

NEWS IN *brief*

IUBAT university students clash with cops, vandalise 15 vehicles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of a private university clashed with police and vandalised over 15 vehicles in the city's Uttara last night, following a row at a CNG filling station in Abdullahpur.

Students also halted transport movement on Abdullahpur-Kamarpara road for over two hours.

Sources said some five students of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology at Ranabhola of Turag locked into a quarrel with a police van driver as he tried to break the queue to get gas.

When a scuffle began, some policemen rushed to the spot and took the students to nearby Abdullahpur police outpost.

Hearing the news, over one hundred students of the university thronged the outpost, swooped on the law enforcers and began vandalising the vehicles.

Officer-in-Charge Khandker Rezaul Hasan of Uttara Police Station said the detained students were freed after some of the university's teachers gave an undertaking.

Japan donates US\$ 88,057

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Japan has provided a grant amounting US\$ 88,057 for implementing grass-roots human security projects at Syedpur in Nilphamari district.

The main objective of the project is people receive training and hence will help local people improve their socio-economic and right base sector especially women.

Local NGO "Manabik Shahajya Sangstha (MSS)" received the fund while a "Community-Based Resource Center- CBRC" was inaugurated yesterday, says a press release of Japan embassy.

Do journalism for people: DU VC

METRO DESK

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique urged the journalists to do journalism for the welfare of the people with establishing objectivity and truth.

He made the call at a freshers' reception function for the session 2010-11 of Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism, offered by the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), held at PIB Auditorium in the city recently, said a press release.

Chairman of PIB Management Board journalist Habibur Rahman Milon chaired the event. Dhaka University Journalism department Professor Dr Golam Rahman was also present.

PIB Director General Dulal Chandra Biswas called upon the students to give rapt-attention while studying journalism under the course. Dulal Biswas, also associate professor of Mass Communication and Journalism department of Rajshahi University, said that this diploma course will help students go forward.

187 screened for breast cancer

METRO DESK

A total of 187 women were screened for breast cancer free of cost at three camps in Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Habiganj.

Five were diagnosed and about 30 others suspected cases were found among 165 women screened at a camp at Sylhet Women's Medical College Hospital on Saturday.

The rest were screened on Sunday at two other camps arranged for tea workers at Shamshearnagar Tea Garden in Moulvibazar and Chandpur Tea Garden in Habiganj. Centre for Cancer Prevention and Research (CCPR), a non-profitable organisation, arranged the camps, says a press release.

Science olympiad starts Friday

METRO DESK

Science Olympiad-2011 will be held on March 11 at divisional level all over the country and national level on March 25 in the city.

The olympiad will be held in two groups, one secondary up to class ten and equivalent and another higher secondary class eleven, twelve and equivalent, says a press release.



Amrai Pari Paribarik Nirjatan Protirodh Jote 2011 light candles on Central Shaheed Minar premises in the city at midnight yesterday to mark the 100th anniversary of the International Women's Day.

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WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bangladesh among top ranking counties : UNDP

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has made room in world arena in terms of the highest levels of women's representation in urban councils with 28.4 percent representation, says a report.

The highest were China with 48.2 percent, Australia with 24.65 percent and the Republic of Korea with 21.78 percent, according to the new report from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The report, Women's Representation in Local Government in Asia and the Pacific, quantifies and analyses for the first time women's representation at rural, urban, district and provincial levels across the region.

However, except in Australia (21.6 percent) and the Philippines (20.5 percent),

women in those countries are unlikely to be elected into leadership positions. Bangladesh has only 1.37 percent of women elected to higher positions.

Both Bangladesh and Pakistan show some of the lowest percentages of women as heads of rural councils with only 0.17 percent and 0.36 percent respectively.

At the rural council level, the percentage of women elected has a wide distribution. India leads with more than 35 percent, Pakistan just over 30 percent and Bangladesh at nearly 25 percent, while Tuvalu, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Tonga all have less than 10 percent. Sri Lanka has the second lowest representation recorded at just 1.6 percent.

Withdraw case against Prof Serajul Islam

Demand DU teachers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 104 teachers of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday demanded withdrawal of the case against DU's Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Chowdhury, which was filed in connection with the January 31 violence in Munshiganj over Arial Beel.

"Professional identity, father's name, and age of Prof Serajul Islam were not mentioned in the case statement. We condemn the act and demand immediate withdrawal of the case," said the DU teachers in a statement.

The signatories of the statement include Dr Md Nurul Islam; Dr Md Anwar Hossain, president of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA); Dr Shahid Akter Hossain, general secretary of DUTA; Dr Yusuf Ali Mollah, dean of biological science faculty; Dr Ahmed Ismail Mostafa, dean of science faculty; Dr Nasrin Ahmad, dean of engineering and technology faculty; Emdadul Haque Md Matlub Ali, dean of earth and environmental science faculty; and Dr Syed Manjurul Islam, dean of fine arts faculty.

Obituary

CU CORRESPONDENT



Dr Mohammad Nurunnobi, former director general of the Department of Health and former principal of Chittagong Medical College Hospital, passed away yesterday at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore at the age of 75, says a press release.



Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus comes out of the High Court yesterday after a hearing of his writ petition challenging the legality of a central bank order that "removed" him from the post of Grameen Bank's managing director. (Story on Page 1)

PHOTO: STAR

Dishonouring Yunus means demeaning Bangladesh: JP leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The nation has demeaned itself in the global community by dishonouring Dr Muhammad Yunus, said former minister and Jatiya Party (JP) leader Kazi Firoz Rashid yesterday.

