

Ctg AL protests case

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Awami League leaders and activists observed a daylong hunger strike in Chittagong yesterday to protest the implication of its leader and lawmaker ABM Fazle Karim Chowdhury in computer engineer Srikanta Rakshit murder case.

Raozan Nagorik Parishad organised the token hunger strike from 10.00am to 5.00pm at Chittagong Press Club premises.

City unit AL President MA Mannan, General Secretary Mayor

ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, north district unit Vice-President Advocate Anwarul Kabir, General Secretary MA Salam, Gono Forum president and former MP Kafiluddin Ahmed, Raozan AL President Shafiqul Islam Chowdhury and Raozan Pourashava chairman Debashish Palit addressed the striking leaders and workers.

The speakers demanded withdrawal of case against Fazle Karim immediately and threatened to launch tough agitation if their demand is not met.



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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and other leaders observe a one-minute silence at a discussion marking the National Mourning Day at the party's Dhanmondi office yesterday. Mohila Awami League organised the event.

Execute verdict of Yasmin rape, murder case

Sammilita Nari Samaj demands

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Sammilita Nari Samaj (SNS) at a rally in the city yesterday demanded immediate execution of the verdict of Yasmin rape and murder case.

The rally was organised to mark the rape and murder of Yasmin by the patrol police in Dinajpur on August 24, 1995.

The SNS observed the day as the day of resistance against repression on women by organising the rally at Shahbagh crossing.

Speakers at the rally expressed deep concern at the increasing number of incidents of women repression in the country.

They demanded empowerment of women to resist the oppression.

The speakers also held globalisation responsible for increased women and child trafficking.

Farida Akhter, a leader of SNS, demanded quick disposal of all cases related to women repression.

Kazi Reena Reza said repression on women is a common phenomenon in our country. "We want assurance of our security."

Naila Khan urged the members of the civil society and socio-cultural

organisations to launch movement against repression women.

Khaleda Khatun said poverty and unemployment are increasing due to globalisation.

She also called for security of all working women in the country.

Shamsunnahar Jyosna, Kohinur Begum, Hazera Sultana, Rokeya Rafiq Baby, Advocate Elina Khan also addressed the rally.

After the rally, a procession was brought out which terminated in front of the National Press Club.

US envoy calls on edn minister

BSS, Dhaka

US Ambassador Harry K Thomas Jr called on Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk at his office yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed development activities and reform programmes of the government in education sector, said an official release.

Referring to the financial support by USAID and other donor agencies to the university teachers for higher education abroad in the past, the minister requested the ambassador to take similar programmes in future.

The ambassador assured the minister that the matter would get due consideration.

WSIS poster contest 2003

The World Summit on the Information Society in collaboration with the United Nations Cyberschoolbus has organised a poster contest titled 'WSIS Poster Contest, 2003', says a press release.

Students aged nine years and over are eligible to enter the contest. But those who have already passed from secondary school will not be eligible to enter this contest. Each entry must be sponsored by the headmaster or principal of the student's school.

The students should choose one of the following topics as a theme for their poster: ICT and changes in lifestyle; impact of ICT on cultural diversity; ICT and poverty reduction; women's participation in ICT; Information and Human Rights; and ICT and the digital divide.

The entries must reach the United Nations Cyberschoolbus, 405 East 42nd Street, Room # S-931E, New York -- 10017, USA by October 31.

For further information, interested students can contact Bangladesh Working Group on WSIS, C/O BTRC, House # 10, Road # 135, Gulshan # 1. Phone: 9893887.

Details can also be obtained from the web site:

http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/ws-is/guidelines_entryform.asp

City BNP joint meeting today

UNB, Dhaka

A joint meeting of City BNP and its front organisations will be held at the auditorium of its Naya Paltan office at 5.00pm today.

City BNP President Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka will preside over the meeting.