

Sust students clash over stalking: 11 injured

SUST CORRESPONDENT

At least 11 students were injured during a clash over an incident of stalking between students of the English and Architecture departments of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) in Sylhet on Thursday.

Same day, the Sust proctor formed a probe body to investigate into the clashes on the campus.

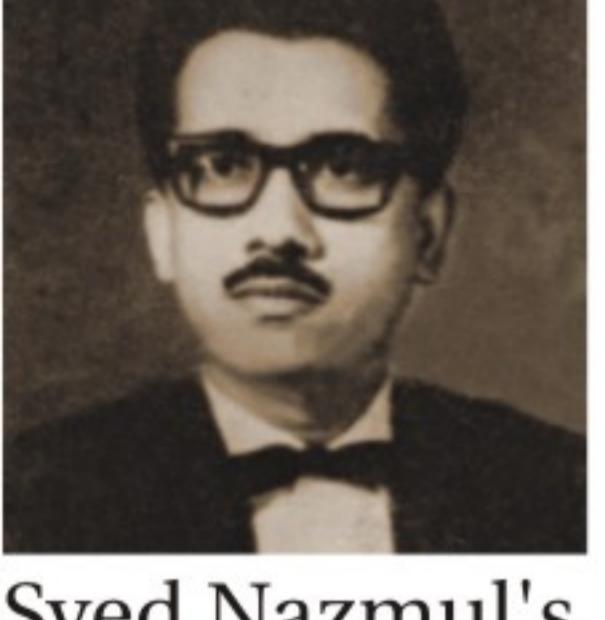
Campus sources said some English Department students allegedly stalked some female students of the Architecture Department on December 5.

Over the matter, Architecture Department student Hasan along with fellow students of the department assaulted some English Department students on the campus around 1:00 pm on Thursday.

Among the injured, Shantanu received primary aid while Tanvir, Prince and Shamal are undergoing treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Later same day, Shantanu along with his department's fellow students and several Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists of Abid-Hafiz faction vandalised classroom windows and 30-35 project models of the Architecture Department.

They also assaulted the department's students. The injured students, Hasan, Rasel, Riad, Arefin, Sayem, Rased and Ifti, received first aid from Sylhet Jalalbad Ragib Rabeya Medical College Hospital.



Syed Nazmul's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 40th death anniversary of Shaheed journalist Syed Nazmul Huq, who was killed by the collaborators, will be observed today.

Syed Nazmul Huq Smriti Sangsad will observe the death anniversary by reciting the Holy Quran, feeding the poor and holding milad mahfil.

The collaborators picked him up on December 10, 1971, and took him blindfolded to Rayerbazar Baidyabumi where they killed the journalist by charging bayonets and spraying bullets on him.

Since independence of the country, the dead body of late Syed Nazmul Huq is missing, a press release signed by Syed Murtaza Nazmul Raju, a member of Syed Nazmul Huq's family, yesterday said.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

The phases of the full lunar eclipse yesterday, the longest one since 2000, when the shadow of the earth completely covered the face of the moon. The shade of red on the far right end image resulted from indirect sunlight falling on the moon.

Protect Hasina to complete war crimes trial

Tajul Islam urges all

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Captain (retd) A B Tajul Islam yesterday urged all to protect Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from all sorts of danger as the trial of the war criminals would never be completed in her absence.

He said this while speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the 15-day long victory fair "Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela-2011" held at M A Aziz outer stadium in the port city.

"We lost our great leader Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for our incautiousness and consequently the nation went backward a 100 years," he said urging all to

strengthen and secure Hasina with their support.

He also said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is trying to save her two sons accused of graft in exchange for her support for the identified war criminals.

"If Khaleda Zia does not succeed in doing something within February 15 next year, then she will not be able to do anything against the government after that," he said.

Urging everybody to hold the spirit of the liberation war and to disseminate it to the youngsters, Tajul said the 'Bijoy Mancha' (stage of victory) at the fair will hopefully play a vital role in spreading this spirit.

He also said the dream of digital Bangladesh will not come true unless

we resist graft and the voice against graft should be raised from within the family itself.

Presiding over the programme, Awami League Chittagong city unit President ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, also chairman of Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela Parishad, and said plots are continuing from home and abroad to save the war criminals.

He said the port city's people are united to resist such conspiracy.

AL Chittagong city unit General Secretary Kazi Enamul Hoque Danu and Muktijuddha Central Command Council Secretary General Emdad Hossain Matin also spoke among others.

'Cataract makes 10,000 blind a yr'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 10,000 new cases of blindness due to cataract occur every year in the country while over 64,000 in Dhaka city are blind, said a press release issued by DUCECP yesterday.

