YESTERDAY'S

TEMPERATURES

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No more fuel stations

on unused RHD land

those out on a temporary basis.

The cabinet also approved a pro-

posal of the health ministry for

raising the age limit to 36 from 30

for recruiting senior staff nurse and

staff nurse for hospitals and health

nurses and staff nurses, aged up to

36 years, could now apply for gov-

ernment services in the health sector

organisations and hospitals. Such

provision will remain valid till

December 2018, Musharraf said.

Under the proposal, senior staff

organisations in the public sector.

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Rivalling BCL,

Jubo League

run amok in

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Followers of two expelled

leaders of Bangladesh

Chhatra League (BCL) and

Jubo League chased each

other with sharp weapons

and sticks yesterday after-

noon in Chittagong city's

CRB area, the same spot

where a gunfight between

the two in 2013 killed two

said some 100 followers of

former BCL central commit-

tee assistant general secre-

tary Saiful Islam Limon gave

chase to followers of former

Jubo League central com-

mittee member Helal Akber

Chowdhury Babor who

were holding a rally in front

of Mela Community Center

holding the rally from

11:00am while Limon's

followers gathered nearby in

Sat Rastar Matha. The

groups chased each other till

3:00pm and the locals

reported hearing two gun-

Helal's group had been

around 1:30pm.

Eyewitnesses and police

passers-by.

port city

Mahalaya celebrated nationwide

3-day public holiday on Durga Puja demanded STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Hindus yesterday celebrated the Mahalaya, the auspicious occasion heralding the advent of goddess Mahalaya that is consid-

ered as ceremonial invocation of goddess Durga is observed seven days prior to the initiation of the Durga Puja, the largest religious festival of the community.

Hindus believe the earth prepares itself and welcomes the coming of the Goddess and her children, through the celebration.

The four-day Durga Puja will begin on October 19, amid wispy autumn clouds in the translucent blue sky and fragrance of Sheuli flowers that will mark the arrival of the goddess.

This year, Mahanabomi and Bijoya Dashami will be celebrated the same day on October 22.

Meanwhile, leaders of Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad yesterday demanded a three-day public holiday on the occasion of Durga Puja, while currently there is a single holiday.

They placed the demand at a views exchange meeting with journalists at Dhakeshwari National Temple.

"We demand sufficient security measures, uninterrupted electricity and water supply at puja mandaps and colourful decoration of the government buildings, including Gono Bhaban, Banga Bhaban and Nagar Bhaban," said Kajal Debnath, the parishad president.

A total of 14 goddess' idols have so far been vandalised at different spots across the country in last couple of weeks, he informed, with a demand to bring the perpetrators to book.

Worship of the goddess SEE PAGE 4 COL 6



An armed group backed by Bangladesh Chhatra League leader Saiful Islam Limon in action in Chittagong city's CRB area yesterday during a chase and counter chase for around one and a half hours with the followers of Jubo League leader Helal Akber Chowdhury Babor holding a rally in front of Mela Community Centre. Locals talked of hearing two gunshots and of two persons being injured in the incident over establishing supremacy there. PHOTO: STAR

Five Kishoreganj 'Razakars'

7 charges framed

Tribunal also allows one-day's interrogation of each of 5 suspects of Patuakhali

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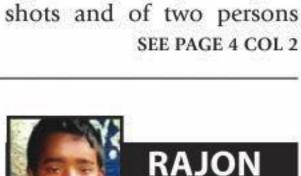
International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday framed seven specific charges against five suspected Razakars for their alleged involvement in crimes against humanity committed in Kishoreganj during the 1971 Liberation War.

The charges include mass killing, murder, confinement, torture, arson and looting.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque framed the charges after finding "prima facie evidence" (accepted as correct until proven otherwise) of their involvement in the crimes narrated in the prosecution's formal charges.

The cabinet also approved the Gazi Abdul Mannan, 88, is the alleged commander of Karimganj Razakar camp, while Nasiruddin Ahmed, 62, and his brother Shamsuddin Ahmed, 60, Hafiz Uddin, 66, and Azharul Islam, 60, are alleged Razakar members, all "Rabindra University Act-2015". The from Kishoreganj's Karimganj upazila.

Only Shamsuddin was produced before the tribunal. "I was falsely implicated," said Shamsuddin, pleading not



Moyna wanted to rape the little boy

Testifies UP member OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A witness in the 13-year-old Sheikh Samiul Alam Rajon murder case yesterday gave new information to a Sylhet court regarding the murder

on July 8. While being cross examined by the public prosecutor, Tukerbazar union parishad member Gias Uddin told the court that the allegation of stealing a

rickshaw-van brought SEE PAGE 5 COL 5



Cabinet okays new policy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

on unused RHD lands.

The cabinet yesterday approved the

Roads and Highways Department's

"Land Management Policy-2015",

which states that petrol, diesel and

CNG stations can no longer be set up

ing, Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf

Hossain Bhuiyan said under the

policy it will be possible for the

authorities concerned to keep the

RHD's unused lands free from illegal

occupation made through leasing

Briefing reporters after the meet-

Amid rain, over 150 candidates and their guardians continue rallying on the Central Shaheed Minar premises in the capital yesterday, demanding fresh tests for admission to medical and dental colleges alleging that the question papers were leaked. PHOTO: STAR

MEDICAL ADMISSION TEST RETAKE DEMAND

Agitators brave rain

Announce sit-in at Shaheed Minar, human chain in front of Press Club today

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He said currently some 3,728

posts of nurses are lying vacant in

the public sector, and Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina has already

made a commitment of recruiting

drafts of "Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman Digital University,

Bangladesh Act-2015" and

administrative structure of the uni-

versities would be like other public

another 10,000 more nurses.

universities.

