

Academic activities halted in 3 depts

JU CORRESPONDENT

Demonstrations regarding transfer of the environmental science department of Jahangirnagar University to a new building halted academic activities of three departments yesterday.

The environmental science department staged an indefinite sit-in demanding they be transferred to the new building, a move which was supposed to take place a year ago.

However, two other departments -- computer science and engineering and geological sciences --, housed in the new building, began their own demonstrations against the move saying the building was not big enough for three departments.

All three departments have been boycotting classes and examinations for the last three days as a part of their demonstrations.

Meanwhile, authorities formed a five-member team yesterday to look into the situation and within seven working days submit a report and recommendations, based on which a decision would be taken.

Cable glitch causes power outage in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Residents of many areas in the capital city have been suffering due to power outage since yesterday when a 132KV underground electric cable was damaged during construction work of the Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover in Mouchak.

Workers of Toma Construction damaged the cable in front of Mouchak Market, said a press release of Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).

Areas affected include Poribagh, Elephant Road, Karwan Bazar, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Kakrail, Ramna, Azimpur and Dhanmondi.

An official of DPDC said they require two to three days for repairing the cable.



The swelling Ramnabadh River at Lalua union of Patuakhali inundated five villages yesterday as the embankment there has not been repaired yet after being breached last year. PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

Drive against gill nets soon

Says minister
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will soon start drives against fine-mesh gill net as High Court has rejected all 57 writ petitions filed against the law that banned such fishing nets in the country, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Muhammed Sayedul Hoque said at a workshop yesterday.

The Protection and Conservation of Fish Act, 1950 was amended in 2002 to impose a ban on manufacturing, marketing, fabricating, importing, storing, carrying, transporting, possessing or using the gill net.

Stakeholders, who might be affected by the ban, filed the petitions between 2002 and 2012.

The workshop was organised by Bangladesh Fish Research Institute in the capital's Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council auditorium marking the "Jatka Conservation Week 2015".

WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF AKRAM His witness claims he is innocent

Says he is a victim of previous enmity
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A defence witness yesterday said war crimes accused Khan Akram Hossain was a "victim of previous enmity", while another testified that the accused was "about 14 years old" during the Liberation War.

A prosecution witness of the case, Nimai Chandra, had "previous enmity" with the accused and that is why Nimai filed a case against Akram, said the third defence witness, Abdur Rashid Mollik, 67.

"The case was later transferred to the tribunal," he told the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

According to the prosecution, Akram was commander of the Doibogghati Razakar camp in Bagerhat.

However, Mollik said Jabbar Molla was the camp's commander and that Akram lived with his uncle Ismail in Khulna, and he returned to his family at Doibogghati village after the war started.

The fourth defence witness, Yousuf Ali Dihider, 78, gave an almost similar testimony and claimed Akram was about 14 years old in 1971.

But the prosecution which says Akram is now 61, meaning he was 17 years old in 1971, raised an objection, and the tribunal recorded the defence witness's claim with that objection.

Akram, along with two alleged Razakars Sheikh Sirajul Haque alias Siraj Master and Abdul Latif Talukder, is facing seven charges of crimes against humanity and genocide committed in Bagerhat in 1971.

Meanwhile, the tribunal-1 asked prosecutor Syed Sayedul Haque Sumon to reply on Monday to its query -- why the three alleged Razakars were not made accused in the war crimes case against AKM Yusuf though some of the charges are similar in both cases.

Yusuf died in prison on February 9, 2014, and the proceedings against him were later terminated.

The tribunal-1 also asked the prosecutor to reply why some other Razakars who were involved in the atrocities on which the seven charges were framed and who are still alive were not made accused.

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NEWS IN brief

Stop sand extraction from 2 Ctg canals: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the government to immediately stop extraction of sand from Dolu and Sorai canals in Lohagora upazila of Chittagong to protect the waterbodies and local environment.

In response to a writ petition by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), the court also asked the authorities to explain in four weeks why they should not be directed to declare the canals ecologically critical areas and to remove Balu Mohals (sand

ActionAid publishes laws on rights of disabled in braille

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ActionAid Bangladesh on Monday launched the braille version of the laws protecting the rights of persons with disability, at Biswa Sahitya Kendra in the capital, said a press release.

The organisation brought it out to help the visually challenged people in knowing their rights.

Saidul Haque, executive director of Blind Education and Rehabilitation Development Organisation, and Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Founder Chairman of Biswa

AL, BNP leaders pass busy

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Junma prayers Friday, said party insiders, while his main challenger AZM Nasir Uddin, Awami League's Chittagong city general secretary, will meet the voters this morning.

"We want to start the campaign with the symbol. Symbols will be allocated on Friday," said Manjur's son Sarwar Alam, who is coordinating the electioneering.

Meanwhile, Nasir told reporters before a meeting of the city AL that Manjur won on the promise of solving waterlogging but he failed to do so in the last five years of his tenure.

"In one word, Manjur failed in every aspect as mayor," he said.

Nasir added, "Our leader ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury was unexpectedly defeated in that election due to such campaign of Manjur... this time we should exploit the same issue."

The meeting took place at the office of Nagorik Committee that campaigns for Nasir.

Prof Abul Kalam Azad, convener of Chattagram Unnayan Andolon, which nominated Manjur, said they would conduct a vigorous door to door campaign.

Apart from the two, several of the total 12 mayoral candidates so far and ward councillor aspirants started campaign by visiting localities and distributing leaflets.

While on a campaign trail in Panchlaish, Jatiya Party-backed candidate Solaiman Alam Sheth said he would focus on making a beautiful city out of Chittagong.

Returning Officer Mohammad Abdul Baten said they would closely monitor the campaign to check extortion, crime, use of illegal arms, and violation of the electoral code of conduct.

SC asks 2 land officials why they shouldn't be charged with contempt of court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against two government high officials for not handing over land of the Supreme Court, currently under Shishu Academy's possession, to the apex court despite its order.

In its rule, the HC asked the secretary to the ministry of women and children affairs and director of Shishu Academy to explain in two weeks why contempt of court proceedings

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FIREBOMBING OF BUS IN N'GANJ 5 Shibir men held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police yesterday arrested five Shibir activists in Narayanganj city over the petrol bomb attack on a bus in Danchamber area of the city on Monday.

The arrestees -- Nasir Uddin, Mamunur Rashid, Shiblee Sadik, Haibur Rahman and Iman Hossain -- are students of Institute of Marine Technology in Bandar area.

Police also seized several militant books from their possession.

On Monday, some Jamaat-Shibir activists hurled a petrol bomb at the bus of Mission Paribahan, said police.

While they were fleeing, locals caught one Yasuf Hossain Shovan, a student of the institute, and handed over him to police.

Following his information, police raided the institute and arrested the five. Of them Sadik is accused in several cases filed over subversive activities, said police.

59 Ctg councillor candidates

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Md Alauddin Chowdhury, Md Shafiqul Alam, Saifuddin Ahmed (Robi) and Syed Sajjad Zoha passed HSC exams, and Md Wayez Hossain Bhuiyan studied up to Alim (class XII).

Only MA Motin is a graduate (honours), while Arif Moinuddin is a postgraduate (history).

Except Wayez and Moinuddin, the rest own businesses. Wayez is the "field maintenance controller of Kafco", while Moinuddin kept the space for profession empty.

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