

NEWS IN *brief*

Prof Samad appointed UITS VC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Professor Dr Muhammad Samad has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Information Technology and Sciences (UITS).

President Zillur Rahman, chancellor of the university, appointed the DU teacher for next four years, said a press release on Saturday.

Prior to the appointment, Dr Samad was the director at the Institute of Social Welfare and Research of Dhaka University.

Dr Samad, also a well-known poet, was a fellow professor of Winona State University of United States



DUJ declares ATN chief, 11 journos personae non grata

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) had declared ATN Bangla Chairman Mahfuzur Rahman and eleven journalists personae non grata for manipulating news and attacking a union leader at a human chain programme on June 24, said a DUJ statement yesterday.

The journalists are-- Za E Mamun, head of news of ATN Bangla; its special correspondents Shawkat Milton, Keramat Ullah Biplob, Manash Ghosh, Nadira Kiran and Mahmudur Rahman; senior reporter SM Babu, staff reporters Minhajur Rahman

8 business organisations fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile-court yesterday fined an importer Tk 5 lakh for storing and selling 30 kinds of imported products, including baby food, without clearance of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI).

The importer- Pacific Beverage and Food Ltd at Tongi- also used 'standard mark' of the BSTI illegally and mentioned fake expiry dates on their products. The BSTI and Gazipur district administration jointly conducted the drive.

In another drive, a mobile court of BSTI fined Tk 65 thousand to seven business organisations in Dayaganj, Gandaria, and Jatrabari area of the capital on charges of preserving food in an unhygienic environment and using weighing machine without the BSTI approval.

700 Yaba tablets seized, 3 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) seized 700 pieces of Yaba tablets and arrested three persons in this connection from Chandgaon area in Chittagong city yesterday.

The arrestees were Md Sayem, 32, Mohammad Ershad, 27, and Yasin Mia, 28, residents of Mohara residential area in Chandgaon.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-7 conducted a drive at a residence in Mohara residential area, seized the tablets from the possession of the trio and



Students of different colleges under National University lay siege to the NU campus in Gazipur yesterday demanding immediate solution of the session jam at honours level at the university. PHOTO: STAR

DEMAND TO END SESSION JAM

Students lay siege to National University

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred students of different colleges under National University (NU) yesterday laid siege to the NU campus in Gazipur demanding immediate solution of the session jam at honours level at the university.

They also blocked the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway by setting fire to tyres and banners and vandalised dozens of vehicles, leading to traffic congestion on the highway, said witnesses and police.

Road communications returned to normal after Joydevpur police rushed the spot and drove the students away.

The students, under the banner of Session Jot Niroshon Chhatra Parishad, gathered in front of the NU campus around 11:00am to press home their seven-point demand.

The agitating students said the NU authorities did not take any step to meet their demands in the one-month time the students gave to the authorities following the education minister's assurance on June 5.

Their demands include permanent solution of the session jam, preparing an academic calendar and its implementation, taking viva voce 15 days within the written examination, publishing results within three months after the examination, and formulation of question papers by NU teachers.

Khandakar Raihan, president of the Parishad, said a seven-member representative went to submit a memorandum to the vice chancellor of the university but instead gave a copy to Acting Registrar Mollah Mahfuz Hossain as the VC was absent at the time.

However, the unhappy students demanded a meeting with the VC.

The registrar said he received the copy of the memorandum and that necessary steps to meet the students' demand would be taken immediately.

Abul Kalam Azad, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Joydevpur police, said the students withdrew the siege after being assured of having a meeting with the VC.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL
Foreign friends urged to raise voice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Freedom fighters and politicians yesterday urged foreign citizens, who played a vital role in Bangladesh's Liberation War, to raise their voice globally to complete the ongoing war crimes trial.

They made the call at a discussion meeting on contribution of foreign citizens during the Liberation War, organised by Bangladesh Association of Michigan at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

Addressing the function, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal standing committee member Shirin Akhter said, "We hope our foreign friends will cooperate with us to see the war criminals tried."

She also demanded state recognition of some 30 lakh martyred people and 2 lakh women tortured in the war.

"Our party chief Hasanul Haq Inu will place a proposal in this connection in the next session of parliament," she said.

Freedom fighter Lt Col (retd) Nurunnabi said, "We are proud of our foreign friends and we want to honour them. Our spirit of freedom will be enriched through honouring those who contributed to our freedom."

Sector Commanders Forum Acting Secretary General Harun Habib, among others, was present.

SSC EXAMS IN 2013

Irregular students to get chance for registrations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The students, who could not complete their registrations for Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations to be held in 2013 due to unscheduled break of studies, are going to get a chance to have their registrations.

Dhaka Education Board yesterday issued letters to the educational institutions asking them to send the number of such students, the board source said.

They also said education ministry will discuss the matter with the chairmen of all education boards in the next week.

Around 50 students of different schools yesterday formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club urging the government to allow them to sit for the SSC examinations through completing their registrations.

Sohel Rana, a student of Ali Ahammed School and College, told The Daily Star that after being promoted to class IX in 2009 he could not continue his studies due to familial and economic reasons. He got admitted to class IX in 2011 and was promoted to class X.

After introducing Junior School Certificate (JSC) exams in 2010, they have been barred from registrations due to not having JSC

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 21st death anniversary of Shamsuddin Mollah, a key organiser of Liberation War in 1971, a member of the constitution drafting committee and also a former member of the parliament.

Various programmes, including a discussion on the life and work of Shamsuddin at Faridpur press club, have



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her younger sister Sheikh Rehana, the only two living children of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in an emotional moment yesterday at the publication ceremony of Bangabandhu's autobiography "The Unfinished Memoirs". The words spoken by the two sisters at the ceremony brought the audience to tears also. Story on Page 20.

