

PUNISHMENT TO 15 STUDENTS

Hajee Danesh university shut in face of agitation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) was closed yesterday evening in face of continuous protest by students against the punishment of 15 students.

The university will remain closed till 8 July. The HSTU authorities yesterday urged the students to vacate the residential halls of the university within 10:00am today. Protesting the closure of the university, the students again gathered at the university administrative building and confined about 12 teachers including the vice chancellor and the registrar.

Till filing of this report yesterday evening, the students were continuing demonstration on the campus. Earlier, the educational activities at HSTU came to a halt as the students launched non-stop agitation.

The HSTU authorities punished 15 students of the university on Thursday on charge of violating the academic discipline.

Of them, one student was fined Tk 6000, nine students temporarily expelled and fined Tk 5,000 each and scholarships of five students

were cancelled. On Sunday, the students, in a letter, urged the HSTU authorities to cancel the punishment decision but to no effect.

The next day, the students held a press conference at Dinaipur press club and announced tougher programme to realise their demands.

Yesterday morning, the

students started boycotting the classes for indefinite period.

They also threatened to go for fast unto death from this morning to realise their demand.

They were also supposed to observe a daylong hartal at HSTU today.

Sources said, the students of different faculties yesterday brought out a protest

procession on the university campus chanting slogans against the decision.

Later the agitating students besieged the administrative building of the university and observed a sit-in in front of the building.

No classes were held yesterday and a large number of police was deployed at HSTU to avert any untoward incident.



PHOTO: STAR

Students of Hajee Danesh University of Science and Technology stage a sit-in in front of the administrative building yesterday demanding cancellation of the decision to punish 15 students.

KIBRIA KILLING CASE

CID fails again to submit report on further probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal Judge of Sylhet yesterday deferred the date for filing the report of the 'further investigation' in Kibria killing case to July 5. The decision came as the Special Public Prosecutor, Kishore Kumar Kar prayed for time extension again, stating the CID could not finish the job and they need more time for it.

It was the 34th time that the date for filing the report has been deferred, court sources informed.

The CID failed to file the 'further investigation report' during the last 40 months. The then Investigation officer of the case Senior ASP of CID Munshi Atiqur Rahman, through a petition, informed the Sylhet divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal about necessity of the 'further investigation' on March 7, 2007.

Munshi went into retirement after a few months and ASP Md Rafiqul Islam was given the task.

Former Finance minister SAMS Kibria, his nephew advocate Shah Manzurul Huda, local AL leaders Abdur Rahim, Abul Hossain and Siddique Ali were killed in a

grenade attack at Baiderbazar of Habiganj Sadar upazila on January 27, 2005.

CID's much talked about officer Senior ASP Munshi Atique filed charge sheet in the case on March 20 that year against 10.

Of the accused, eight were arrested while two are still absconding. The eight, including Habiganj district BNP vice-president Abdul Quaiyum came out of jail on bail after three years and claimed themselves innocent. Later, the CID started further investigation.

Rab on March 8, 2010 arrested alleged Hujji operative Mizanur Rahman Mithu, who gave confessional statement before judicial magistrate in Habiganj the following day. The CID then remanded the former state minister for home affairs Luthfuzzaman Babar in connection with the same case.

CID ASP Rafiqul Islam, Investigation Officer of the case told this correspondent that they need some more time to submit supplementary charge sheet as 'further investigation' was still going on. He, however, hoped that the job would be completed soon.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS



PHOTO: STAR

Third and fourth class employees of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology form a human chain on the campus yesterday demanding implementation of 'gradation and selection' policy.

Ruet staff threaten strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Employees of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) on Monday threatened to go on indefinite strike from July 4 protesting non-implementation of gradation and selection policy. The Ruet employees submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor and Registrar in this regard. Ruet Employees Association president Shahnewaz Sarker said they will wear back badges on June 29 and observe a day-strike on June 30, hold protests on July 1 to press their demands. He said the employees are being deprived of increased salaries and other facilities approved by the present government as the gradation and selection policy is not implemented at the university.

Young man gets life

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A youth was sentenced to life term rigorous imprisonment on Monday for killing a saloon owner. Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Nuruzzaman in his verdict also fined him Tk. 10 thousand, in default, to suffer one more year in jail. The convict was identified as Ripon Rabi Das, 27, of Katakhalia area of the town. Investigation officer of the case Kripa Sindhu Bala said Ripon, a Saloon staff stabbed the shop owner Biren Shil, 40, to death following a feud on January 2008 at Muktapur Ferry Ghat area under Sadar upazila.

