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BCL (S-A) activists go on rampage in BUET campus after fellow worker's arrest for alleged toll collection and hijacking

Students burn 8 vehicles

By BUET Correspondent

Agitated Chhatra League (S-A) activists went on rampage on the Engineering University campus Saturday and set afire eight vehicles, fired gunshots and blasted bombs protesting arrest of a fellow activist earlier in the day on charge of toll collection and hijacking.

None was however injured in the hours-long violence that forced the BUET (Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology) Teachers Association into an emergency meeting till late night and the Vice-Chancellor to convene a Syndicate meeting today. The BUET Syndicate meeting will begin at 9 am today. BUET VC Prof. M Shajahan told this correspondent that they were helpless during the incidents and had nothing to do.



Three of the eight vehicles set ablaze by a violent group of BCL (S-A) students on the BUET campus yesterday. — Star photo

The Ministry of Home Affairs in a handout in the evening said collection of tolls and ransom was a "heinous crime" and revenge by damaging public vehicles for arrest of such toll collectors was not in harmony with democratic system. The government cannot allow destruction of public property and is determined to take all kinds of legal actions to discharge its constitutional obligation, the handout said.

Of the eight vehicles, five belong to the BUET, one to the Hightech Engineers, a private firm, and one to the Meghna Bridge Construction Authority. Another could not be identified. Two more vehicles of the BUET were also damaged.

Campus sources said, the Awami League-backed BCL activists from the nearby Salimullah Hall of Dhaka University entered the BUET campus soon after word went out that Golam Rabbani Boby, a

5 killed, 200 injured as gunmen raid a bazar in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, Oct 19: At least five people were killed and some 200 injured as a strong band of gunmen gheraoed a bazar in Shibpur upazila and fired automatic weapons this evening, reports UNB.

Police and hospital sources said nine of the injured were shifted to Dhaka in a critical condition with bullet and splinter wounds.

Witnesses said about 250 "dacoits" stormed Putta Bazar at 6 pm today and opened brushfire and exploded cocktails in the face of public resistance.

One of the dead was identified as Kajal Miah (25), an activist of Jattiyabadi Juba Dal, the youth front of ruling BNP, and inhabitant of village

Chandandia in the upazila. Kajal died on the spot. Another shot dead on the spot could not be identified.

Three others, who succumbed to injuries at the Sadar Hospital, were identified as Suruj (32) of village Ghashirdia, Nayan (22) of Noadia and Liton, a student of class eight of Kamargaoa village of the same upazila.

Among those injured, mostly with bullet, was Puttabari Union BNP Secretary Abu Siddique (45). Some others wounded were named Hafizuddin (65), Kashem (25), Abu Taher (25), Abu Taher (28), Jamal Hossain (32), Abul Hashem (32), Kamal (32) and Kabir (22).

The marauders, suspected to be activists of the outlawed

Sarbahara Party, allegedly looted cash and goods worth about 50 lakh amid a reign of terror.

Narsingdi thana sources said patrol police reinforced by a strong contingent later rushed to the spot when the attackers sneaked into nearby villages.

Police cordoned off the villages with the outlaws hiding inside the security ring, according to the thana sources. But they said there was no encounter as yet.

The DC, the SP and other civil and police officials also rushed to the spot, they said.

Meanwhile, local people demonstrated in the hospital premises as only 2 doctors among 12 were at work, who could not cope with the rush.

SKOP postpones strike call after talks with Govt

By Staff Correspondent

The Sramik-Karmachari Okya Parishad (SKOP) on Saturday postponed indefinitely its Monday nationwide general strike following a fruitful meeting with the Minister of Labour and Manpower, SKOP sources said.

The strike call was given to press home the five-point demand of the SKOP, which includes fixation of minimum wage for workers and employees at Taka 1400, withdrawal of the denationalization policy, reopening of all the laid-off mills and factories, repeal of Article 19(ka) of Standing Orders and Industries relations (Amendment) Act 1989 and reintroduction of Industrial Relations Ordinance 1969.

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Ministers after visit dismiss reports on famine-like situation

By Staff Correspondent

The Acting Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Ministry of Law and Justice Mirza Golam Hafiz yesterday dismissed as "baseless and a travesty of truth," newspaper reports of a famine like situation in the northern districts of the country.

Mirza Golam Hafiz now officiating as Prime Minister, recently visited the northern districts with Food Minister Shamsul Islam, Health

Minister Kamal Ibne Yousuf and State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan.

