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Mango traders from different areas, including Dhaka and Chittagong, throng Baneshwar Market, the biggest wholesale mango-trading centre in the country, at Putia upazila of Rajshahi.

PABNA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Situation worsens as employees, staff go on indefinite strike

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Employees and workers of Pabna University of Science and Technology started indefinite work abstention yesterday, demanding removal of the proctor and two assistant proctors for

what the agitators said failure to take action after assault of an employee by a few students of the institution.

The latest development worsened the turmoil persisting at the campus since Sunday when students of the university and a section of

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists started demonstration demanding resignation of the vice chancellor for 'widespread corruption and nepotism' in recruitment at the three-year-old institution.

The turmoil followed replacement of two law-

makers as members of the Regent Board during recent reshuffle in the highest administrative authority of the university.

Around 80 class three and class four employees and workers of the university held demonstration and formed a human chain in front of the administrative building (temporary) at Raghobpur village in the district town at about 9:00am yesterday.

The agitators announced their indefinite work abstention demanding removal of the proctor and assistant proctors.

Earlier on Sunday, a few unruly students of the university assaulted Md Masud Rana, an MLSS of the university, on the campus at Rajapur village.

"I closed the main gate of the campus as per the university authorities' order on Sunday when the students were demonstrating against the vice chancellor. At one stage, university Proctor Md Kamruzzaman and two assistant proctors ordered me to open the door. As I opened the door a few unruly students beat me up in presence of them," Md Masud Rana, MLSS of the academic campus told this correspondent.

Md Shohag Hossain, a computer operator of the university, said, "When the unruly students assaulted Masud Rana, the proctor and two assistant proctors present on the spot did not save the victim. The university authority has not taken any step either. So we want removal of the three officials."

Earlier on Sunday, the workers and employees went on demonstration to press home their seven-point demand including formulation of service rule, ensuring job security for the workers and employees and permission to form trade union.

Contacted, Proctor Md Kamruzzaman said, "It is true that MLSS Masud Rana was assaulted inside the campus. But it is an isolated incident. We [proctor and assistant proctors] are not related with the incident."

Asked about not taking any step regarding the incident, he said, "The vice chancellor is not at the work station now. An investigation committee will be formed after he returns to the campus."



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Agitating employees of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) form a human chain in front of the administrative building of the university in the town yesterday.

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The Daily Star - ENGLISH FAIR



STAR NATIONAL DESK

Young learners spent a joyful day as they took part in amusing interactions at English language fairs held at five schools in Noakhali, Lalmonirhat and Munshiganj districts yesterday.

Under English in Schools (EIS) programme, The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi jointly organised the fairs in coordination with the education ministry. Adcomm Ltd is the creative and event partner of the fair.

Students of Senbag Government Pilot High School and Senbag Government Girls High School under Senbag upazila of Noakhali District joined the English language fair held at Senbag Government Pilot High School auditorium in the morning, reports our correspondent.

Md Solaman Headmaster of Senbag Government Pilot High School inaugurated the programme at around 11:00am. Following screening of Lion King, a globally renowned movie, over 250 students participated in spot quiz, vocabulary test and situation based question answer-all based on the movie. Prizes were distributed among the winners of different competitions at the end of the programme.



PHOTO: STAR
Students of Hatibandha Adarsha High School and Hatibandha Lokman Hossain High School join the English language fair held at Hatibandha Adarsha High School auditorium in Lalmonirhat district yesterday.

A different day for five schools in 3 districts

Robi representatives Kazi Russel and Kazi Faysal coordinated the programme.

In Lalmonirhat, Over 300 students of Hatibandha Adarsha High School and Hatibandha Lokman Hossain High School took part in the English Language fair held on Hatibandha Adarsha High School premises yesterday.

Mahatab Uddin, head-

master of Hatibandha Adarsha High School, opened the fair. Robi Area Manager Shakil Jahan was also present, according to our correspondent.

The students participated in spot quiz, vocabulary test, one word question, and quick questions and role play. Prizes were distributed among the winners of different competi-

tions at the end of the fair.

Our Munshiganj correspondent reported that the English language fair at Rusdi High School in Srinagar upazila of Munshiganj district saw lively participation of over 150 students of the school.

Md Mizanur Rahman Sheikh, headmaster of the school, inaugurated the fair.

After watching the globally renowned movie Lion King, students participated in spot quiz, vocabulary test, one word question, and quick questions -- all based on the movie. Selected students also took part in extempore speech on different topics and role-play.

Prizes were distributed among the winners of different events at the end of the fair.



PHOTO: STAR
Two girl students of Rusdi High School in Srinagar upazila of Munshiganj district take part in a role play during the English language fair held at the school yesterday.

Newly Elected Board of Directors OF BANGLADESH SHIPPING AGENTS' ASSOCIATION (2012-13 & 2013-14)

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