The JP presidium member also said Bangladesh-US relation has deteriorated although the foreign minister and some senior officials denied it.

"As a Bangalee Dr Yunus has brought Bangladesh honour, and we should not have treated him such a way," he said.

Firoz Rashid made the comment while presiding over a discussion at JP headquarters at Topkhana road in the city yesterday.

Meanwhile Bangladesh Mahila Parishad in a statement demanded the government act with Prof Yunus the way he deserves, considering his international fame and familiarity.

The parishad also urged the government to keep attention so that Bangladesh does not lose its respect in the world.

BDR MUTINY CASE

Charges against 735 jawans framed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special court yesterday framed charges against 735 members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), previously known as BDR, for their involvement in the mutiny in 2009.

Of the accused, four confessed to their involvement in the mutiny at the BGB headquarters at Pilkhana.

Dhaka Sector Commander Col Habibur Karim read out the allegations against the jawans.

The court carried out its proceeding for the fifth day at the Darbar Hall in Pilkhana. The court was adjourned till 9:00am today.

The allegations against the accused include leaving Darbar Hall defying the orders of the then director general, failing to control subordinates, refraining from providing information about the mutiny to the higher authority, not taking any actions to prevent mutiny, taking firearms and ammunition from the armoury and participating actively in the mutiny.

REDWAN'S DEATH

Four cases lodged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) authority and police filed four separate cases yesterday over the death of the university student Redwanul Islam on Saturday and the students' vandalism protesting the death on Sunday.

DU's Chief Security Officer Kamrul Ahsan last night filed two separate cases, one with Motijheel Police Station accusing the transport workers of Himalaya Paribahan on charge of beating the students on Sunday night and the truck driver who ran over Redwan, 25, a post-graduate student of Arabic department, in the same incident.

The authority yesterday filed another case with Shahbagh Police Station accusing 45 unnamed students on charge of ransacking DU proctor's office and different other rooms of the university in Sunday's protest following the death of Redwan.

Redwan was crushed under truck wheels after being beaten by the transport workers following a clash between the students and workers on Saturday night at the city's Motijheel.

Enraged at the death of Redwan, the university students went berserk and vandalised around a hundred vehicles and ransacked DU proctor's office and different other rooms of the university during Sunday's protest.

Meanwhile, Shahbagh police yesterday noon filed two separate cases against students in connection with vandalising cars and attacking on police.

Police said they filed a case on charge of vandalising vehicles at Shahbagh intersection and adjacent roads accusing ten students and other 140 unnamed students.

The accused in the case are Mohammad Rahmat Ullah, Mohammad Shahabuddin, Mohammad Mominur Rahman, Mohammad Saifur Rahman, Mohammad Saifur Rahman, Hannan Sharif, Abu Zafar, Mohammad Mostakim Billah, Mohammad Mamun, Mahbubur Rahman, and Wazer Hossain Monir.

Among the accused, police showed arrest Rahmat Ullah, a third year student of Islamic Studies department, who was detained during the vandalism on Sunday protesting Redwan's death.

Accused Wazer and Zafar suffered injuries as the transport workers beat them up on Saturday.

The other case was filed on charge of attacking police in Nilkhet area on that day in which 140 unnamed students were accused. Officer-in-charge (OC) of Shahbagh Police Station, Rezaul Karim, and OC of Motijheel Police Station, Tofazzal Hossain, confirmed the filing of cases.

Meanwhile, AF Rahman Hall students formed a human chain yesterday at Aparajeyo Bangla demanding trial of the culprits (transport workers) immediately.

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:04pm and rises tomorrow at 6:14am.

Country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and Patuakhali and lowest 13.4 degrees at Srirangal.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.7	19.2	40	25
Chittagong	32.4	19.4	44	40
Rajshahi	32.5	13.6	45	32
Rangpur	29.0	14.5	61	55
Khulna	32.3	17.2	41	46
Barisal	32.8	17.4	58	56

Flag Rally

National Garment Workers Federation will organise a flag rally, Time: 9:35am, Venue: Mukhtangon.

Sit-in

Naripkha will stage a sit-in, Time: 4:00pm, Venue: Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi.

Human Chain

Jagannath University (JnU) will form a human chain, Time: 12:00pm, Venue: JnU campus.

Protest Rally

Citizens Rights Movement will hold a protest rally, Time: 11:00am, Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

Discussion

Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) will hold a

INT'L WOMEN'S DAY TODAY Vow to end violence against women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Termining acid throwing is the most heinous crime against women in the country, speakers at a rally urged the people from all walks of life to come forward stop the crime.

"Acid throwing victim bears scar throughout their life. The government should take necessary steps to rehabilitate the acid survivors," said Drama personality Ramendu Majumdar.

Saying that most of the acid victims are under 18 years old, he demanded proper implementation of the law relating to acid throwing as the crime could be stopped forever.

Acid Survivors Foundation organised the rally in the city on the eve of the International Women's Day.

Speakers and participants also vowed to stop all kind of violence against women. They urged the people from all walks of life to raise voice against the crime.

Meanwhile, different organisations yesterday held different programmes include workshop and seminar on the eve of International Women's Day.