

DU BLACK DAY Trial of perpetrators demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday observed the university Black Day marking the 2007 army assault on the students.

On the occasion, students, teachers and officials wore black ribbons, and classes were suspended till 1:00pm. They also held a discussion at TSC.

The DU Black Day is observed on August 23, but this year the authorities shifted it to August 28 (yesterday) due to Eid vacation.

Addressing the programme as chief guest, Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique urged the government to take necessary steps against the culprits to stop recurrence of such incidents. No-one will dare to do the same thing in the future if the culprits are tried, he said.

DU Pro-VC (Administration) Prof Shahid Akhtar Hussain and Pro-VC (Education) Prof Nasreen Ahmad also addressed the programme.

On August 20, 2007, army men assaulted some students on the university central playground during a football match. Immediately after the incident, thousands of DU students took to streets and demanded withdrawal of an army camp from the university's gymnasium and an apology from the troops.

Over the next two days, law enforcers and students clashed on the campus, which left more than 250 people wounded, mostly students. The then army-backed caretaker government later arrested four DU teachers and several students.

On December 11, 2011, a parliamentary body recommended that former chief adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed, ex-home adviser MA Matin, former army chief Moeen U Ahmed, ex-DGFI officers ATM Amin and Fazlul Bari should be brought to justice for their role.

It also blamed the then DGFI official Shamsul Alam Khan, former police chief Nur Mohammad and Maj (retd) Quamrul and DU Assistant Proctor Nazmul Ahsan Kolimullah for the incident.



PHOTO: STAR

The 16-foot long python weighing about one maund was captured by army soldiers when it came down from a hill near Bangladesh Military Academy No 1 Firing Range in Bhatiari, Chittagong yesterday. The army men said they would hand the serpent over to the authorities concerned.

Two pro-AL, one pro-BNP teachers elected JU deans

JU CORRESPONDENT

Two pro-Awami League and one BNP backed professors won the Jahangirnagar University deans' election yesterday.

AL backed Prof Abul Hossain was elected dean to the mathematical and physical sciences faculty and Prof Abul Khayer to the biological sciences faculty. They belonged to "Muktijuddher Pokkher Shakti" panel.

From the opposing panel, "Samonnito Shikkhak Parishad", pro-BNP Prof Sayed Kamrul Ahsan was elected dean to the arts and humanities faculty.

A total of 446 teachers cast their vote at the Teacher's Club to elect deans to four out of six faculties of the university yesterday.

The result of the election to the social science faculty was suspended, as two rival candidates secured the same number of votes-50. Prof Sajed Asraf Karim and Prof Amir Hossen contested in the election.

Election Commissioner and JU Registrar Abu Bakar Siddique said the authorities will announce the result soon.

The elected deans to two remaining faculties--law and justice and business studies--are still to finish their current term.

Railway West Zone land records show discrepancy

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In a special audit, the Railway Audit Directorate (RAD) has found discrepancies in the land records of the West Zone of Bangladesh Railway.

The audit report said the inconsistencies proved that the BR did not keep its land records in a proper register book.

A 2008 inventory at the office of Chief Estate Officer showed the total land of the railway West Zone at 38,971 acres. One year later, the amount of land was reduced by 795 acres to 38,176 acres in the document.

The railway officials provided the accounts of land on the basis of assumptions, and it can be considered as an irregularity, said M Matiar Rahman, director general of RAD, who

signed the audit report on November 2, 2011.

The Daily Star has recently obtained the document.

Inconsistencies were also found in the records of the landed property of Pakshey Division of West Zone.

The land under the Division was shown to be 26,409 acres in 2003, while it was increased by 467 acres to 26,876 acres in a fresh document in 2010.

A 2003 record showed that 15,181 acres of land was in use for railway operation under Pakshey Division. In 2010, the amount of the land was found to be 9,022 acres, 6,159 acres less than the 2003 figure.

The RAD discovered the inconsistencies while carrying out a special audit of the West Zone land for 2007-08 and 2009-10 financial years.

