

DU to introduce more departments next session

In an effort to keep pace with the renowned universities of the world, Dhaka University is going to introduce some new departments from its next academic session, reports UNB.

The departments are: Management Information System (MIS), Environmental Science, Micro-credit and Poverty Alleviation, Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Technology.

Plans are also there to introduce some more subjects under two new faculties: Agriculture Faculty and Engineering Faculty.

"We are trying to collect funds from various sources for this purpose, but we have not yet received any concrete assurance," said a senior official of the university.

When asked Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury said, "Yes, we have a plan to introduce some new subjects next year and our Academic Council and Syndicate have already approved proposals to introduce seven new departments this year."

These seven departments — Comparative Religion, Population Sciences, Peace and Con-

flict Resolution, Liberation War and Bangladesh Studies, American Studies, Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology and Banking and Insurance — would be introduced this year if funds could be managed.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Shahadat Ali said, "We have already talked to the Ministry of Education to introduce departments of Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering under the new Engineering Faculty."

He said some new disciplines — Agricultural Science, Soil Chemistry, Agronomy and Crop Botany — would be introduced under the Agricultural Faculty.

Three honours courses — Health Economics, Clinical Psychology and Fisheries and Aquaculture — were introduced in the university last year.

Besides, the DU Academic Council in a meeting on May 2 decided to introduce evening shift for MBA programme under Business Studies Faculty to facilitate the higher study of the executives and officials who would not be able to attend the dayshift.

PM's remark on Kader Siddiqi criticised

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Mukti Juddha Sangsad Central Coordination Council (BMSCCC) has expressed resentment over the Prime Minister's recent remark regarding veteran freedom fighter Kader Siddiqi.

Condemning the PM's remark, BMSCCC said it was unfortunate for the nation, said a press release of the organisation yesterday.

Central executive committee of the BMSCCC at an emergency meeting with its convenor Ish-tiaq Aziz Ulfat on Monday resolved that "the day is not far away when people will force all the plunderers of peoples' property including Sheikh Hasina and his relatives to give the account of their illegal property."

Referring to Hasina, BMSCCC said "All of us joined the liberation war by the call of Bangabandhu in 1971 as we were made but she stayed in Dhaka safely."

The BMSCCC also lashed out at "the collaborator leaders of the ruling Awami League for joining the Mushtaque cabinet after Sheikh Mujib's assassination." "The PM has also expressed her own complex by asking for taking account of property of Kader Siddique," the BMSCCC press release said.

Returning from the Hague the PM at a press conference on May 16 termed Kader Siddiqi as 'mad' and said she did not understand his activities.