

POWER, FERTILISER CRISES JSD begins 40-day siege programme today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), a partner of 14-party opposition combine, will launch a 40-day local administration siege programme across the country today demanding adequate supply of electricity, fuel, fertiliser and seeds in subsidised prices.

Their other demands also include reduction in prices of essentials, an end to harassment on Palli Bidut subscribers, curbing corruption and putting an end to politicisation in the civil and police administration.

Announcing the agitation programmes at a press conference in the city, the JSD President Hasanul

Haque Inu said if the BNP-Jamaat alliance government had taken steps in right time, the crisis would not have turned so acute.

Demanding immediate resignation of the alliance government, Inu said the present government has been leading the country into chaos, as they are not paying heed to reform proposals of the opposition to bring reforms in the caretaker government system and in the Election Commission.

JSD General Secretary Syed Zafar Sazzad and Moinuddin Khan Badal were present at the press conference.

The 40-day siege programme will end on April 3.



Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad speaks at a view exchange meeting with the National Lawyers' Federation at the Institute of Diploma Engineers auditorium in the city yesterday.

Clinical Psychology Confce begins tomorrow

DU CORRESPONDENT

A two-day Clinical Psychology Conference begins tomorrow at Dhaka University (DU) for the first time in the country with the participation of about 150 clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, doctors, psychotherapists, counsellors, social workers and NGO officials and workers.

This was disclosed at a press conference at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) yesterday.

Bangladesh Clinical Psychology Association (BCPA) and Department of Clinical Psychology (DCP) of DU jointly organised the conference titled 'Psychology in Bangladesh: Past, Present and Future'.

Seven scientific sessions, one roundtable, one special meeting, poster exhibition and cultural programmes will be held in the two-day event with a view to enhancing interrelations among the stakeholders.

The organisers will also conduct programmes to raise awareness among the mass people about common psychological problems.

On the occasion, the BCPA will publish a souvenir with the collection of some research essays.

BCPA President Prof Anisur Rahman and BCPA General Secretary Prof Dr Mahmudur Rahman, also chair, Department of Clinical Psychology, DU, were present at the press conference.

Rab destroys huge explosives recovered from JMB hideout

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Grenades and other explosives, recovered by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on December 14 last year from a hideout of Jamaa'tul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), were destroyed at an army demolition ground in Gazipur yesterday.

Following a court order, some 34 items, including 27 hand grenades, 107 detonators, 32 power gel, 18 water gel, 2.95 kg potassium chlorite, 600 gram of gunpowder, 16 kg of ammonium nitrate, 500 ml of picric acid, 9.1 kg of lead styphnate, 39.95 gram of lead azide, 62 batteries and 12 circuits, were destroyed at the Sreepur demolition ground of the Army Ordnance Corps.

The destruction of the grenades and other explosives started at about 12:00 noon and it took about an hour to complete the job, Capt. Mirza Ahmed Saifur Rahman of Rab bomb disposal unit told UNB.

"With the assistance of Central Ammunition Depot of the Army, the explosives were defused, as such inventories might cause huge explosion," he said.

Higher officials of army, Rab and local police were present at the scene.

Earlier, using loud speakers, the law enforcers informed the local residents to remain in safe places during the destruction process and also cordoned off one square kilometre area.

According to the statements by JMB military wing chief Aaur Rahman Sunny and his accomplice Enayet, the intelligence wing of Rab made the haul of arms and explosives from a house at Dakkhin Manda in the city on December 14.



City Kitchen Market Small Traders' Association stages a demonstration yesterday to press for its demand for removal of unauthorised kitchen markets from different points of the city.

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