



PHOTO: STAR

Journalists (from left) in Dinajpur, Khagrachhari, Netrakona and Cox's Bazar yesterday protesting the uncalled for police action on Sunday against newsmen at Chittagong Divisional Cricket Stadium.

JOURNALISTS STAGE PROCESSIONS, RALLIES PROTESTING ACTION IN CTG Bring culprit cops to book

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Journalists across the country yesterday protested the uncalled for police action Sunday against the on-duty newsmen, injuring 20 of them, at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium.

Sirajganj Reporters' Unity and Sangbadik Samity jointly brought out a procession in the town and held a rally at Bazar Station point to protest the police attack in Chittagong.

The processionists paraded the main roads wearing black badges, our Sirajganj Correspondent reported.

The speakers at the rally demanded immediate punishment to the attackers and asked the authorities to ensure security to all journalists in the country.

Khulna Union of Journalists

(KUJ) yesterday brought out a procession to protest the barbaric police attack on journalists.

Our Staff Correspondent in Khulna said, a protest rally was also held on the press club compound. Speakers at the rally demanded exemplary punishment to the policemen involved in the assault on journalists. Khulna Metropolitan Union of Journalists (KMUJ) in a statement also condemned the police attack.

Bogra Union of Journalists (BUJ) and Bogra Reporters' Forum (BRF) jointly organised a meeting at BRF auditorium to protest police action on the journalists in Chittagong, reports our Bogra correspondent.

Condemning the police atrocity they demanded withdrawal of Deputy Police Commissioner (DC) Ali Akbar and punishment to the members of the law-enforcing

agencies responsible for the incident.

Our Correspondent from Nilphamari adds: The journalists community here severely condemned the shameful atrocity of police at Chittagong stadium.

They brought out a procession from the press club and paraded the streets of the town chanting different slogans.

Later at a meeting at the press club the speakers demanded exemplary punishment to the police officials including CMPDCAI Akbar.

They also threatened further agitation programme if the culprits go unpunished.

Our Correspondent from Gaibandha adds: Journalists in Gaibandha in an emergency meeting at the press club yesterday condemned the brutal attack on journalists and demanded exemplary punishment to the members of the law enforcing agencies responsible for the naked attack.

Our Patuakhali Correspondent reports: A meeting held at the local press club protested assault on journalists in Chittagong on Sunday. The speakers demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits.

In Mymensingh, journalists brought out a procession which paraded the main roads of the town. Earlier, a protest rally was held at

the press club, reports our Mymensingh Correspondent.

The leaders of local units of journalists unions at the rally termed the police force as 'cadres' of the coalition government. They condemned the attack and demanded punishment to the culprits.

Journalists in Netrakona also brought out a protest procession in the town demanding punishment to the policemen who attacked the on-duty journalists at Chittagong.

Journalists in Brahmanbaria held a protest meeting at the local press club. Condemning the attack on newsmen, they demanded punishment to the culprits.

Our Jessore Correspondent adds: Jessore district unit of Photo-journalists' Association brought out a protest procession in the town.

In a statement, the union condemned the police attack on journalists in Chittagong and demanded exemplary punishment to the attackers.

Our Sathkira Correspondent reports: Journalists of different national, regional and local dailies here held a meeting and demanded arrest and punishment to the law enforcers involved in the incident. They threatened to launch tougher agitation programmes if the culprits were not brought to book immediately.

KANSAT TRAGEDY RU teachers demand punishment to killers

RU CORRESPONDENT

Progressive Teachers Association (PTA) at Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday held a rally in front of Senate building to protest the killings at Kansat in Chapainawabganj.

The speakers demanded immediate arrest and punishment of those responsible for the killing of innocent farmers who were demanding uninterrupted power supply for irrigation. They also criticised the government for not taking timely action because of which at least 24 people lost their lives in police firing in last two months.

They also demanded withdrawal of 'false' cases against the villagers and compensation for the victims' families.

Expressing solidarity with the people of Kansat they also urged the people to observe the country-wide dawn to dusk hartal on April 20, called by 14-party opposition alliance.

14 hurt as cops, gamblers clash in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Ten gamblers and four policeman were injured in a clash at Monkanda Bazar under Kendua upazila Sunday night.

Local people said gamblers in the area were running a ring at Monkanda Bazar for a long time by giving monthly share to Kendua police.

When police Sunday night went to Monkanda Bazar for their monthly share, the gamblers told them to take the money the next day. A discord climaxed between police and gamblers and at one stage police charged baton on the gamblers. The gamblers launched counter attack on the police with lethal weapons in which four policemen and 10 gamblers were injured.

The injured policemen are SI Pulok, Constable Ibrahim, constable Ali Hossen and ASI Ali Hossen.

6 shops gutted in Comilla

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Six shops were gutted in a fire at Puskunirpar market under Comilla Sadar upazila Monday morning.

The fire originated from electric short circuit in the shop of one Manu Mia and damaged goods and property worth Tk 3.5 lakh, traders said.

The shop owners tried to remove their goods but failed as the fire spread quickly.

Informed by local people, the Fire Brigade from Comilla rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control with help of the local people fighting for about one hour.

Nominate candidate from BNP, not Jamaat

Human chain in Shyamnagar demands, terms the incumbent lawmaker as corrupt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

BNP leaders and activists in Shyamnagar yesterday formed a human chain demanding nomination of BNP leader from Shyamnagar constituency in place of the incumbent Jamaat lawmaker as a coalition candidate.

They accused the Jamaat lawmaker, Gazi Nazrul Islam of doing 'corrupt practices' and 'nepotism' in the last four years and voiced support for former general secretary of the district BNP, Syed Iftekhar Ali.

A meeting was also held in front of Shyamnagar BNP office. Upazila

BNP convener Master Abdul Wahed presided it.

Speakers threatened to launch a tougher agitation saying they would resist and boycott the activities of Jamaat in Shyamnagar upazila if their demand is not met.

They blamed the Jamaat lawmaker for tarnishing the image of Four-party Alliance and splitting it through his misdeeds during his tenure. They also said that the Jamaat lawmaker ignored the BNP leaders and activists during his term.

Speakers warned that the BNP leaders and activists would not

accept the candidature of the 'corrupt' Jamaat member of parliament (MP) as he is facing an 'image crisis'.

Among others, upazila BNP member secretary DM Abdus Samad, Ishwaripur Union Parishad (UP) chairman Amjadul Islam, Bhurulia UP chairman Shajahan Siraj, local BNP leaders Ashek Elahi Munna, Solaiman Kabir, Prof Abu Sayeed, Abdus Sabur, and Azizur Rahman, Upazila Chhatra Dal president Masudul Alam Doha addressed.

4.5x2

7.5x2

14 hurt as cops, gamblers clash in Netrakona

7x3

4.5x2

6 shops gutted in Comilla

6 shops gutted in Comilla

5x4

3x4

3x4

3x4

5x4