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REOPENING HALLS  
JU protesters  
issue 8-day  
ultimatum

JU CORRESPONDENT

Demanding the immediate removal of Jahangirnagar University (JU) vice-chancellor, protesters yesterday issued an eight-day ultimatum to open all dormitories for a safe educational environment. "If the university authorities wouldn't do it, then we would begin tougher movements from November 22. Within this time, the VC can't take part in any policy making activities. If she does, we would resist," said, Prof Rayhan Rhyne, convener and one of the organisers of "Jahangirnagar Against Corruption", at a press briefing on the campus.

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**High transport cost hurting economy**

WB says cost would be 35pc lower if there were no congestion; report says logistics costs too high in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transportation costs, the largest direct logistic costs in Bangladesh, would be up to 35 percent lower if there were no congestion on roads, said a World Bank report.

Bangladesh needs to improve its transport and logistics systems to meet the needs of its growing economy and to boost export growth, said the report titled "Moving Forward: Connectivity and Logistics to Sustain Bangladesh's Success" unveiled yesterday.

Congestion on roads and at seaports, high logistics costs, inadequate infrastructure, one-sided logistics service markets, and fragmented governance

hamper manufacturing and freight, further eroding Bangladesh's competitive edge and putting its robust growth path at risk, the report said.

The country could significantly boost export growth, maintain its position as a leading garment and textile manufacturer, and create more jobs by making logistics more efficient, it said.

The carrying costs represent 17 to 56 percent of logistic costs. Inventory affected by inconsistent deliveries and congestion ranges between 53 and 75 percent depending on industries, it said.

Logistics costs in Bangladesh is high for most sectors. It is 4.5 percent of sales for leather footwear and 47.9 percent of sales

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Israeli missile launched from the Iron Dome defence missile system, designed to intercept and destroy incoming short-range rockets and artillery shells, is seen above Gaza city Tuesday night.

PHOTO: AFP

AIR STRIKES ON GAZA

**22 killed in 2 days**

Islamic Jihad fires about 200 rockets into Israel

REUTERS, Jerusalem

Israeli air strikes killed nine Palestinians in Gaza yesterday, medical officials said, raising the Palestinian death toll to 22 over a two-day escalation in violence since Israel launched strikes to kill an Islamic Jihad commander.

From early morning rockets were fired into Israel and the Israeli military struck from the air, resuming after an overnight lull.

The bodies of six people killed in Gaza City were brought into Shifa hospital in taxis and ambulances early yesterday, as relatives wept and screamed. Medics and witnesses said they were civilians who lived in densely populated neighbourhoods.

A father and his son were among the

dead with another son badly wounded, said family members.

"They started this, we did not want war," said one grieving relative. The Israeli military said yesterday it had resumed attacking Islamic Jihad targets in the Gaza Strip. Air strikes took out at least three rocket launching crews, a military spokesman said.

Islamic Jihad confirmed that two of its members were killed in separate strikes south of Gaza City during the morning. Medics later said another man was killed by an air strike while on a motorcycle.

The worst fighting in months erupted on Tuesday after Israel killed Abu Al-Atta, a senior commander of the Iran-backed Islamic Jihad, accusing him of

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Bangladeshi pays Rs 5m to free himself in West Bengal

PTI, Kolkata

A Bangladeshi businessman has alleged that he was kidnapped in West Bengal and had to pay a Rs-50 lakh ransom.

The man lodged a complaint with Entally Police Station of Kolkata on Sunday in this regard, a senior Indian police officer said yesterday.

Bashir Miya said he knew the kidnapers who forcibly detained him at an unknown location in Habra area of North 24 Parganas district, said the officer.

Bashir arrived in Kolkata last week to purchase some jewellery for his wife. He sat down with a few people to discuss a business deal at a shopping mall in Sealdah area on Saturday, the officer said.

Bashir claimed that he and the others boarded a train to Habra after having lunch in order to meet another person involved in the deal, the officer said.

After reaching Habra, he was taken to an

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Dhaka Int'l Folk Fest begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The fifth edition of Dhaka International Folk Fest is scheduled to begin today at Bangladesh Army Stadium in Dhaka.

A total of 200 artistes from six countries around the world would perform on the same stage during the three-day-long festival, which would start at 6:00pm and continue until midnight from November 14 to November 16.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen would inaugurate the festival as chief guest. Among others, Anjan Chowdhury, chairman of Sun Foundation and Sun Communications Limited, would attend the

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**Missing WW2 sub found after 75 yrs**

CNN ONLINE

It's been 75 years since the USS Grayback went missing with 80 sailors aboard. Now, an organisation that searches for sunken World War II submarines has solved the mystery of where it went down.

On Sunday, undersea explorer Tim Taylor and his team at the Lost 52 Project announced that they had located the long-lost submarine on June

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