PADMA BRIDGE LOAN Ershad urges Mashiur to resign

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday urged that Mashiur Rahman, economic adviser to the prime minister, resigns from his post immediately to pave the way for World Bank's loan to build the Padma bridge.

The former president urged top leaders of all political parties to jointly appeal to the World Bank to reconsider financing the bridge.

"I believe the World Bank will not be able to ignore our national call. We want to construct the Padma bridge with loan from the World Bank," Ershad said in a written statement sent to the media.

Expressing deep concern over getting WB's loan, Ershad said the World Bank has brought corruption allegations against Mashiur Rahman and he should resign immediately from the post considering the country's interest.

"I know you [Mashiur] are a man of many qualities. It would not be a matter of humiliation if you resign for the sake of country," Ershad said.

"I call upon Dr Mashiur Rahman -- do not hesitate and resign immediately. The people of the country will remember your sacrifice," he added.



The authorities turn a blind eye to the capital's Gulistan-Jatrabari road which has been left in a bad shape for a long time and causing suffering to its users. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Mahila Parishad seeks probe into suicide, rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad yesterday expressed deep concern over a suicide incident of a mother after killing her two daughters in the capital's Kafrul area, and an incident of gang rape of an autistic girl in Satoria upazila in Manikganj.

It also demanded punishment of the alleged people involved in the incidents after neutral and fair investigations, said two separate written statements of the organisation.

On Monday, a mother took her own life after killing her daughters by taking poison following a feud over extramarital affair of her husband.

TAILBACK AT GULISTAN-JATRABARI FLYOVER More staff sought for better traffic management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) has been asked to deploy additional manpower for better traffic management in the under-construction Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover area of the capital.

The decision came at a meeting on the flyover construction held in the conference room of Local Government Division on Monday.

The current poor condition of the road, illegal parking and lack of traffic management cause heavy traffic congestion in the area.

"If the corporation fails to manage traffic in the area then we will deploy other forces like police, Rab or army personnel to ensure smooth traffic movement," Local Government Division Secretary Abu Alam Mohammad Shahid Khan said at the meeting.

The meeting also gave seven days to the organisations concerned to complete the underground and overhead utility lines relocation in the construction site of the flyover, also known as the Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover, with a view to complete the flyover by March 26 next year.

"We are hopeful that the work of the flyover will be completed by mid March of next year and the prime minister will be able to inaugurate the flyover on March 26," said State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak at the meeting.

Belhasa Accom and Associates Ltd is implementing the project at a cost of about Tk 2,108 crore on Build- Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) basis, first of its kind in Bangladesh.

The flyover which was initially 7km long will now be 10km from Palashi to Jatrabari.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Akhlaqul Hossain Ahmed, former member of constituent assembly and Awami League (AL) leader, died of old age complications at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 86.

He left behind his wife, three sons, one daughter, a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death, says a press release.

He will be buried in his family graveyard at Mohonganj in Netrakona today following his second namaz-e-janaza after Zohr prayers. His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Kakrail Circuit House Jame Masjid.

Akhlaqul, former vice-president of the district AL, was elected a member of East Pakistan Provincial Assembly from Mohonganj in 1970's election.



Death anniversary
METRO DESK

Today is the sixth death anniversary of Kazi Jahan Ara Begum, former senior teacher of New Government Girls' High School and wife of late Advocate Kazi Zahirul Haque, National Awami Party leader.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at Buet Teachers' Quarters, 22/A, Bakshi Bazar, Dhaka after Asr prayers, says a press release.

Her friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

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Announcement

Written Test for the position of Management Trainee Officer

The Written Test for the position of **Management Trainee Officer** of The Premier Bank Limited has been scheduled on **September 07, 2012 (Friday) at 3.30 PM – 5.00 PM.**

The list of qualified candidates for the position of **Management Trainee Officer** is available at our website www.premierbankltd.com

The selected candidates having names in the list are hereby requested to print the **"Admit Card"** from the Bank's website by **September 05, 2012** and to bring the printed Admit Card at the Examination Centre for attending the Written Test on **September 07, 2012.**

The Venue of the Written Test has been mentioned in the Admit Card of the respective candidate.

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