13 DU students get awards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday conferred prestigious "Dean's Honour Award" and "Dean's Award" on 13 students of the arts faculty for their outstanding results in the honour's final examinations in 2010.

Five students received "Dean's Honour Award" and eight others received "Dean's Award" at a programme held at DU senate building. Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique distributed the awards.

The Dean's Honour Award winners are Habibullah (Arabic), Muhammad Abdul Hadi (Arabic), Shamima Nasreen (Urdhu), Shirajum Munira (Islamic Studies) and Syeda Ifat Ara (Dramatics).

The Dean's Award receivers are Manjura Malik Azami (English), Sharmin Nahar (Persian Language and Literature), Soma Dey (Sanskrit), Jafreen Rizwana (History), Tanzina Mehnaz (Psychology), Nazma (Islamic History and Culture), Shamima Yesmin (Information Science and Library Management) and Towhida Jahan (Linguistics).

Arts faculty Dean Prof Sadrul Amin presided over the programme.



Recipients of Dhaka University's "Dean's Honour Award" and "Dean's Award" with Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, sitting on the left, at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university yesterday.

PHOTO: DU

Boy dies falling from train roof

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified boy was killed as he fell down from the roof of a train in the capital's Nakhalpara area yesterday.

The boy, aged around 10 years, was in jeans pants, locals and Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) sources said. Jobairul Islam Arif, a college student, told The Daily Star that he saw the boy, after falling from the rooftop of a Tejgaon station bound train around 10:00am, was injured critically.

Later he, along with the locals, took the injured to Mohakhali Metropolitan Hospital from where he was shifted to the DMCH where the boy succumbed to his injuries around 3:30pm.

Kamalapur Government Railway Police said they heard the incident but could not say anything about it. No case was filed till yesterday evening.

NEXT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

EC to hold dialogues with civil society, journalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission will inaugurate dialogues on September 13 with civil society members and senior journalists to seek their opinions about how to ensure a free and fair parliamentary election.

Prospective amendments to Representation of the People's Order (RPO) 1972, constituency delimitation law and voter list updation, among other issues will be discussed during the meetings, EC Secretary Muhammad Sadiq said yesterday.

The EC will sit with the civil society mem-

bers on September 13 in NEC auditorium at 11:00am. The date of the dialogue with journal ists is not fixed yet.

The commission, however, is still to decide whether it will sit with political parties.

Earlier, Election Commissioner Shah Newaz said the commission had finalised the decision of holding dialogues with civil society members and journalists, but it was not thinking about holding talks with political parities now.

Another commissioner Brig (retd) Zabed Ali said the outline of the next parliamentary election would be finalised on the basis of opinions of all.

IRREGULARITIES IN SONALI BANK Punishment for the responsible sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two left-leaning parties at a rally yesterday demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of those involved in the irregularities in Sonali Bank.

Communist Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesher Shamjtantrik Dal organised the rally before Jatiya Press Club. The leaders of the parties demanded confiscation of proper-

ties of the persons who are involved in the scam, said a release. They also urged the Bangladesh Bank to make all the banks

and financial institutions free from politicisation. The Ruposhi Bangla Hotel Branch of Sonali Bank had lent Hallmark Group and five other companies Tk 3,547 crore between 2010 and this year based on forged documents,

according to a Bangladesh Bank investigation.

Listed criminal found killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a top listed extortionist of the capital's Jatrabari area from inside a locked shop at Sayedabad early yesterday.

Mohammad Liton, 23, the extortionist, was killed by fellow criminals on Wednesday night following a quarrel over sharing extortion money, police said.

His body was sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Liton's mother Najma Begum said her son used to work as a day labourer in Motijheel. A local youth named Samrat called him out on Wednesday morning, she said.

Around 1:00am yesterday, a local youth informed her that Liton was killed and his body was dumped inside a welding shop at Sayedabad, she added.

Jatrabari Police Station Officer-in-Charge AKM Abul Kashem said police learned from local sources that the criminals had extorted a big amount of money recently.

Samrat and Liton got into a quarrel when Samrat demanded a share of the money and Liton told him that he was yet to receive the money, he said.

Samrat and three or four others beat up Liton near Sayedabad Balur Math on Wednesday night, took him to the welding shop of one Abdus Sattar, and hammered him to death there, he added.

The OC said Liton was accused in several murder and extortion cases with different police stations including Jatrabari. He used to demand extortion money over mobile phone in Sayedabad, Jatrabari and adjoining areas, he added.

Liton's mother has filed a murder case with Jatrabari Police Station.



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Due to a lack of gas supply in Gulisthan-Jatrabari area of the capital, a resident cooks on clay stoves yesterday. The gas connection has been cut off in the area for the last three days because of slow repair work of Titas gas lines that were disconnected due to ongoing construction of Mayor Hanif Flyover.

Tax evasion charges against Koko to be framed in absentia

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday said tax evasion charges will be framed in absentia against Arafat Rahman Koko, younger son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, on September 27.

Judge Mohammad Zahirul Haque of the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after the government submitted a gazette notification regarding Koko's absence.

Earlier on August 5, the court asked the government to publish a gazette notification asking Koko to appear before it by August 30, which was yesterday.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) filed the case on March 1, 2010 accusing Koko of dodging taxes on his Tk 52.39 lakh income for fiscal years 2002-03 to 2006-07.

Koko repeatedly provided false information about his actual income and expenditure, alleged the NBR state-

ment. On June 23 last year, another Dhaka court sentenced Koko to six years' rigorous imprisonment for laundering over Tk 20 crore to Singapore.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Valiant freedom fighter Commander (retd) M Mosleh Uddin died at Combined Military Hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 68.

Mosleh Uddin was born in 1943 at Charsubuddhi village in Narsingdi. He joined the Navy in 1962, said a press release.

He was buried at the Banani Military Graveyard at 3:00pm with military honour.

Death anniversary STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 16th death anniversary of Prof Ahmed Hossain, a former part-time teacher at Information Science and Library Management Department of Dhaka University, said a press release.

A doa mahfil will be held at Awlad Hossain Market Mosque today after Maghrib prayers seeking eternal peace of the departed soul.

Arrestee confesses killing stock trader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth arrested for the murder of stock market investor Kazi Zia Hayder Ali confessed to his crime before the press at DMP Media Centre in the capital yesterday. Detective Branch of police on Wednesday night arrested

Imran Hossain Jitu in connection with the murder committed on January 21. On January 21, a gang of robbers shot dead Hayder Ali, a

former expatriate in South Korea, in broad daylight at his residence in Mirpur. Jitu said he along with 10 others went to Hayder's house to

realise extortion money, which they had been demanding for long. According to Mashiur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner of DB, the gang broke into Hayder's house and

held his wife and daughter at gunpoint while rummaging the flat for valuables. At one stage, his daughter and wife managed to get out of the flat and shouted for help. The extortionists started flee-

ing one by one when neighbours rushed to the flat. "Hayder caught one of us on the staircase while we were fleeing, so I shot Hayder to free my accomplice," Jitu

Recently Jitu served six years in jail in connection with a robbery case and is accused in three more cases, police said.

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