

EID VACATION
JU VC assures
of keeping
dormitories
open longer
JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University Vice Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam has assured the students of reducing the number of days the dormitories would remain closed during the Eid vacation to six days from ten.

Her assurance came after the students demonstrated demanding the authorities keep the dormitories open during the vacation of Eid-ul Fitr.

Now the dormitories would remain closed from July 16 to 21 instead of July 14 to 23.

Abu Bakr Siddique, registrar of JU, said, "I have not yet received any formal order regarding the issue, but the students can stay at their dormitories till July 15 and can come back after the 21st."



Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 22nd death anniversary of AZ Syed Ahmed Chowdhury, a former politician and social worker of Feni.

A doa mahfil will be held in Feni town and the district's Sonagazi, says a press release.

On this day in 1993, he died at Dhaka's Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital, aged 79.

He left behind his wife, four daughters and three sons.

A lifetime member of Feni Sports Association, Ahmed also contributed to education and culture in the district.



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Nagorik Oikya forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding release of its convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna from incarceration.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

5 human traffickers arrested

9 fortune seekers rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab arrested five alleged human traffickers raiding a fraudulent recruiting agency office and a flat in the capital's Uttara on Monday.

The arrestees are Abdul Latif, 45, Shohidul, 44, Shilpi Akter, 22, Shima Akter Moushumi, 19, and Rina Begum, 30.

On information, a team of Rab-2 conducted a drive at a flat in Turag area and arrested the three female traffickers.

Nine female fortune seekers were also rescued from there, said Rab officials.

Following information gleaned from them, the team carried out a search in the office of Al Tech Recruiting agency at Sector-10, and arrested Latif, manager of the agency and Shohidul.

They also seized around 195 passports, two computers and a laptop.

Rab said local agents of the agency bring women in Dhaka luring them with high salaried job abroad in exchange of money ranging from Tk 20,000 to Tk 50,000.

Later they confine the women in that flat until their departure, Rab added.

ENROLMENT IN VIQARUNNISA COLLEGE
Many from 2nd merit list protest being still in dark

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some college aspirants and their guardians demonstrated before Viqarunnisa Noon School and College yesterday, protesting the college authorities' move not to enrol the candidates, whose names were in the second merit list.

About 50 such protestors blocked the road in front of the institution's main branch at Siddheswari in the capital for about 20 minutes from 12:30pm, creating traffic congestion. They said the education ministry in its second merit list published on Sunday specified the colleges where the students are to be enrolled.

"My daughter was supposed to be enrolled in this college, but the authorities are not admitting her saying that there is no available seat," said Habib.

One of the admission seekers said, "I applied to the ministry to change my college to Viqarunnisa and my application was granted. I found my name in the list uploaded on the website. So why is the college not admitting us?"

"We were force to block the road as the college authorities would not respond to us after barring us from entering the college," said Shamima Akhter. She said they stopped demonstrating after law enforcers intervened and arranged a meeting with the principal.

Shamima said they would meet the principal today.

Despite repeated attempts, The Daily Star could not reach Principal Sufia Khatun for her comments. The ministry on Sunday published the second merit list of 17,647 students aspiring to get admitted to colleges on its website "www.xiclassadmission.gov.bd." Of the students, 6,921 students had applied to change their colleges.

Court asks all state agencies to assist IO

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police, Chittagong Customs House, Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), and Narcotics Control Department, said a court official, quoting the order.

On Monday, customs officials did not let the IO seize the consignment, saying the customs act did not permit it. An official also filed a petition with the Chittagong's Additional Metropolitan Magistrate seeking a revision of Sunday's court order on the seizure.

On the other hand, police told the Metropolitan Magistrate in a petition the same day that a "party" did not let them seize the consignment.

The Metropolitan Magistrate heard both petitions yesterday.

The consignment shipped in as sunflower oil was sealed off at Chittagong Port on June 6, and laboratory tests on June 27 confirmed presence of liquid cocaine in one barrel.

BNWLA pins hope

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verdict of the BSF trial court.

"The Indian Supreme Court has many examples of delivering landmark judgement [in the past]," she said adding that a fair trial might turn the warm relations between the two countries warmer.

On January 7, 2011, Felani, 15, was shot dead while crossing into Bangladesh illegally as her clothes got stuck in the barbed-wire fence in Phulbari upazila of Kurigram.

Constable Amiya Ghosh of BSF was charged with culpable homicide for the killing. In 2013, the BSF trial court acquitted the constable, and a revision trial by the same court gave the same verdict on July 2 this year. After the first verdict, the BNWLA filed the petition seeking a fair trial and compensation for the victim's family.

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Rizvi, Dudu get bail in multiple cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to BNP leaders Ruhul Kabir Rizvi Ahmed and Shamsuzzaman Dudu for six months in 15 vandalism and arson cases filed in December last year and January this year.

Rizvi got bail in eight cases while Dudu in seven, their lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon said.

He added Dudu can get released from jail but Rizvi

Road crash kills one, hurts another

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A pedestrian was killed when a bus ran him over as the driver was trying to overtake another bus in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday. The deceased, aged around 30, could not be unidentified, police said.

A woman -- Amena Begum, 50, -- was injured as the bus hit her. People beat up the bus driver Nabab Ali, 50, and helper Joynal Abedin, 30 and handed them over to police.

Robber killed in 'shootout' with cops

Staff Correspondent, Ctg

An alleged robber died at Chittagong Medical College Hospital yesterday after he was injured in a "shootout" with police at Banshbaria of Sitakunda upazila in Chittagong on Monday night.

The deceased Nazim Uddin Chowdhury, 35, of the upazila was accused in several cases, said police.

On information, police conducted a drive around 10:30pm when Nazim and his gang were taking preparation to commit robbery, said police.

Sensing police presence the gang started firing prompting the law enforcers to retaliate, police added.

Nazim was injured and his cohort Diderul Alam, 25, was arrested. A pistol, a light gun and four bullets were

JU to start professional math masters programme

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Mathematics department of Jahangirnagar University will start a new masters programme titled "Professional Master of Science in Mathematics" on September 4.

Students graduated in Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, Engineering and Computer Sciences can apply for it.

Application forms are available at the department till August 10 and admission test will be held on August 14.

Results will be published on August 17 and admission procedure will be held from August 24 to 30.

For more information log on to www.pmsm.info or contact email: pmsmju@gmail.com, cell: 01813566844.



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Training of Jute Farmers Under Dhaka Division

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