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KILLING OF STUDENT JU ousts 7 BCL men

Expels 6 others for 2 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University has expelled seven students for life and six others for two years after a probe committee found their involvement in Zubair murder.

All 13 expelled students are activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League.

The JU syndicate made the decision yesterday after receiving a report from the committee the university formed to investigate the murder of Zubair Ahmed, a fourth-year student of the English department.

Zubair succumbed to his wounds he suffered in an attack by a group of BCL activists on January 9.

The JU students expelled for life are fourth-year students Khandaker Ashikul Islam, Khan Mohammad Rais and Zahid Hasan of Zoology Department, Rashidul Islam and Ishtiaq Mehbub (Arup) of Philosophy Department, Mahabub Akram of Government and Politics Department, and Najmus Sakib Topu of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department.



Zubair

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The Dhaka city unit Awami League holds a rally on the city's Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday, demanding immediate trials of war criminals and calling upon the people to resist any conspiracy to overthrow the government.

PHOTO: STAR



Buddhist leader Bana Bhante passes away

STAR REPORT

Venerable spiritual leader Sadhana Nanda Mohasthabir, widely known as Bana Bhante of Rajban Bihar in Rangamati, passed away in the city yesterday.

The 93-year-old Buddhist monk was on life support at Square Hospital since Friday with multi-organ failure and respiratory problems due to old age.

He was flown in to the hospital from Rangamati Circuit House by a chopper on Friday noon as he fell unconscious Thursday night.

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Saarc moves ahead for economic union

Finance ministers' meeting decides to introduce liquidity support for members to fight global economic meltdown

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saarc has agreed to open a liquidity-swap window to provide financial support to its members in times of global economic volatility, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

"It will make transactions among the member countries much easier," Muhith said in a press briefing after the fifth meeting of Saarc (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) finance ministers at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in Dhaka.

The liquidity swap is a type of currency swap used by a country's central bank to provide liquidity to another country's central bank.

Under the arrangement member countries will do business and settle payments after a certain period, which the minister said may be six months. "Swap is likely to

be implemented next year."

The liquidity swap was proposed by India, the minister said.

Significant progress had been made at the meeting towards forming South Asian Economic Union, Muhith said.

The objective of the Saarc finance ministers' forum was to establish a full economic union. The Saarc finance ministers discussed many issues that include coordination in fiscal and monetary policies, joint monitoring of exchange rates and commodity prices and an increase in intraregional trade.

Bangladesh has proposed that the finance ministers sit twice a year to discuss fiscal and monetary policy coordination and other macroeconomic issues so they can get an early warning.

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PM for joint action within Saarc to fight recession

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for a concerted action by the member states of Saarc to deal with the problems that arose due to the global financial turmoil.

"The South Asian countries handled the global financial crisis quite successfully, but it is being

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Stock broker kills himself

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A businessman yesterday committed suicide at his house in the city's Gopibagh area allegedly due to incurring loss in the stockmarket.

Deceased Kazi Liakat Ali Juboraj, 40, owner of Fair Printing and Press at

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KL keen to fund Padma bridge project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Malaysia yesterday formally offered financing to Bangladesh for the implementation of the Padma bridge project, which has been stalled following graft allegations.

Malaysian Prime Minister's Special Envoy

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Govt seeks 90 more days for DCC polls

Cabinet okays law amendment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved a proposal to amend the Local Government (City Corporation) Act, 2009 to extend the timeframe by 90 days for holding polls to the bifurcated Dhaka City Corporation.

The decision came at the weekly cabinet meeting held at the Secretariat with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The government moved to amend the law as the Election Commission has earlier declined to hold polls to the bifurcated DCC in the 90-day timeframe, which will expire in February.

Extension of 90 days' timeframe means the DCC polls would be held by May this year.

Earlier on November 29 last year, ignoring widespread criticism and protests, the House passed a bill to split the DCC in four minutes and a few seconds.

The cabinet also approved in principle the draft amendment acts, 2012 of three public universities --

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Rajshahi gets gas supply

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Rajshahi

The stage is all set for supply of pipeline natural gas to the households and industries in Rajshahi after gas was successfully pumped to the city from the national grid on Sunday night.

"We have taken gas to Rajshahi. It is now available at the City Gate Station," Ariful Islam, manager of Gas Transmission Company Limited, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Gas was supplied through the City

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PRAYER TIMING		January 31
	Asan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-35	6-10
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-46	5-50
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



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OWN CAMPUS Pvt universities asked to move within a year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Private universities that have failed to move to their own permanent campuses have been given an extended ultimatum of one year.

