

# Mithu DRU president, Hasib GS

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Nazrul Islam Mithu has been elected president and Nurul Islam Hasib general secretary of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU). Mithu bagged 449 votes in the DRU elections held on Tuesday. His nearest rival Riaz Chowdhury got 304 votes. Nurul Islam Hasib got 500 votes for the post of general secretary while his nearest Moshir Rahman Khan got 336 votes.

Other office bearers are VP Osman Gani Babul, joint secretary Shahnaaj Sharmeen, finance secretary SMA Kalam, organising secretary Abdullah Al Kafi, women affairs secretary Tapashi Rabyea Akhi, publicity and publication secretary Kamal Uddin Sumon, sports secretary Maksuda Lisa, cultural secretary Nadia Sharmin, and welfare secretary Kamruzzaman Babul.

## Timely weather forecast info must: speakers

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Timely weather and flood forecast information is crucial for Bangladesh's sustainable development, said speakers at a workshop in Dhaka on Sunday.

USAID-funded SHOUHARDO III programme, implemented by CARE Bangladesh, joined with Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System and co-organised this workshop to share experiences from a recently phased-out project.



Law enforcers intercept a procession of Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal in front of its central office in the capital's Naya Paltan area yesterday. The women's wing of the BNP tried to bring out the march demanding Khaleda Zia's better treatment abroad.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## WASTE-TO-ENERGY POWER PLANT Govt inks deal with Chinese company

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The Government yesterday signed an agreement with a Chinese company to set up the country's first waste-to-energy power plant, which will have the capacity to generate 42.5 megawatts of power, at Dhaka's Amin Bazar. The agreement was signed among Local Government Division, Power Division, DNCC, and China Machinery Engineering Corporation at a city hotel. The total cost of the project will be around Tk 15,325 crore.

## Fund collector

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Rab-8 team patrolled with a helicopter to rescue the anglers. "Due to Rab's movement, on November 23, the robbers left the anglers on a boat and fled away," claimed the media wing director.

Rab later traced their MFS activities to reach Elias. Officials said the group has around 15 to 16 members who used to conduct robbery being divided into small groups.

## Govt plans

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our votes in the next national election as well, because the new EC will be subservient," he said. Local governance expert Tofail Ahmed said, "We hope that the government will take measures to pass the law in the next session of parliament." Prof Robaet Ferdous of DU said, "We cannot allow EC to fail. Our movement will continue until the government enacts and passes a law on its formation." Shujan secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar said voting rights will be hindered, if EC is formed like in the past.

## Put pressure on major

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developing country and one-thirteenth of global per capita emission. He said Bangladesh's greenhouse gas emission is "nothing" compared to most other countries. Addressing as session chair, Kholiqzaman, also chairperson of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation, said, "Despite being a least developed country, Bangladesh made some pledges in reducing greenhouse gas emission, which it wasn't bound to do. Instead, Bangladesh should undertake adaptation measures." At the session, three research papers on climate change-induced migration -- undertaken by a team of researchers from Bangladesh, Norway, and Finland were presented. A total of 27 research papers and 13 keynote speeches from Bangladesh and abroad will be presented at the conference, which will end tomorrow.

## Glorious past beckons

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knowledge, which are the basis of justice and injustice. Mojahidul Islam Selim, a former vice-president of Ducus, said, "The 60s and 70s was the golden age of the university for its education and student politics." "Some say that student politics is the main reason behind all the disturbances, but this is untrue. If free and fair student politics existed, students could resist all the muscle power that pulls them into the maze of violence." Meanwhile, while the university celebrates the landmark, current students are still mired in various kinds of issues, including accommodation problems, substandard food, lack of study materials and laboratories, said Sheikh Mohammad Arman, a student of the university involved with a cultural organisation. During her speech at the inauguration programme, Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni, who earned her degree from a medical college under the university, shared similar sentiments and said, "There should be initiatives to continue DU's golden history."

## A resilient

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home, fresh off of one tragedy, she soon found herself in another. "A stranger offered me a place to stay, but turned out he was a fraud who sold me off to a brothel in Bagerhat," Monowara said. After a year there, she was sold off to another brothel at Khulna's Fultala, before finding herself at another in Faridpur. She stayed there till the late 90's, until meeting a police personnel stationed at the brothel, who helped her break out of the brothel. They later got married and now have a daughter. But even after all this suffering, Monowara Begum is yet to get recognition as a Birangana, despite applying for it at the Liberation War affairs ministry. "It is too difficult for me to describe my pain. If the government understood it and recognised me, I would get some solace," she said. Mohiuddin Manik, a former deputy commander of Barishal Muktiyoddha Sangsad, said they hoped Monowara's application will be granted soon.

## Isolated

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passenger. The man then sought an apology. Talking to The Daily Star, Sumon claimed that Emon can drive well -- that's why he asked the teenager to handle the steering wheel. He, however, later admitted that it was wrong of him to do that. Taking turns, Sumon and Emon drove the vehicle to Dhaka airport from Cumilla. They were going back with the Oman returnee and his family. Students stopped the microbus at Rampura Bridge for about half-an-hour and let them go only after police filed a case.

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- Md. Abdul Malek

## He will live on through

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Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee, Kazi Nazrul University (Asansol, India), National University and Bangladesh Writers' Club paid their homage to his remains at Bangla Academy premises yesterday.

His son Barshan Islam told The Daily Star, "My father wanted to see three events before his death: the birth centenary of Bangabandhu, golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence, and Dhaka University's centenary celebration. Today, Dhaka University is celebrating its 100 year-anniversary, but my father can only attend as a corpse." A patriot through and through, Rafiqul rejected his family's wishes to take him abroad for treatment, Barshan said.

On behalf of the president, Maj Gen SM Salahuddin Islam, military secretary to the president, paid respect to the late professor at the Central Shaheed Minar, where various sociocultural organisations and lawmakers paid their homage as well.

Meanwhile, Maj Gen Naqib Ahmed Chowdhury, military secretary to the prime minister, paid respect on her behalf, while AL general secretary Obaidul Quader paid respect on behalf of the party. "After losing Anis sir (Professor Dr Anisuzzaman) and Rafiq sir, we have truly lost all of our intellectual guardians," Quader said. "Prof Rafiq acted as our lighthouse during all struggles, from the movement for self-determination and Liberation War to the movement for democracy."

DU VC Prof Dr Akhtaruzzaman said, "Prof Rafiqul played an important role in building the secular Bengali ideology. He guided our nation from the front during all of our crises." Khilkhil Kazi, granddaughter of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, said Prof Rafiqul will be remembered for his research on Nazrul's works.

From Shaheed Minar, his remains were taken to the central mosque of DU where the second namaz-e-janaza was held. On Tuesday, Rafiqul Islam breathed his last at Dhaka's Evercare hospital. His first namaz-e-janaza was held at Uttara Sector-10 Mosque around 10:00pm on the night.

## 12 years of inaction

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the accused's," she said. She said the committee's recommendations have led to the firing of three teachers so far, while two more got demoted. Hafsa Hossain, joint news editor at Channel i, spoke about how women in management positions face discrimination at workplace, like insubordination from subordinates. Advocates Jobaida Parvin and Seema Zohur, general secretary and vice president of BNWLA, also spoke.

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