Braving heavy rains, over 150 students and their parents staged a rally on the capital's Central Shaheed Minar premises yesterday demanding fresh tests for admission to medical and dental colleges citing question paper leak allegations.

stopped at the base of Shontrash · of supplying question papers with answers.

traffic till around 4:30pm.

Two arrested for 'cheating' university admission seekers

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· Detectives arrested two persons in the capi-Around noon they marched : tal's Sabujbag on Sunday on the charge of towards Shahbagh but were : alluring public universities' admission seekers

Birodhi Raju Sharok Bhaskorjo by · Creating a fake Facebook ID, members of police barricades. There they : the gang, including Rezaul Alam Arni and formed a human chain and blocked : Anisur Rahman Mithu, assured the aspirants · of supplying question papers with answers One, Muhiminul Niyon, on after seeking money through their bKash SEE PAGE 5 COL 2 : account, claimed detectives yesterday.



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DU BCL demands better amenities for students

Says demonstrations of medical college admission seekers illogical

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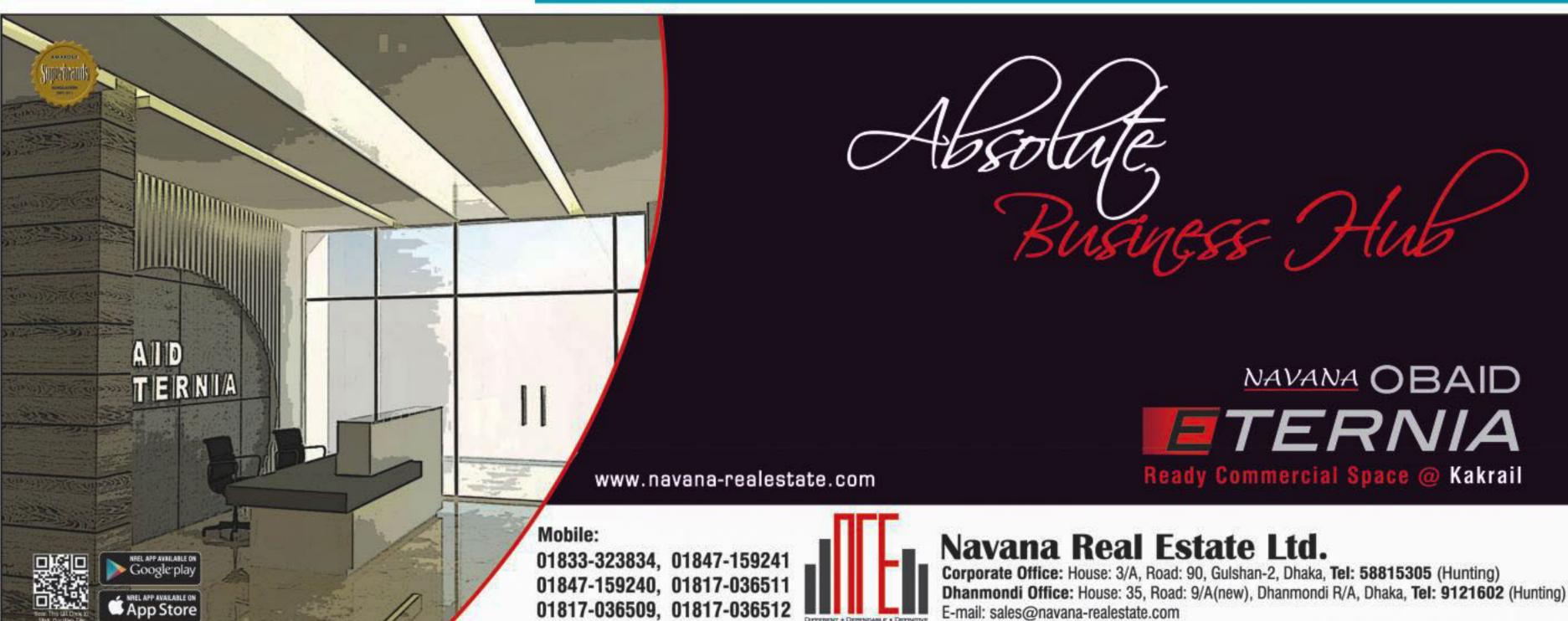
The Dhaka University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday submitted a memorandum to the vice chancellor demanding that the authorities enhance amenities for general students. At a press conference organised on the campus, they also

urged students' organisations to be responsible and protect students' interests. Some of their demands include ensuring

healthy and hygienic food at hall canteens, fresh water supply, modernisation of the library, and better sanitation facilities. The organisation also urged the authorities to fix rick-

shaw fare inside the campus. About the demonstration of medical college admission seekers, BCL General Secretary SM Jakir Hossain said the protest was illogical.

VC Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said he received the memorandum and approved of their demands.



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