No universities will be allowed to open new courses, programmes, institutes or faculties or extend their campuses until they move to their comprehensive campuses.

The decision came at a meeting of the University Grants Commission (UGC) at the education ministry with Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid in the chair yesterday.

The meeting was convened to take a decision about

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the Awami League's decision to hold rally in the capital on the day BNP has its pre-scheduled programme shows the ruling party's confrontational attitude in facing the opposition?

Yes (91.4%)
No (7.7%)
No Comments (0.9%)

TOTAL VOTES: 1236

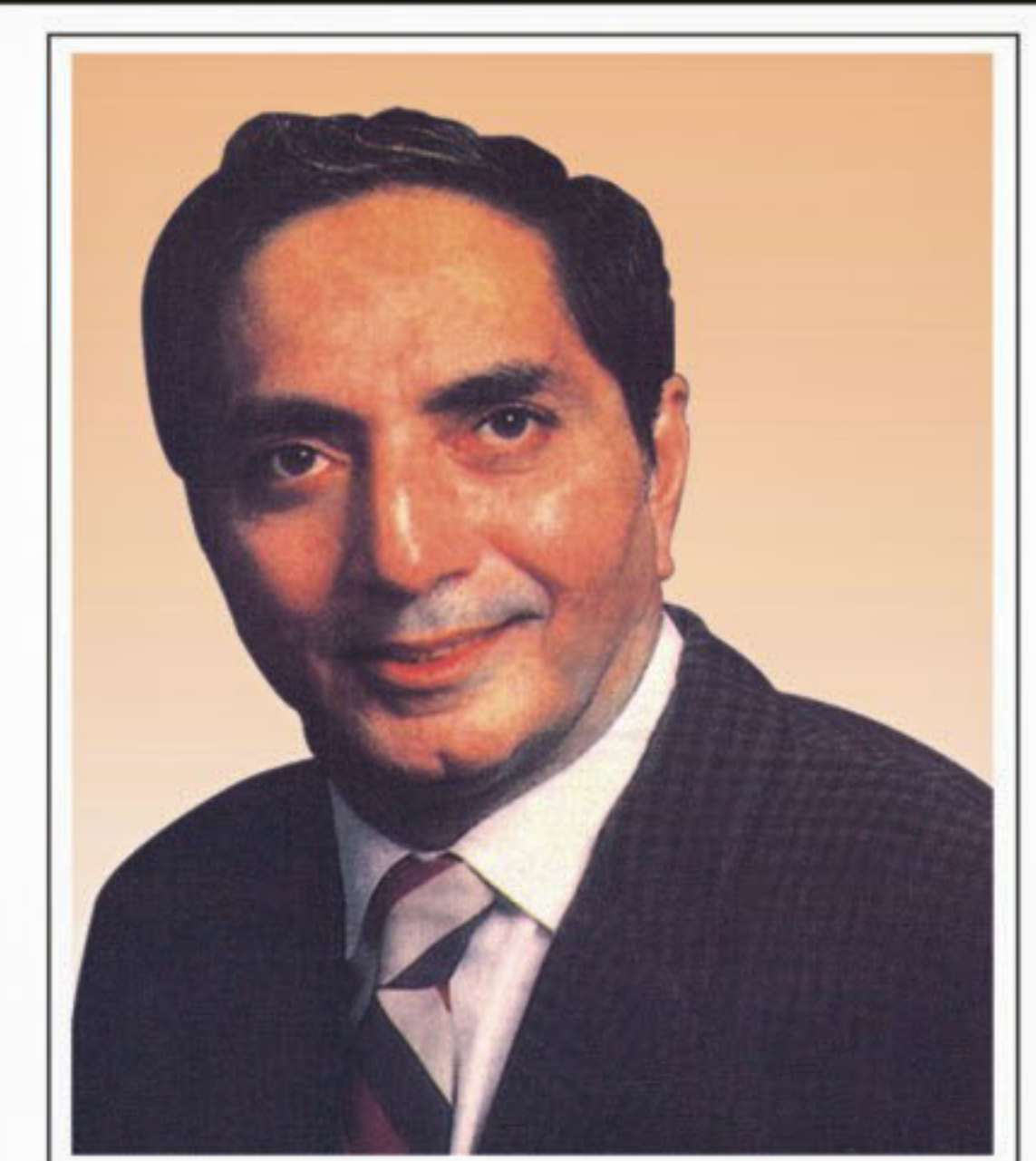
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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the evaluation of the ruling party MPs by the prime minister will encourage them to perform better?

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