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JU deadlock takes toll on students

WASIM BIN HABIB and SM NAJMUS SAKIB

The ongoing deadlock at Jahangirnagar University is taking a heavy toll on its students, as they have been missing classes and examinations one after another, leaving timely completion of their studies in doubt.

The students have so far missed 47 days from their academic calendar due to the unrest on the campus, particularly the teachers' movement that began soon after the appointment of Prof Anwar Hossain as vice chancellor in May last year.

Apart from that, the country's lone residential university has enjoyed 118 days of official holidays since then.

Already behind schedule by around three to four months, students and teachers fear that with only two months left of this academic session, the ongoing stalemate will prolong session jams.

The students demand an immediate end to the deadlock. "We don't want our academic lives to be ruined like this," said Manzurul Hossain of the anthropology department.

Meanwhile, the teachers agitating under the banner of "Sadharan Shikkhak Forum" yesterday released Registrar Abu Bakar Siddique and Deputy Registrar Abu Hasan from confinement in their offices.

They had confined the two for the last eight days in protest at the appointments of three deans to the faculties of law, business administration and biological science.

In another development yesterday evening, a delegation

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Education altered, for the better

APURBA JAHANGIR

There was a time when Rakib's parents, farmers by occupation, had decided to involve him in farming, since they could not afford a proper education for him. It was not until the teachers at the Basic School System (BSS), a school for drop-outs in Tangail, discovered Rakib Rahman and urged his parents to admit him in the school, that he finally began a new and confident chapter in life. Today, he is a student of class 5 and loves to design and build furniture in carpentry class. "I want to be an interior designer when I grow up," smiles the young wood enthusiast.

In 1978, Dr Muhammad Ibrahim, a celebrated professor of physics, established the Centre for Mass Education in Science (CMES), and later on established the Basic School System (BSS) in 1981, as a part of CMES. Dr Ibrahim's idea was to have young dropouts return to school and grow an interest in science and general education, including vocational training. "I came up with the idea of BSS mainly to address the needs of adolescent dropouts," says Dr Ibrahim. "So far, the response has been tremendous. The mission is to educate each and every child in

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A learning centre for dropouts under Basic School System, an innovation of Dr Muhammad Ibrahim, left. Students here receive general education as well as training on carpentry, farming techniques, electrical engineering, computer science and methods to run small business.

PHOTO: STAR

Higgs boson scientists win Nobel

AFP, Stockholm

Peter Higgs of Britain and Francois Englert of Belgium won the Nobel Physics Prize yesterday for the discovery of the "God particle", the Higgs Boson that explains why mass exists, the jury said.

The pair were honoured for "the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of

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Yusuf asked his men to kill 3 Hindus

Witness from Bagerhat testifies at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified that he had seen AKM Yusuf ordering his cohorts to kill several Hindu people at Morelganj launch terminal on the night of May 19, 1971.

Three men were shot dead at the terminal as Yusuf's accomplices executed the order, Nasir Uddin Ahmed Mallik, a freedom

fighter from Morelganj of Bagerhat, told the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

Before the killing, Yusuf at a public rally directed his followers to annihilate the Hindus and pro-liberation people, said Nasir, also the second prosecution witness in the war crimes case against Yusuf.

Nasir, 67, also told the tribunal that Yusuf's cohorts also killed a freedom fighter

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NUMBER OF WITNESSES Nizami's plea for review rejected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday rejected a petition of Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami's defence to review the number of their witnesses and fixed October 20 for their testimony.

Four defence witnesses have been set to testify for the war crimes accused. The

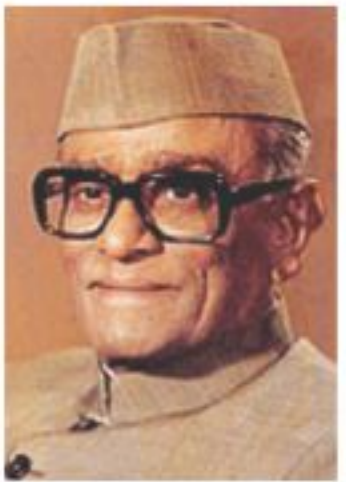
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Indira counted on his advice in '71

Son tells Star of father's role upon receiving Liberation War honour on his behalf

ZYMA ISLAM

It may not be entirely presumptuous to say that India's involvement in the Liberation War of Bangladesh was decided by only five people, one of them being late Indian prime minister Indira



Fakhruddin



Pervez Ahmed

Gandhi herself. Among the other four was former Indian president Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, who was conferred the Bangladesh Liberation War Honour posthumously in Dhaka last week.

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Nasir Hossain, left, plucks the ball out of thin air during Bangladesh's practice session at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. The Tigers will need this sort of spectacular fielding to enforce a positive result against New Zealand in the first Test that starts here today.

PHOTO: STAR

2 BCL men injured in Shibir attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Bangladesh Chhatra League leader was stabbed and a former activist of the organisation shot in an attack by Islami Chhatra Shibir men at Dharampur in Rajshahi city yesterday.

The critically injured are Shariful Islam Saddam, 25, organising secretary of BCL Rajshahi University (RU) unit, and Golam Rabbani Tufan, 35, a former activist of the organisation's city unit.

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PRAYER TIMING October 9		
Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4-45	5-20
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-53	5-56
Esha	7-30	8-00
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Phone maker LG has confirmed it will start selling flexible screens for smartphones and tablets as early as next month.

The 6-inch display will be made of bendy plastic substrates, rather than glass, and the panel can be attached to any curved device.

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ADMIN RESHUFFLE 9 districts get new DCs


STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday reshuffled the civil administration through transfers and postings of some officials both at the top administrative and field levels.

Deputy commissioners (DC) of nine districts were replaced by officers who had been working at different ministries and institutions.

Abu Hena Morshed Zaman, who was a director at the Prime Minister's Office, was made the DC of Faridpur, Deputy Director of Rajuk SM Alam DC of Kishoreganj,

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