Processions, rallies at RU for arrest of teachers' killers

Ruta to demonstrate every Saturday

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University Teachers' Association (Ruta) yesterday formed a human chain in front of the university main gate, demanding immediate arrest and punishment to killers of Prof S Taher Ahmed and Prof Muhammad

Several hundred teachers, students and officials carrying placards and banners took part in the human chain stretching from Binodpur bazaar to Kazla gate.

Later, a meeting was held in front of the university main gate with Ruta President Prof Zillur Rahman in the

At the meeting, Prof Zillur Rahman declared that Ruta would hold human chain on the Rajshahi-Dhaka highway every Saturday till their demands were met.

Students and activists of different student fronts of political parties also and took part in the human chain.

Meanwhile, teachers and students of Geology and Mining department yesterday took out a silent procession on the campus demandng arrest and punishment to killers of Prof S Taher Ahmed, founding teacher of the department, killed on February 2 at his flat.

The processionists,led by the departments chairman Prof Sayed Shamsuddin paraded streets on the campus and joined the Ruta human

Awami League backed Teachers, Officers and Employees Welfare Association also took out a silent procession on the campus to press the demand for arrest and trial of the two senior teachers.

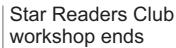
They demanded arrest of RU Chhatra Shibir President Salehi for his alleged involvement in the murder of Prof Taher and his trial

They held a rally in front of the

RU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) also took out a procession and held a rally in front of Central Library demanding trial of

BCL leaders alleged at the rally that Jamaat-Shibir leaders are trying to protect Prof Taher's alleged killer Salehi. They threatened tougher agitation against the BNP-Jamaat government if Salehi is not arrested and punished.

BCL leaders Obidur Rahman, Alberuni Faruk, Tapas Kumar and Zahid Ali addressed the rally



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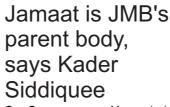
A week-long orientation workshop on 'An Approach and Methodology for Skill-Based Learning', organised by the Rangpur unit of The Daily Star Readers Club, concluded here yesterdav

The workshop was inaugurated at the auditorium of Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) on March 19 through holding of a discussion meeting, chaired by the club convener Samiul Bashir.

Fifty people took part in the orientation workshop which included essons on English language and

feature writing. Dr. Shaheen Kabir, Rafi Hossen. Samiul Bashir, Mamun Islam. Rafique Sarker, Sarwarul Alam Dudu, and Abdur Rashid Chowdhury

were the resource persons. Principal of Government Begum Rokeya College Prof Fatema Lutfun Nahar, Carmichael College teacher Prof AHMA Islam, Prof Rezaul Karim, Prof Zakir Hossen, Prof Khairu Anam Khokon, lawyer AE Sarwarul Alam Dudu and journalist Mamun Islam spoke at the inaugural session.



Bangabir Abdul Kader Siddiquee MP, President of Krishak Sramik Janata League (KSJL) yesterday said Jamaat-e-Islami is the 'parent organisation' of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB)

utilisiang a chaotic situation, he called upon all pro-liberation forces to unite and remain alert. He also criticised the govern-

League corrupted, Kader Siddiquee said, there has not been any development in greater Mymensingh

Work abstention by RU officers, employees

RU CORRESPONDENT

the banner of RU Officer and Karmachari Oikva Parishad, work in the administrative building and in offices of deans, faculties and depart-

Earlier in the morning, officers and employees locked the main gate of the administrative building, stopping entry inside.

However, a group of employees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

JMB is trying to create anarchy in

ment for its failure in ensure smooth supply of power and fertiliser and

Officers and Employees of Rajshahi

supporting ruling BNP tried to enter the building, which triggered a brief

the country by bomb attacks to create a situation so that Jamaat can fish in troubled waters, he said at a rally marking opening of his narty office at Chotto Bazar road in the district town

Jamaat, JMB and their supporters have formed a strong network throughout the country under the protection of the government, he

They will try to capture power by

Terming both BNP and Awami

University (RU) vesterday observed a day-long work abstention programme to press their demands which include confirmation of services of 31 employees appointed on January 15, 2002 and extension of retirement age to 65 years. During the programme held under

ments remained suspended.

chase and counter-chase.

