

His perseverance finally pays off Balayet gets chance to study journalism at Varendra univ

STAR REPORT

Fifty-five years old Md Balayet Sheikh has qualified for studying in Varendra University for the Fall 2022 academic session.



Balayet proved that age cannot be a barrier to education as he now achieved the opportunity to study in the university's Journalism, Communication and Media Studies department.

Talking to The Daily Star, Balayet said, "My dream came true."

"I had a belief that I would become successful today or tomorrow. I just worked hard to fulfill my dream. I'll take preparation for the admission after a discussion with my mother," he added.

Balayet from Mawna in Gazipur had dreamt of studying at Dhaka University and sat for this year's admission test but he could not do it due to many obstacles.

In 1983, he first had taken preparation to sit for... SEE PAGE 4 COL 5



A faction of BCL's Chittagong University unit burned tyres on the road, and halted train and bus services to and from the campus yesterday, demanding reformation of BCL's CU unit. Due to the blockade, students had to suffer immensely as many of them had departmental exams on the day.

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'Will do police's work and raid BNP activists' homes' Jubo League leader caught 'candid' on viral video

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a video clip that went viral on social media, a Jubo League leader in Chattogram's Rangunia upazila was heard threatening BNP activists.

Samsuddoha Sikdar, president of Rangunia unit of JL, said JL will act as police and raid BNP activists' houses while addressing a council in Paroa union unit of JL in the upazila on Thursday.

He also said, "We have our brothers here. When they are unable to tackle the situation, we will start the raids."

Meanwhile, BNP leaders in the upazila said leaders and activists of BNP have been feeling insecure after receiving the public threat.

Asked whether they took any legal step in this regard, Kutub Uddin, convener of Rangunia upazila unit of BNP, said, "How would we do that? Police do not pay any heed to us."

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'They protest, we suffer'

Say students after CU comes to a standstill following BCL demo over reform in committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

All academic activities of Chittagong University were suspended yesterday after a faction of Chhatra League's CU unit enforced a blockade on the campus, demanding reformation of the university's BCL unit.

BCL's CU committee was formed on July 31. The protestors threatened to continue their demonstration if the unit was not dissolved.

In the morning, the BCL activists abducted the locomaster of the CU bound shuttle train, forcing authorities to stop shuttle services. Although he was let go after a few hours, CU students who had scheduled exams on the day had to undergo huge sufferings and

uncertainty over reaching their campus.

Besides, the BCL activists also blocked the teachers' bus from entering CU and locked the main gate of the university in the morning.

Students had to suffer much due to the protest and blockade as they could not enter the university. Seeking anonymity, they said this has become a norm in the university. BCL activists continue to do whatever they want while students bear the brunt.

CU acting exam controller Amir Mohammad Musa said, "Exams of over 10 departments were postponed as students and teachers failed to reach the campus due to the blockade."

The protestors alleged that

married individuals and service holders got posts in the recently formed BCL committee over dedicated activists.

They burned tyres on the road and shouted slogans in favour of their demands. Campus sources said six fractions of the BCL units of the university took part in the demonstration, who were mostly the followers of former Chattogram mayor AJM Nasir Uddin.

Shuttle trains were blocked at the city's Sholshahar station and Jhawtala station, they added.

"We took to the streets as the promises of senior BCL leaders to resolve the matter peacefully were not kept," said Pradeep Chakrabarty, a leader of one of the protesting factions.

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TK 60CR SWINDLE Ex-army officer gets 12 years' jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced Maj Gen (ret'd) Jalal Uddin Ahmed, president of Dhara Multi-purpose Cooperative Society Ltd, to 12 years' rigorous imprisonment in a case filed over embezzling Tk 60 crore from 1,451 investors.

Judge Md Badrul Alam Bhuiyan of the Special Judge's Court 8 of Dhaka handed down the sentence in absence of the convict.

Another accused Sheikh Shamsur Rahman of Khulna, also an employee of the society, was also jailed in absentia for six years.

The judge fined them Tk 6 crore each, said ACC Special Public Prosecutor Mahmud Hossain Jahangir.

During the trial, the court recorded statements of 37 prosecution witnesses, including complainant of the case.

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KUNIO HOSHI MURDER HC to deliver verdict tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The High Court will deliver its verdict tomorrow in the case filed in connection with the murder of Japanese national Kunio Hoshi in 2015.

The bench of Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman and Justice SM Masud Hossain Dolon yesterday fixed the date after concluding hearing on the death reference (trial court documents) and appeals filed by the convicts against the lower court verdict against them.

Kunio Hoshi (66) was shot dead at Alutari village of Kaunia upazila in Rangpur on October 3 in 2015.

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392 hospitalised with dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 392 dengue patients have been admitted to different hospitals in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday. With 392 new patients, the total number of dengue cases this year rose to 11,559.

At least 45 persons died of dengue this year while 1,483 patients are still undergoing treatment.

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