

# Campus anarchy won't be tolerated

Says PM's adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Adviser to the Prime Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr Syed Modasser Ali yesterday said the government would not tolerate any anarchy in the educational institutes anymore. "Violence in the name of Chhatra League where most of the chaos occurred due to infiltrators to the party will not be tolerated any more. If anybody resorts to anarchy he will be punished sternly," he said.

While addressing the international symposium on 'Liver transplantation' as the chief guest at Shaheed Dr Milton Hall at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), he said the government will show zero tolerance to recruitment business, crime and irregularities in all the educational institutions, including medical institutes.

Association for the Study of the Liver, Dhaka, Viral Hepatitis

Foundation Bangladesh and Columbia Asia jointly organised the symposium.

He said all kinds of logistics support will be given for liver transplantation at the BSMMU. The experts at the symposium talked on need for liver transplantation, its status in developing countries like Bangladesh and the BSMMU perspective.

Dr Sanjay Govil and Dr Naresh Bhat of Columbia Asia Hospital, India and Prof Dr Salimur Rahman and Prof Zulfikar Rahman Khan of BSMMU presented scientific papers on liver transplantation.

Dr Badiuzzaman Bhuiyan Dablu, health and population affairs secretary of Bangladesh Awami League, Prof Mahmud Hasan, president of Bangladesh Medical Association, Prof Dr Sharfuddin Ahmed, secretary general and Vice Chancellor of BSMMU Pran Gopal Datta were present at the programme.



Students of Uttar Badda Islamia Kamil Madrasa pose with US Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Judith A. McHale during her visit to the institution at Gulshan in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 2)

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# Put an end to child marriage

Speakers tell conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Disadvantaged Adolescents Working NGOs (DAWN) Forum held a conference of adolescent boys and girls in the city with a call to put an end to child marriage.

Dr Mahbuba Nasrin presented the keynote paper at the conference held at the Shishu Academy Auditorium on Saturday.

Quoting a survey, the speakers at the conference said that about 78 percent of girls in Bangladesh are married off before they reach 18.

There is a strong link between early marriage and high mortality rate of young mothers, they said, adding that early marriage is also a key obstacle to women's empow-

erment.

The speakers also said about one third of teenage girls aged between 15 and 19 have already given birth or become pregnant.

They underscored the need to ensure birth registration of children as a measure to prevent child marriage.

Prof Latifa Akand, Ayesha Khanam, president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, journalist Shah Alamgir and Gulshan Ara Chowdhury and Kazi Baby, president and secretary general of DAWN Forum respectively, spoke at the conference.

Later, young boys and girls presented a cultural programme about the negative effects of early marriage.

# Army deploys new contingent at UN mission in Sudan

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Army has deployed a new contingent of 175 personnel at UN Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan (UNIMIS).

Members of the contingent, BANBAT-4, led by Major Jahangir Hossain of Artillery, left for Sudan on Sunday night by a UN chartered flight, said an ISPR release.

Bangladesh Army contingents have been deployed at UN Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan since 2005. Now eight contingents of Bangladesh Army are working there, the release added.

They have gained confidence of the Sudanese government and people in mitigating conflicts by discharging their duties with efficiency, professionalism and sincerity.

# Abubakar's death: Police intercept protest

DU CORRESPONDENT

Police obstructed the leaders and workers of Anti-imperialism Students' Unity burning the effigies of Home Minister Sahara Khatun and Dhaka University Proctor Dr KM Saiful Islam Khan on campus yesterday.

Policemen snatched the effigies from the agitating students who were demonstrating against the home minister's remark on the death of Abubakar Siddique, a student of the university's Islamic History and Culture department and proctor's role during the incident in which Abubakar died.

With a protest procession, around a hundred leaders and workers of the organisation reached the Aparajeyo Bangla at around 12:30pm.

At one stage of burning the effigies, the

angry students engaged in an altercation with policemen.

Talking to the reporters, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Ramna Police Station Nurul Islam said burning the home minister's effigy was unacceptable as it is an important post of the state.

He said police would not obstruct students holding peaceful protest programmes.

Earlier at 11:00am, the anti-repression students' forum formed a human chain in front of Arts Building with placards and a banner.

The Progotishil Chhatra Jote, an alliance of left-leaning student bodies also brought out a procession and held a protest rally on the campus.

A group of students of mathematics department brought out a silent procession

and formed a human chain near the Central Shaheed Minar area.

They demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for the death of Abubakar and proper financial aid to his family.

They also demanded resignation of proctor as policemen entered into the hall during Chhatra League's clash and assaulted many general students.