They held a press conference last evening which was also attended by the Irrigation Minister Majid-ul-Haque and the Information Minister Nazmul Huda.

Speaking at the press conference, Mirza Golam Hafiz said that the months of September and October were known as the 'lean period' of the northern districts and during this time people suffer from a lack of work for which the government has to intervene with relief programmes.

But this year the situation was aggravated because of the floods and test relief programmes could not be started on schedule, he confessed.

Describing his experience during his visit to northern districts including Rangpur, Dinajpur, Takurgon Nilfamar, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bogra and Panahagar he said that there were no processions of hungry people in the areas as was reported in a section of newspapers.

Mirza Golam Hafiz said that from the very beginning members of the armed forces were deployed to carryout relief operations and an additional request had already been made to them to continue relief work as long as was required to mitigate the miseries of the people.

He said that army medical teams with other medical teams were working relentlessly to combat diarrhoea.

Mirza Hafiz further said that Prime Minister Khaleda Zia before leaving for Harare had instructed him to take all necessary measures for the survival of the people there.

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Intensive test relief ordered

A high-level inter-ministerial meeting on post-flood rehabilitation programme in the country was held at the Secretariat Saturday with Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting was attended by Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

The meeting held threadbare discussion on post-flood situation with particular reference to the northern districts including greater Rangpur and Dinajpur districts.

It reviewed the government stock position of foodstuff and medicine and expressed satisfaction over the available stock of these essentials.

The meeting directed concerned authorities to intensify test relief programme in the flood-hit areas with the objective of generating employment for the distressed people?

It observed that diarrhoea situation in the flood affected areas has already been contained.

The meeting contradicted the reports published in a section of press about food scarcity and spread of epidemics in the flood affected areas.

Political-level talks on Ganges issue

By Moinuddin Naser

India has responded positively to a Bangladesh initiative for political-level talks on the sharing of waters of all common rivers including the Ganges.

The Ganges issue will however be taken up separately, Indian Irrigation Minister Shukla in a letter to his Bangladesh counterpart Majid-ul-Haque has expressed his willingness to continue talks on this issue.

The letter which was received by the Irrigation Minister through the Indian High Commission in Dhaka on Saturday stated, "If we try, we can solve the problems through discussions."

Irrigation Minister Majid-ul-Haque, when contacted, said

that it was a very positive response from the Indian side. He said, after holding of two secretary-level meetings, a political-level meeting had been due. He said that, subject to confirmation by the Indian side, the political-level meeting could be held in December.

The Indian authorities earlier proposed talks on the sharing of waters of all common rivers at a time and expressed unwillingness to talk about the Ganges issue separately.

During the last two secretary-level meetings in April and October, the Bangladesh side emphasised on opening of a dialogue on the sharing of waters particularly of the

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Khaleda returns today

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia returns home this morning after attending the 11th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), which began in Harare on October 16, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister, besides participating in the CHOGM had meetings with several heads and leaders of Commonwealth member-states during her stay in the Zimbabwean capital.

In the opening ceremony of the CHOGM, Begum Zia spoke as one of the five heads of government, specially invited to make statements in response to the welcome address of the host President Robert G. Mugabe.

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We can solve all problems if we work together: Khaleda

LONDON, Oct 19: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia arrived here early this morning from Harare on her way back home after attending the 11th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

The Prime Minister was received by Jeremy Jasper, from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Bangladesh High Commissioner to UK M M Rezaul Karim.

A large number of political workers and leaders belonging to the BNP were also at the Gatwick airport to receive the Bangladesh leader.

In a brief speech the Prime Minister called upon them to extend their all out cooperation in national uplift programmes. If we work together we could solve all our problems, she said.

Movement if Indemnity Ordinance is not repealed, warns Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina Saturday urged the ruling BNP to support and pass the Indemnity Ordinance (repeal) Bill already placed by her party in the Parliament.

Otherwise, the people would launch a movement to force the government to repeal the Ordinance to end forever the politics of killings in the country, she warned while addressing party workers from Keraniganj and Dharmal who called on her at her Parliament office.