Snake poison seized

UNB, Chuadanga

Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) personnel arrested two smugglers along with snake poison worth about Tk 1 crore at Aramdanga village in Damurhuda upazila on Monday noon. The arrestees are Munsar, 55, son of Gulzar Hossain of Routanagdhapara of Faridpur upazila of Pabna district and Nur Alam, 43, of Thakurpur village of Sadar upazila of the district. Being tipped off that a gang of smugglers were staying in the house of one M Goni of the village a team of Rab-6 conducted a drive there and arrested the two smugglers. Searching their bodies the law enforcers recovered six bottles of snake poison.

Three held with arms

UNB, Laxmipur

Police arrested two criminals along with arms from the house of a local Awami League leader at Korpara village in Ramganj upazila on Sunday evening. The arrestees are Abul Kalam Delu, 42, son of Mamtaz Miah and Billal Hossain, 32, son of Mamtaz Hossain of the same village. Acting on secret information, police raided the house of Korpara union AL president Majibul Haq and arrested the two men along with one Japan made pistol and one bullet. Another report from Chittagong add: police arrested a criminal at Paindang in Fatikchhari upazila in the district on the same day night and recovered arms. Police arrested Shahidul Alam from Paindang area and according to his statement they seized three guns and five bullets from Samur Dighi area of the upazila.

Body recovered

UNB, Narayanganj

Body of a young girl was recovered from behind Shaheed Zia Hall auditorium at Chashara of the town on Monday noon. The identity of the girl, aged about 25, could not be known immediately. Being informed by locals, Fatullah police recovered the body from behind the auditorium and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. Police suspected that she might have been strangled to death.

Rab recovers heroin

UNB, Barisal

A team of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered 1.10 kg heroin from a bus at Goalanda bus stand here on Saturday night. Acting on a tip off, a team of Rab-8 searched the bus and recovered three packets of heroin in abandoned condition. The seized heroin was deposited to local office of Narcotics Control Department for laboratory test. A case was filed.

Hospital project gathering dust for 18 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A project proposal for construction of three 10-bed mini hospitals for fishermen, bawalis and honey collectors of the Sundarbans is gathering dust for the last 18 years.

According to a source in Sundarbans Forest Division, there are nearly seven lakh fishermen, bawalis and honey collectors who depend on the mangrove forest for a living.

The project to construct three mini hospitals at an estimated cost of Tk 6 crore was taken up in 1993 with a view to providing medicare services to the aforesaid people.

Because, a large number of them in four ranges under east and west wings of Sundarbans Forest Division suffer every year from various diseases due to acute crisis of safe drinking water and polluted environment.

Besides, the fishermen, bawalis and honey collectors also die or become severely injured in attacks by tigers in the forest.

At least 8 fishermen were killed by tigers and crocodiles in the last one month in different places of Satkhira and Khulna ranges. In fact, many

of them died for want of quick medicare services as there is no hospital near the forest, said DFO Mihir Kumar of the east wing of Sundarbans Forest Division.

According to the DFO, the ministries of health and forests jointly undertook a project in 1993 to establish three 10-bed mini hospitals at Burhigoalini under Shyamnagar upazila of Satkhira, Nalian under Dakope upazila of Khulna district and Gopalbarhi under Sharankhola upazila of Bagerhat district at a cost of Tk 6 crore.

Accordingly, the health ministry issued an official order the same year in September asking Executive Engineer of Public Works Department, Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon of the three districts to take necessary steps including site selection and acquisition of land required for setting up the hospitals.

But there has so far been no positive move yet by the government for implementation of the project although lives of fishermen, bawalis and honey collectors are at stake as attacks by tigers and other wild animals are on the increase, said Koria upazila chairman Mohsin Reza and Dakope upazila chairman Sheikh Abul Hossain.

Bus strike called off

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

District Bus Owners' Association yesterday called off strike in six domestic routes.

District Commissioner Md Arif Ur Rahman said the strike was called off after a 'fruitful' meeting at his office between the feuding sides.

Earlier, bus movement in the district came to a halt in the morning due to wild cat strike by transport owners.

The District Bus Owners' Association enforced the strike in sixlocal routes to press home their demand for canceling the Dhamura-Shatla route in Uzirpur.

The Dhamura-Shatla bus service route was inaugurated in Uzirpur upazila on Monday. Monirul Islam, lawmaker from Barisal-2, inaugurated the new bus service after Uzirpur Bus Owners' Association was formed.

The strike stopped services between Barisal city and Madaripur, Bhurghata, Paysarhat, Dhamura, Mirganj and Swarupkathi.

Advertisement for Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd regarding a tender extension for testing equipment. Includes a table with columns for SI No., Invitation for Tender No., Material, Last date of Tender buying, and Tender Submission/opening date.

Advertisement for Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd regarding a local tender for supply, installation and commissioning of a solar panel unit. Includes detailed technical specifications and terms.

Advertisement for EDCU (Eaton) Sucrose BP, highlighting its health benefits and availability in Bangladesh.