Around three lakh adults and one lakh children suffer from severe visual impairment caused by uncorrected refractive error, which could be easily cured with the use of spectacles.

This was revealed at a dissemination session on "Urban Eye Health Programme: Experiences of DUCECP", organised by Dhaka Urban Comprehensive Eye Care Project (DUCECP) at the Press Institute of Bangladesh in the city.

The project has been providing improved eye care services free of cost to the city slum dwellers and hardcore poor people with eye complications.

So far more than 37,000 slum dwellers have regained their vision due to the project while 0.3 million got different types of eye care services.

Sightsavers with financial support of the 'Seeing is Believing', initiatives of Standard Chartered Bank, initiated DUCECP in October 2008.

Prof Din Mohammad Nurul Haque, director, National Institute of Ophthalmology and Hospital, and Dr Wahidul Islam, country director, Sightsavers, spoke at the session.

Chairperson of the Project Management Committee Zahida Ispahani presided over the programme.

PRAN-PROTHOM ALO PICKLE CONTEST 12 women awarded in four categories

METRO DESK

The 12th Pran-Prothom Alo National Pickle Competition-2011 award giving ceremony was held at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city on Friday.

A total of 12 women in four categories Sweet, Sour, Hot and Mixed, received the awards while 35 participants were awarded consolation prizes, said a press release.

Afroza Salam of Dhaka won Tk two lakh as her pickle was adjudged the 'Pickle of the year'.

Momena Khatun of Comilla, Nargis Amin of Dhaka and Afroza Akter of Khulna won first, second and third prizes respectively in 'Sweet' category.

Mahmuda Rubaya of Rajshahi, Rabeya Khatun and Mahtabunnahar of Dhaka won first, second and third prizes respectively in 'Sweet' category.

Hosne Ara Jahan, Sumaya Tahsin Nidhi and Marzina Alam of Dhaka won first, second

and third prizes respectively in 'Hot' category.

Dilruba Begum Fency of Rangpur, Nusrat Jahan and Rizia Sultana of Dhaka won first, second and third prizes respectively in 'Mixed' category.

The first prize winner got Dhaka-Malaysia-Dhaka couple air ticket while the second got laptop computer and the third got IPS in each category.

Prominent folk singer Farida Parvin handed over the awards. The Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman and Pran-RFL Group Chief Executive Maj Gen (retd) Amjad Khan Chowdhury were present on the occasion.

It is the 12th arrangement of Pran-Prothom Alo national pickle competition.

More than 3,000 women, with more than 8,000 pickles, participated in the competition this year.

A colorful cultural function was also held followed by the award giving ceremony where prominent singers and artistes performed.



PHOTO: STAR

Shah Mukhdom police of Rajshahi rescue three abducted school students from Kamalapur in Dhaka city on Friday.



PHOTO: STAR

The awardees of Pran-Prothom Alo pickle competition pose for photograph at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Gaibandha

Mahmudul Hasan Raju, chief office assistant of Gobindaganj Degree College, passed away at his residence at Gobindaganj town yesterday due to cardiac arrest at the age of 43.

He left behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

He was buried at his family graveyard after second namaz-e-janaza at his village home at Sreemukh yesterday. His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Gobindaganj High School ground.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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Road crashes kill 2

METRO DESK

Two people, including a septuagenarian, were killed in separate road accidents in Bagerhat and Pabna yesterday.

Our Bagerhat correspondent reports: An elderly man was killed on the spot when a Bagerhat-bound pickup van crashed him on the Khulna-Mawa road at Joydih in Mollahat upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was Hafizur Rahman, 70, of Kahalpur village of the upazila.

Our Pabna correspondent says: A teenage boy was killed on the spot and 10 others were injured when a Pabna-bound microbus hit a Kariman, locally made three-wheeler, at Poradanga village of Suanagar upazila on Friday.

The deceased was Khairul Islam, 15, son of Sobahan Prang, of village Poradanga in the upazila.

3 abducted schoolboys rescued in Dhaka

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police rescued three abducted schoolboys from Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka city on Friday.

The rescued are Md Shahjalal and Anik Ahmed, class six students of Noudapara Pilot High School and Pavel, class six student of Masjid Mission Academy in Rajshahi city.

An unidentified person informed Anik's mother over mobile phone that the boys were kept in the railway station, said Shah Mukhdom Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Sanaullah.

"Following information from the mother, we conducted drive with her at Kamalapur on Friday and rescued them but none was arrested in this connection," he said, adding, "We will investigate the matter after interrogating the schoolboys."

The boys were kept at the police station, the OC said.

The boys, who are friends each other, had been missing from their respective houses since November 28.

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