

**167 students fall sick at JU hall**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Impure water has caused diseases to 167 students of Maulana Bhasani Hall of Jahangirnagar University (JU) since last two weeks, though JU authorities put the number at three.

According to the authorities, a significant number of students caught waterborne diseases like diarrhoea, jaundice, and typhoid two weeks back.

Then the water pipe was repaired and tubewell set up for safe drinking water a week ago and most of the students were cured by the time.

"We also have asked the students to drink boiled water from the dormitory canteen," said Prof Imdadul Islam, acting provost of the hall.

Pro-Vice Chancellor (admin) Prof Forhad Hossain said they visited the hall on Friday after 80 students were reported ill. "But we found only two students sick on the 3rd floor and one on the 2nd floor."

A list sent by the students to the vice chancellor (VC) yesterday says 81 students have been suffering from jaundice, 48 from dysentery, and 38 from diarrhoea of the 650-bed dormitory.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

**Call to nominate honest people**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Citizen for Good Governance (Shujon) yesterday urged the political parties to nominate honest and efficient candidates who work for people's interest.

The candidates in municipal polls must hold the qualities to establish the rule of law and good

governance, said Shujon leaders to a human chain at Manik Mia Avenue in the city.

Shujon President Prof Muzaffer Ahmad said the contestants now are forced to provide detail information to Election Commission for the constant movement of Shujon.

"Election Commission has continuously been trying to organ-

ise free and fair election, yet it has to face many unseen obstacles. We must be aware of it."

He added that they want the polls be free from the influence of black money and every candidate and voter obey the electoral rules and regulations.

The rights organisation also formed human chains at the dis-

tricts, upazilas, and municipalities where the municipal elections will be held soon. A good number of teachers, students, and people took part in the programmes.

TIB Trustee Board Chairman M Hafizuddin Khan, Prof Tofayel Ahmed, Dr Badiul Alam Majumder, and Zakir Hossain also spoke at the human chain in the city.

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