# 'Illiteracy-free country by 2014 a big challenge'

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The government's one of the big challenges is to free the country of illiteracy by 2014; a massive campaign involving all stakeholders is the discussion yesterday.

The literacy rate of the country is still frustrating even 39 years after the independence, they said, urging to provide life-skills based education to the illiterate people so that the education could be useful and sustainable.

Unesco and Unesco, Dhaka office jointly organised the discussion at International Mother Language Institute in the city to mark the International Literacy Day 2010.

Prof Anisuzzaman said the matter of literacy only way to reach the goal, speakers told a has long been discussing in the country although achievement to this end is not satisfactory.

> Doubtful about reaching the goal by 2014, he said the process of making people literate is slow as only one per cent people are being literate every year in the last two years.

It needs money and competent teachers, he said, suggesting ensuring primary education to Bangladesh National Commission for all, resisting dropout and giving adult literacy

to the people who remained out of schools.

He also suggested fixing a specific timeframe that might be 2020 and literate the illiterate in real sense.

Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, said it is indeed a big challenge for the country and to achieve the goal is not possible unless everyone helps from respective places. "A mass awakening will have to be initiated

for removing illiteracy from the country and everybody especially the educated section has to be involved with it," he said.

He said the government is moving ahead

with the aim to giving life-skill education to the illiterate section of the country so that they can utilise the education in their real life.

Eminent litterateur Selina Hossain Speaking as the chief guest, Education emphasised women's education saying education is essential for women for living with dignity and developing the life stan-

> Derek Elias, officer-in-charge of Unesco, Dhaka Office; Rezaul Quader, director general of Bureau of Non-formal Education; SM Golam Faruk, addition secretary of the education ministry and Sirajul Islam, acting secretary of education ministry; also spoke.

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## BCL fury: DU students return to hall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After five hours of forced stay on the open field at night, around 50 students of Shahidullah Hall of Dhaka University, who fell victim to Chhatra League fury, were let return to the dormitory around 4:00am yesterday.

The hall unit Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) President Shahriar Azam Munna confined the first year students since they denied joining the welcome rally for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Wednesday evening.

Neither BCL nor hall authorities yet took any punitive action against Munna.

DU unit BCL President Sohel Rana Tipu said they are monitoring the development of the matter and will take action against the people responsible for the incident.

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### CID gets more time to submit probe report

**COURT CORRESPONDENT** 

A Dhaka court yesterday extended the time again for submission of the probe report in a bribery case filed against former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar, Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan alias Shah Alam, and two others till November 11.

Metropolitan Magistrate AKM Emdadul Haque passed the order as Criminal Investigation Department (CID) failed to submit the probe report by yesterday as per the court directive.

With this order, the court has so far extended the submission date 11 times.

CID Assistant Superintendent Arman Ali on May 8, 2008 filed the case with Ramna police station for taking and giving bribes to cover up the murder case of Humayun Kabir Sabbir, a director of Bashundhara Group.

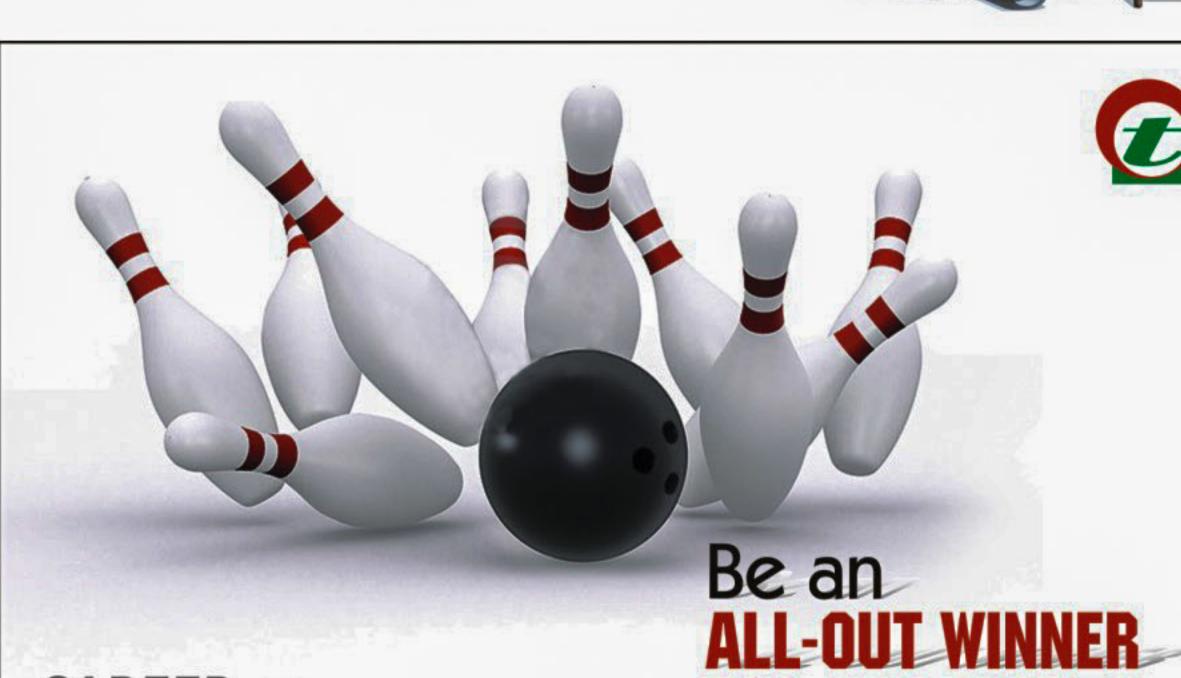
On July 5, 2006, Sabbir's body was found outside a building in Bashundhara residential area.

The two other accused in the case are Abu Sufian, director of Prime Bank and East West Property Development Private Limited, and former BNP lawmaker Qazi Saleemul Huq Kamal.

Abu Sufian, now on bail, was present in the court while a counsel represented Kamal.

Babar is now in jail and Shah Alam, who got bail in this case, submitted a time petition through his lawyer yesterday.





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