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Australian High Commissioner Douglas Foskett calls on BNP Chairperson and immediate past prime minister Khaleda Zia at her Banani office in the city yesterday.

Call to unite to overcome political crisis

Bangladesh Sanjukta Sramik Federation yesterday expressed grave concern over the prevailing political unrest and urged all including the political parties and professional bodies to be united to overcome the crisis, says a press release.

They said working class people are becoming unemployed, production, import and export is disrupting and the raw materials and other commodities are getting rotten due to transportation crisis in the present situation.

They urged the president/chief adviser, the other advisers to the caretaker government and chief election commissioner (CEC) to take necessary measures to create a favourable atmosphere in the country.

JU exams postponed

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Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities have postponed all examinations till November 16 due to unavoidable circumstances.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting at the university administrative building yesterday, a JU press release said.

The fresh date of the postponed examinations will be announced soon.

CA urged to perform duty neutrally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Manobadhikar Samonnoy Parishad (BMSP) yesterday formed a human chain at Manik Mia avenue in the city demanding a free and fair election in a peaceful manner.

The speakers urged the president/the chief adviser to the caretaker government to perform his duty neutrally, bring transparency in the Election Commission (EC), reconstitute the administration and take right decision in the critical situation of the country.

Common people just want peace in this critical moment rather than violence and bloodshed, they said.

Director of BMSP Advocate Muhammad Shamsuddin, Advocate AKM Abul Kashem of Bikrampur Legal Aid, M Osman Gani of Shamprity, Mahbulul Haque of VIDA, Babul Odhikari and Khaledur Rahman of Dorp and Dilip Kumar Sarkar of Shushashoner Janna Nagorik also spoke on the occasion.

Member organisations of BMSP also brought out peace processions in different districts across the country for the same demand.

Arrest protested

Women for Women, a rights organisation yesterday condemned the arrest of six activists of Peshajibi Nari Samaj in front of the Election Commission (EC) secretariat on Thursday, says a press release.

The female professionals went there to submit a memorandum demanding resignation of the chief election commissioner (CEC) while the law enforcers assaulted them.

Such type of behaviour is not acceptable at all and it goes against women's democratic right, the statement said.

It also urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps so that such type of incident doesn't happen again.

Deprived officials seek posting, promotion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of government officials who were deprived of promotion and posting in the last five years met the establishment secretary at the Secretariat yesterday and placed a five-point demand, including immediate promotion.

They also demanded that postings be given to more than 600 officials who have been OSD (officer on special duty) for a long time.

The officials led by Abu Alam Shaheed Khan, former private secretary to the then prime minister

Sheikh Hasina, placed the demands at the meeting with Secretary AFM Solaiman Chowdhury.

They urged the secretary to replace those officials who enjoyed special benefits during the rule of BNP-led four-party alliance.

The secretary assured them that he would arrange a meeting of the Superior Selection Board (SSB) within a couple of days to take a decision regarding the postings of the deprived officials.

More than 1,000 officials were made OSD at different times during the tenure of the four-party alliance.



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Bangladesh Manobadhikar Samannaya Parishad forms a human chain at Manik Mia Avenue in the city yesterday demanding non-violent politics and a free and fair election.