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BCL men stop exam at CU

Examinees barred from entering hall; two activists suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong University authorities had to postpone a graduation test for journalism students yesterday as Bangladesh Chhatra League activists did not allow the examinees to enter the exam hall.

Some 40 to 50 Chhatra League men obstructed the students at the Social Science building minutes before the exam was to start at 10:00am, said witnesses and teachers of the communication and journalism department. They even attempted to padlock the exam hall.

They did it as the authorities did not allow a Chhatra League activist to sit for the exam. The activist in question was suspended for assaulting another Chhatra League leader with a deadly weapon, said CU proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury and witnesses.

The proctor said the remaining tests would be held according to the routine and a new date for yesterday's test would be announced later.

Later in the day, Chhatra League central executive committee suspended two activists of the CU unit for "breaching discipline of the organisation", says a press release from the pro-Awami League student body.

They suspended are: Mizanur Rahman Bipul, deputy office secretary, and Abdullah Al Kaiser, assistant secretary of the CU unit.

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WATER MONITOR Struggling to survive

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

Keeping its head above the water, a water monitor, locally known as *gui shap*, swam to the bank of *Khashnagar Dighi* (lake) near the Folk Art and Crafts Museum in Narayanganj's Sonargaon one fine February afternoon.

As it reached the bank of

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A water monitor, locally known as *gui shap*, near Khashnagar Dighi in Narayanganj's Sonargaon upazila. The photo was taken in February.

PHOTO: MOKAMMEL SHUVO

No election without BNP

Says Fakhru

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There will be no election in the country without BNP's participation, party's Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir has said.

He urged the government to find out ways to ensure BNP's participation instead of trying to scare it with threats that its registration would be cancelled.

The BNP leader was addressing a discussion organised by the party at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, marking five years of the "enforced disappearance" of another leader M Ilias Ali.

Ilias, BNP's then organising secretary and a former lawmaker, went missing along with his driver Ansar Ali at midnight on April 17, 2012. Since then, the BNP

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One cop shot dead in Paris

Another policeman hurt; attacker killed

AFP, Paris

One police officer was killed and another wounded last night in a shooting on Paris's Champs Elysees, police said, just days ahead of France's presidential election.

France's interior ministry said the attacker was killed in the incident in the early evening on the world-famous boulevard.

The famous shopping street in the heart

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Mystery over arrest of 11 'bad cops'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 11 detectives, detained by military police on Tuesday night while taking away four persons by a microbus from a Kafrul club, had allegedly snatched money and valuables from people at the same club around a month ago.

Shafiul Azam, president of New Wave Club, said he informed Kafrul police of the March 16 snatching incident. He also gave them CCTV footage of the incident showing seven to eight people, who are among those captured on Tuesday.

"We sought immediate action against the intruders who we thought were robbers." The same group again stormed the club on Tuesday evening, robbed people of money and valuables, and took away four persons by a

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Sharif to face probe

But survives in office as SC says not enough evidence to order PM's removal over alleged corruption

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was given a reprieve yesterday when the Supreme Court ordered he be investigated for corruption, but ruled there was not yet sufficient evidence to oust him from power.

Sharif and his children are accused of graft in the ongoing case which has captivated Pakistan and threatened to topple the prime minister after the Panama Papers leak



last year linked the family to off-shore businesses.

The Supreme Court issued a split ruling calling for a joint investigation team of anti-corruption officials along with the powerful Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and Military Intelligence to probe the

claims and issue a report within 60 days.

"A thorough investigation is required," Justice Asif Saeed Khosa told the court,

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	6-31		8-30

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Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Limited (Bapex) began commercially extracting natural gas from Sundalpur-Shahjadpur Gas Project-2 on a trial basis at Sundalpur gas field in Nohakhali's Companiganj upazila around noon yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Saudi malls to hire only locals

AFP, Riyadh

Foreigners will no longer be allowed to work in Saudi Arabia's numerous shopping malls, the labour ministry announced yesterday, in the latest measure to boost employment of Saudis.

The kingdom has intensified efforts to develop more jobs for its citizens under a wide-ranging drive that began last year to diversify the oil-dependent economy.

Known as Vision 2030, the plan calls for development of non-oil industries, small and medium enterprises, and a broader investment base.

"The Minister of Labour and Social Development issues a decision restricting the work in malls across the kingdom to only Saudi men and women," the ministry said on Twitter.

There were no further details on how or when the plan would be implemented. It is the latest step aimed at boosting local employment in a country where expatriates do everything from cleaning the streets, to waiting on tables and providing management expertise.

About nine million foreigners worked in the kingdom at the end of 2015, according to latest official figures.

Saudis have traditionally preferred jobs in the public sector, where hours are shorter and leave is longer, but the government is trying to cut its payroll.

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Water you can eat!

NDTV ONLINE

Edible water. Sounds like something from the future, right? A London-based start-up is slowly making it a reality.

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