PHOTO: BSS

Road crashes kill 12

METRO DESK

Twelve people, including three of a family, were killed and thirty-six others injured in separate road accidents in Dhaka, Sirajganj, Rajshahi, Chittagong, Jessore, Manikganj, Mymensingh and Narail on Sunday and yesterday.

Staff correspondent reports, an unidentified woman, aged around 28 years, died after being run over by a bus on Progati Sarani Road in the capital's Badda yesterday.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reports, four people were killed and another was injured when a CNG-run auto-rickshaw collided head-on with a nosomim (three-wheeler) at Garadoho in Shahzadpur upazila yesterday.

The dead are Shafiqul Islam, 35, the auto-rickshaw driver; Asgar Ali, 45, of Natore, his wife Monwara, 35, and his son Nayeem, 9.

UNB from Rajshahi adds, two schoolgirls were killed and two others injured as a truck hit them near Mypara Bazar in Puthia upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased are Juthi and Shapla, two students of class X and residents of Tonapara in the upazila.

Our Chittagong correspondent says, college student, Mohammed Shahin, 19, was

killed when a microbus hit a motorbike carrying him beside Raozan Thermal Power Station in Raozan upazila yesterday morning.

In Jessore, motorcyclist Falguni Chowdhury, 28, of Panchakari village in Monirampur upazila, was injured when a truck hit her motorcycle on Jessore-Chowgachha road in Khoertola Bazar area in the sadar upazila on Saturday.

She died at Jessore Medical College Hospital yesterday night.

In Manikganj, Abdur Razzak Ranjit, 25, was killed and three others were injured when a truck rammed a rickshaw on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Paturia turning point in Shivalaya upazila on Sunday night.

The injured were taken to the upazila health complex.

In another incident, Atoar Rahman, 35, was killed as a bus ran over him while he was crossing Dhaka-Aricha highway in Jagir BSIC industrial area in the sadar upazila yesterday.

In Mymensingh, schoolboy Rakib, 8, son of Milon Miah, was killed when a three-wheeler hit him on Banogram-Dewanganj road at Beltoil in Nandail upazila yesterday.

In Narail, at least 30 people were injured as a bus hit a roadside tree at Shitarapur in the sadar upazila yesterday.

Preserve indigenous species of fishes

Urges president

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday called for boosting fish production in the country alongside preserving indigenous species of fishes by introducing science-based bio-management strategy.

"It's true that indigenous species of fishes are becoming increasingly unavailable in the country," he said while releasing fish fry at a pond inside Bangabhaban, marking the National Fisheries Week-2012.

The president stressed taking initiatives to properly use opportunities to collect fishes from the country's extended sea areas.

"Our legal right on 111,000 sq km of sea area has been established as the maritime demarcation was recently determined by the international court."

With this, he said, the door of wide opportunities has been opened to collect fishes from the extended sea areas. "This scope will have to be properly utilised."

Zillur Rahman urged the countrymen to release all sorts of fish fry in their ponds and in wetlands during the rainy season and take care of such fish fry to help enrich country and also build a happy, prosperous Bangladesh with Bangalee's eternal love for fish and rice.

DU students donate money for Padma bridge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A number of Dhaka University students yesterday donated Tk 6,500 to assist in the construction of the proposed Padma bridge which the government plans to build with local funds.

Responding to the urge of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the 16th batch students of DU under the management studies department, raised the fund and handed it over to the university's vice chancellor to send it to the prime minister.

The students said they collected the fund after Prof Muhammad Aatur Rahman of the department urged them to raise the fund for the bridge.

Talking to The Daily Star, DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said the amount may be small but the gesture itself is large.

PADMA BRIDGE
BNP stands against self financing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Reiterating the party stance regarding Padma bridge construction, BNP standing committee member MK Anwar yesterday asked the government to resolve the dispute with the World Bank instead of turning to local funds to construct the bridge.

"People will be burdened if the government tries to collect money by issuing bonds or imposing surcharge," he said addressing a discussion meeting at Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) organised by Sushil Forum, a pro-BNP body.

Anwar suggested that the government should take action against the corrupt in line with the World Bank allegation and convince the bank into providing the fund again.

Meanwhile, opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Farroque asked the government to disclose the letter given by the World Bank and make the names of the corrupt persons public.

"If necessary we will take two meals a day and cooperate with the government for the Padma bridge construction. But before that the government must seek apology for the scandal regarding the bridge," he said at a discussion meeting at Jatiya Press Club organised by Jasas, a front body of BNP.

On July 1, BNP in its formal reaction said it would be better if Padma bridge is constructed with World Bank fund rather than going for alternative solutions. The party said the scope to resolve the issue with the World Bank was still open.

DHAKA TODAY

Citizens' rally
Nagonik Sanghati will organise a citizens' rally; Venue: in front of Bangladesh National Museum; Time: 10:30am.

Open discussion
Deshpremik Jonogoner Mancha will organise an open discussion; Venue: Gono Sangskriti Kendra, 2/4, Nabab Habiburullah

Road, Shahbagh; Time: 3:00pm.

Lecture
Bangla Academy will hold a lecture; Venue: its seminar room; Time: 4:00pm.

Publiclecture
Department of Law and Justice, Jahangirnagar University will hold a

WEATHER TODAY

Rains likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:19am.

Country's highest temperature 33.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.8 degrees at Teknaf.

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	32.8	26.4	85	71
Chittagong	31.5	25.5	79	81
Rajshahi	33.0	26.5	82	84
Rangpur	33.5	26.5	76	66
Khulna	32.5	27.2	84	90
Barisal	32.6	26.5	80	83
Sylhet	33.7	26.9	68	85