Labourers in Moulvibazar tea gardens on strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Tension mounted in Srimongal upazila town yesterday as labourers from different tea gardens took to the streets protesting arrest of three leaders including the president and the general secretary of Bangladesh Tea Labourers Union (BTLU).

At least 50 laborers including women were injured as police charged baton on the protesting

Meanwhile all activities in tea gardens in the area remained suspended as labourers called an indefinite strike vesterday. Srimongol police arrested BTLU

president Rajendra, general secretary Norendra and member Bhupesh Friday night over a feud in the organisation. As the news spread, hundreds of

tea garden labourers started to pour in Srimongal town yesterday morning and gathered at the central office

The agitated labourers put barricades on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway in front of the BTLU

office and chanted slogans demanding release of the three leaders. At an impromptu rally there, the

labourers announced a strike

programme in all tea gardens till release of their leaders At about 2 pm police police charged batons on the labourers

and cleared the highway. Some of the injured labourers have been admitted to a hospital in

The barricades created long snarl-ups on both sides of the highway till about 3 pm.

Abdul Majid Bhuiyan, Officer in Charge of Srimongal thana, said the three leaders of BTLU were arrested



Adnan alias Abbas, arrested 'regional

commander' of JMB for Bogra and

Joypurhat districts. Adnan unidentified

that the Gazipur suicide bomber was

suicide bombing by JMB chief Shahikh

Abdur Rahman through two 'regional

commanders' Adnan and Reaz, both

After the incident, Sub-Inspector

The FIR report said that the unidenti-

Alamgir of Gazipur police station filed

two cases, one for murder and another

under the Explosives Act without

fied person whose body was found at the

spot was a suspected member of JMB

suicide squad and that he might have

CID investigators further quizzed

Ziaur Rahman alias Badal alias

Reaz in Gaibandha jail. He was

arrested by Rapid Action Battalion

(Rab) from Ayub Ansari Jame-

Mosque near Gaibandha circuit

fessed that the JMB cadre who killed

himself in Gazipur suicide bombing

was Asadul Islam of Tindaha village

in Gaibandha Sadar upazila.

During interrogation Reaz con-

Based on confession of Adnan,

now in custody, police said.

identifying the perpetrators.

done the bombina.

house in December.

Asadul was assigned to do the

Asadul was assigned by JMB chief Abdur Rahman, police say

identified after 4 months

Gazipur suicide bomber

OUR CORRESPONDENT.

The JMB suicide bomber killed in the November 29 bombing on Gazipur Bar Association office premises has been identified by Criminal Investigation Department (CID) as Asadul Islam, 19, of Gaibandha.

Seven persons including lawyers Amjad Hossain and Golam Faruk were killed on the spot 60 people were injured in the bombing.

Gaibandha nol Asadul's identity yesterday, about four months after the carnage.

Asadul who used four nicknames as Zafar, Nasir, Jahid and Ziaur hailed from Tindaha village in Ramchan-drapur union in Gaibandha Sadar

Upazila. His identity has been confirmed after interrogating some JMB Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh) cadres and his parents, police said. During investigation, Asadul's

father bicycle mechanic Abdur Rahim and mother Avatunessa and relatives identified his photograph. Police also recovered copies of

JMB monthly journal Al-Magazi, other papers and Jihadi (militancy) books from the house of Asadul Quoting family sources, police said

adul read up to class eight a Trimohoni High School and later went to Bogra for studying in a madrasa. Since than, he did not keep any contact with the family.

CID investigation officer Shamol Kumar during investigation quizzed

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Participants at a workshop on English language, organised by The Daily Star Readers Club in Rangpur.

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