She accused the government of following a 'subservient' foreign policy and

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড
বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিষয়: ভাড়ার ব্যবহৃত হয় এইরূপ বাস/ মিনিবাস/ ট্রাক/ ট্যাক্সেলরী এর মালিকদের ক্ষেত্রে অনুমিত আয়ের ভিত্তিতে আয়কর পরিশোধের সময় সীমা নির্ধারণ/ বর্ধিতকরণ প্রসঙ্গে।

ভাড়ার ব্যবহৃত হয় এইরূপ বাস/ মিনিবাস/ ট্রাক/ ট্যাক্সেলরী এর মালিকদের ক্ষেত্রে অনুমিত আয়ের ভিত্তিতে আয়কর পরিশোধের সময় সীমা নির্ধারণ/ বর্ধিতকরণের বাপারে বিভিন্ন মহাসুর আবেদনের প্রেক্ষিতে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড নিম্নোক্ত সিদ্ধান্ত প্রদান করিতেছে:

(ক) এস, আর, ও নং ৩৬২/ আইন/ ৯০, তারিখ ১৭-১০-৯০ ইং অনুযায়ী ভাড়ার ব্যবহৃত হয় এইরূপ বাস/ মিনিবাস/ ট্রাক/ ট্যাক্সেলরী এর মালিকদের ক্ষেত্রে অনুমিত আয়ের ভিত্তিতে আয়কর পরিশোধের সময়সীমা ১৯৯১-১৯৯২ কর বৎসরের জন্য ৩১-১২-৯১ ইং তারিখ নির্ধারণ করা হইল।

(খ) কর বৎসর ১৯৮৯-৯০ ও ১৯৯০-৯১ এর জন্য উক্ত (যাছা ৩১-১২-৯০ ইং তারিখ উত্তীর্ণ হইয়াছে) শেষ সুযোগ হিসাবে ৩১-১২-৯১ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হইল।

(গ) কর বৎসর ১৯৮৬-৮৭, ১৯৮৭-৮৮ ও ১৯৮৮-৮৯ এর জন্য উক্ত সময়সীমা (যাছা ৩০-১০-৮৯ ইং তারিখে উত্তীর্ণ হইয়াছে), শেষ সুযোগ হিসাবে ৩১-১২-৯১ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হইল।

(ঘ) কর বৎসর ১৯৯২-১৯৯৩ ও তৎপরবর্তী কর বৎসরসমূহের জন্য উক্ত সময়সীমা হিসাবে সংশ্লিষ্ট আয় বৎসর সমাপ্তির ৯০ দিনের মধ্যে উক্ত অনুমিত আয়কর পরিশোধের তারিখ নির্ধারণ করা হইল।

উল্লেখ্য, উক্ত সময়সীমার মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল করদাতাপন ভাড়ার ব্যবহৃত হয় এইরূপ বাস/ মিনিবাস/ ট্রাক/ ট্যাক্সেলরী এর মালিকগণ কে উল্লেখিত কর বৎসরসমূহের জন্য শেষ অনুমিত আয়কর নির্দিষ্ট ডাকঘরের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। তবে উক্ত সময়সীমার মধ্যে অনুমিত কর পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ হইলে সেই ক্ষেত্রে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর বিধান মোতাবেক যথাযথ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হইবে।

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

CEPZ: Construction of embankment begins in January

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 19: The construction of a permanent embankment in order to ensure full protection to the country's lone operational export processing zone along the Chittagong coastline is likely to be started from January next year. It may cost an estimated amount of Taka 220 crores to construct the 18-mile long embankment along the CEPZ from the Zero Point at the estuary of the Karnaphuli River to Kumra, an official said.

A senior official of the CEPZ said that the permanent embankment would not only protect the EPZ units but also other industrial bases and agricultural lands on the shore from the onslaught of sea water during the rainy season and cyclonic storms. The official also said that the construction of the permanent embankment along the coastline was the need of the hour to restore the confidence of the foreign investors, badly shaken by the total damage of the earthen embankment that protects the CEPZ from the high sea tide.

The cyclone and tidal bore of April 29 wrought extensive damage to most of the units of

the Chittagong Export Processing Zone.

However, all the affected units in the CEPZ resumed full production after recovering from the damages caused by the cyclone within only two to three months after the calamity struck. The EPZ authorities allowed the owners of the affected units to sell their damaged finished goods in the local markets in addition to allowing them other financial facilities for early resumption of production.

Selling of finished goods from the EPZ is strictly prohibited under normal conditions as those are meant only for export to fetch foreign currency.

Meanwhile, a temporary earthen reconstruction of the broken embankment was carried out only to pass the just ended rainy season.

The work was urgently done under Food for Work Programme' along the EPZ side that suffered a major damage of one kilometer fully and two kilometers partially during the April 29 cyclone and tidal surge.

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