Meanwhile, the probe committee -- formed on the death of Abubakar -- took interviews of some students of the hall yesterday and sat in a meeting in the evening.

Abubakar, a third year student of the university, died on February 3 after receiving severe injuries during a factional clash of Bangladesh Chhatra League at Sir AF Rahman Hall.

# BTRC show cause on Citycell

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission yesterday issued a show cause notice upon Citycell asking the mobile phone operator to explain as to why it was selling unauthorised connections.

The BTRC took the step following threat issued to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her nephew lawmaker Fazle Noor Taposh from Citycell numbers recently.

"We have found at least 26 unauthorised RUIIM [removable

user identity module] cards," said BTRC Chairman Zia Ahmed, adding that some of the connections have been found to be used in illegal and criminal activities.

Citycell has to respond within 30 days, the chairman said.

He also said the commission will examine the connection selling process of all operators in the country.

Following threats made from Citycell numbers, Rab and BTRC in a joint drive arrested three mobile phone distributors-- Lokman Hossain, Rafiqul Islam alias Miraj, Shafiqul Islam alias Ranju-- in Dhaka Thursday.

# Navy's sea exercise ends with successful missile launch

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Navy's annual sea exercise concluded with successful missile launch in the Bay of Bengal yesterday.

Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Major General (Retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique observed the final day's exercise from onboard Navy's modern ship, BNS Bangabandhu.

Earlier, Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Z U Ahmed welcomed the defence adviser on his arrival in Chittagong, said an ISPR press release.

Maximum BN ships including frigates, offshore patrol vessels (OPV), mine-sweepers, patrol boats, missile boats, gun boats, torpedo boats and fighter aircrafts of Bangladesh Air Force took part in this sea exercise.

Some units of Bangladesh Army took part in the exercise in the coastal areas of Chittagong and Khulna. Besides, about 14 maritime agencies from seven ministries took part indirectly in this year's exercise.

The mentionable side of this four-phase exercise was navy fleet's tactical maneuver, Monitoring activities at sea, search & rescue operation, logistic operation, landing operation and defence of naval installations in coastal areas.

The main focus of this exercise was to ensure sovereignty of the country, protection of marine resources, protection of Sea Line of Communication (SLOC) including anti-smuggling, anti-piracy, protection against sea pollution, protection of biodiversity in coastal areas and ensuring security at sea. Important events of the final day exercise were missile launch from navy ship, anti-submarine socket launch, anti-aircraft gunfire and various tactics of naval warfare.

The chief guest conveyed thanks to all participating officers and sailors in his speech to navy personnel of Chittagong on completion of the successful exercise.

He highly praised navy personnel for their high professional skill, efficiency and dedication. He remembered the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and mentioned that Bangladesh has come to this stage under his strong leadership and direction.

He also spoke on government's various activities for the over all development of the Navy and its entrance into three dimension.



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# Fair probe into death of Jasas leader demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders yesterday demanded an impartial investigation into the death of Amirul Islam Mintu, a leader of the Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (Jasas), in police custody and trial of the persons responsible for his death.

They also threatened to wage a tough movement if any more party men dies in the hands of law enforcement agencies.

The government is using the law enforcement agencies to repress the opposition, said Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor and BNP leader Sadeque Hossain Khoka at a protest rally organised by the BNP Ramna thana unit in front of the party's central office in the city.

The law enforcement agencies are engaged in harassing and torturing the opposition party men rather than ensuring security of the people, he added.

Khoka also called upon the party leaders and activists to remain united to strengthen the party's organisational base in order to launch tougher movement.

Abdus Salam, former general secretary of Dhaka city BNP, said Awami League is hatching a conspiracy to destroy BNP through harassing and killing BNP leaders and activists.

Ramna thana BNP president Chowdhury Alam and general secretary Nani Talukder and Dhaka city Jasas vice-president Faizullah Faiz also spoke.

# Summerfield celebrates 36th anniversary

METRO DESK

The Summerfield International School has celebrated its 36th anniversary recently with two-day programmes, including science fair, art competition, cultural activities and Summerfield Debating Championship, says a press release.

Maple Leaf International School won the debating championship and Scholastica became the runner-up.

The other participating institutions were European Standard school, Dhanmondi Tutorial, Universal Tutorial, Manarat International, Rajuk Uttara Model College, Academia, Summerfield, Aga Khan School, Bangladesh International Tutorial and Oxford.

On the closing day, Summerfield Principal Anjum Hossain and Chairman of Debate for Democracy Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron distributed prizes among the winners.