATM Kamal, Faruk Ahmed, Sibah Siddiqui, and Delwar Hossain, among others, spoke at the programme.

Later, a boat rally was held in the Shitalakkha river that ended at Barafkal Ghat.

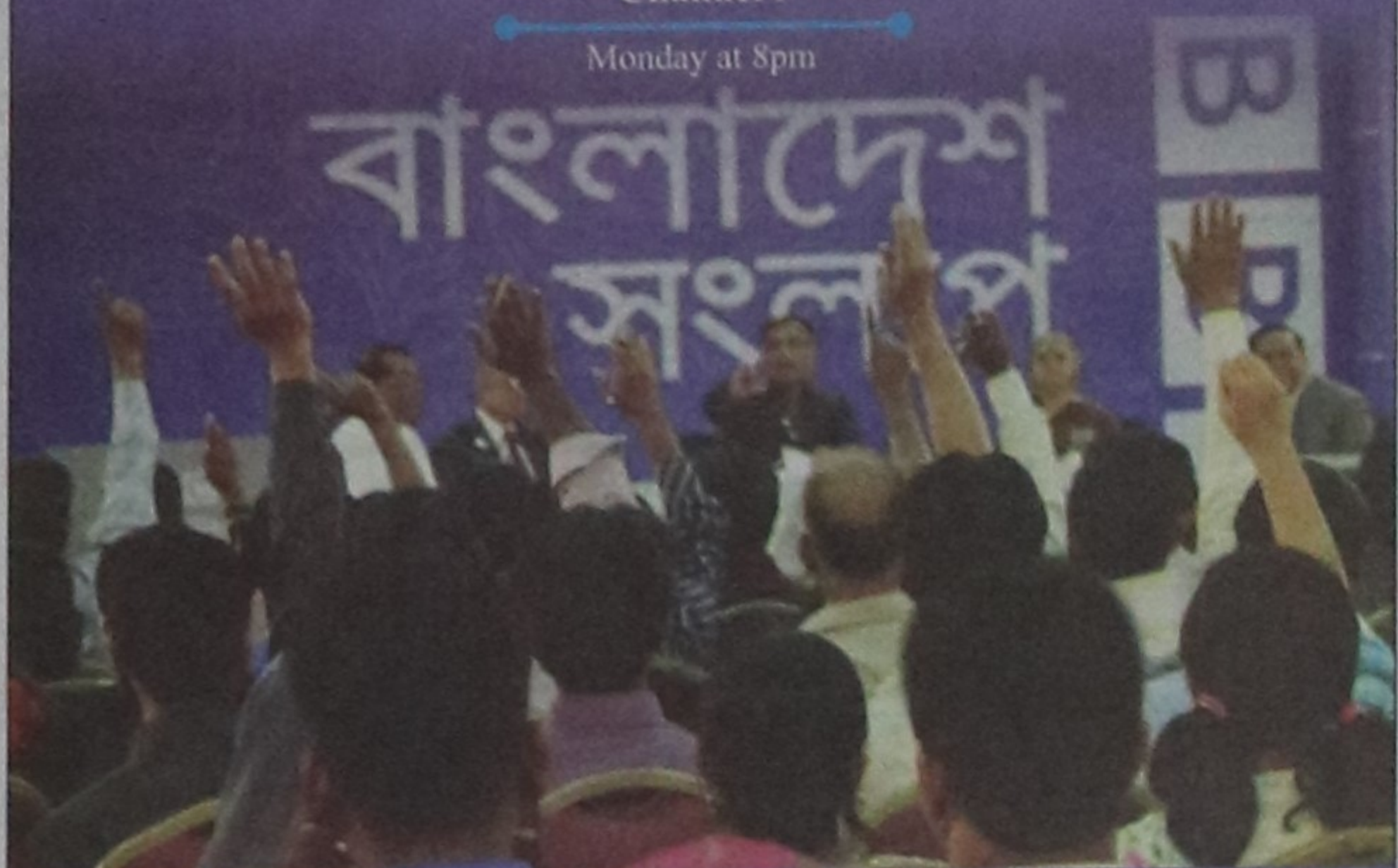
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