

DU Students demand terror-free campus

By DU Correspondent

Different student organisations brought out processions and held rallies Monday demanding a terrorism-free Dhaka university campus.

They also demanded the immediate arrest of the hoodlums on campus.

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders at a rally in front of the DUCSU building yesterday noon said that a vested quarter was trying to destroy the newly-achieved democracy by sheltering terrorists in educational institutions.

The rally was addressed by JCD President Rizvi Ahmed, General Secretary Illias Ali and JCD leaders Nazimuddin Alam, Ali Akkas Nadim, Nasiruddin Pintu, Abdul Malek, Rafiqul Islam Jaglu, Kamruzzaman Ratan, Maniruzzaman Monir and Habib Un Nabi Sohel.

Rizvi Ahmed said that though some quarters were blaming the Jamaat-Shibir circle for the attempt on the Workers' Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, it was alleged that those quarters were sheltering terrorists all over the country.

Rizvi also said that it was the duty of the Oppositions to help the government institutionalize democracy.

Illias Ali said that a group of armed activists sheltered by a vested quarter was responsible for the trouble on the campus.

The JCD leaders also said that there were groupings in their party.

The pro-Awami League Chhatra League at a rally yesterday condemned the killing of an unidentified person and demanded immediate arrest and trial of the persons involved.

The BCL (M-I) rally was held at the TSC square of the DU yesterday afternoon.

Addressing the rally BCL (M-I) leaders KHM Lizu, Pankaj Nath and Faruk Ahmed said that the JCD intra-party conflict had led to the death of one person with five others injured in Sunday's clash.

The BCL leaders said that the government was not sincere in nabbing the terrorist from its party as well as those in the country.

Condemning the police role the BCL leaders said that the police were not active in arresting terrorists in the government-backed student organisation.

The leaders termed the police on Suryasen and Jasimuddin halls after the fierce gunbattle Sunday absurd.

They also said that BCL activists did not try to disturb the on going Honours and Masters Degree examinations. They said that they had always helped the authorities conduct the examinations smoothly.

Meanwhile, the Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) held a protest rally in front of the DUCSU building yesterday noon to condemn the terrorist activities on the DU campus.

Addressing the rally, GCO leaders Mustak Alam Tulu and Khairul Alam Rupam demanded immediate arrest of that trouble makers.

The leaders urged the government to ensure peace in the educational institutions by rooting out terrorism.

The JSD-backed BCL (M-B) brought out a procession and also held a rally yesterday at about noon to protest the violence in the DU campus.

The rally was addressed by Abdullahi Quatum and Obaidur Rahman.

The leaders demanded replacement of the Home Minister whom they blamed for the deterioration of the law and order situation in the country.

50 snakes seized

JESSORE, Aug 31: BDR personnel today (Monday) seized 50 snakes, including a python, and arrested two people in this connection from Sadipur border in Sarsha thana of the district, reports UNB.



Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber (Left) was welcomed by President Suharto upon his arrival to attend the 10th NAM summit in Jakarta yesterday. — AFP photo

NAM summit begins today

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and to forge a stronger unity among the member states.

She also hoped that the summit would play an effective and substantial role in shaping the course of international relations.

Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to deliver her speech as the second speaker at the summit tomorrow.

The 10th NAM summit will gather representatives from 95 of its 106 members as well as dozens of observers, guest countries, and international and regional organisations, summit sources said.

The summit will see the return of Cambodia to the movement after its seat was vacated in 1979 due to civil war. United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali will attend the inaugural session tomorrow lending prestige to the summit and the movement.

Indonesia has spent more than 200 million US dollars to ensure a successful summit. The proceedings at the summit will be translated into four international languages — English, French, Arabic and Spanish.

Some 15,000 security personnel have been deployed to protect the heads of the state and the governments.

Summit sources said the six-day congregation of Third World leaders will discuss problems in which all members share an interest such as economic cooperation, environmental protection, etc.

Reuters adds: Heads of state and government began arriving in Jakarta hoping to set off on a new course now that East-

West bloc confrontation is over. But many key leaders stayed away.

A bruising dispute over Yugoslavia's membership - even-though shelved to let Belgrade's delegation attend the summit - occupied ministers all over the weekend, forcing them to run into a third day to discuss the Middle East, South Africa and Somalia.

On the Gulf, Malaysia sharply criticised the US-led air exclusion zone imposed over mainly Shi'ite southern Iraq. It urged the 108-member movement strongly to oppose the "high-handedness" of Washington and its allies.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, told the Foreign Minister's preparatory meeting the "no-fly" zone was a "flagrant" contravention of all accepted international norms and practices.

Delegates said that while most members had condemned Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, there was widespread unease over the zone.

"It's okay to kick Iraq out of Kuwait but it's not alright to divide Iraq. It's an encouragement for the disintegration of states," the Comoros Islands' UN Ambassador Amini Ali Mounim told reporters.

On the Arab-Israeli dispute, Indonesia's Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said members felt the replacement of Israel's hard-line Likud Government by a Labour leadership had not led to progress at Middle East peace talks which resumed last week in Washington.

"There was a consensus that

so far the talks have not moved much beyond procedure and that substantively there is really not much give in Israel's position," he told journalists.

But Foreign Minister Amr Moussa of Egypt, which signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979, expressed optimism about the talks, calling the attitude of the new Israeli administration "much different" from its predecessors.

The Non-Aligned Movement is seeking to assert itself as a political and economic lobby for developing countries with an independent voice in world affairs, while getting away from the often stale anti-imperialist rhetoric that marked it in the past.

"The most important thing that we could do in Jakarta would be to chart the future role of the Non-Aligned Movement in a changing world," Moussa told a news conference he gave to be as fast as the developments in the world.

But even though the movement has become bigger than ever before, many leaders are staying at home because of what officials described as domestic problems.

Prominent absentees include Cuba's Fidel Castro, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Nigeria's Ibrahim Babangida and Algeria's Ali Kafi.

Also missing will be Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi, who startled the last summit in Belgrade in 1989 by turning up with his own tents, a herd of camels and bevy of women bodyguards.



SAYING HELLO: Planning Minister talking to the chiefs of three services at the airport yesterday prior to the departure of Prime Minister for Jakarta. — Star photo

25 injured in Deobagh Madrasa clash

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 31: At least 25 people were injured in a clash between students of Deobagh madrasa and local people.

The clash occurred at nine in the morning leaving 25 injured.

The clash was a sequel to a brawl between the local people and the Madrasa students yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) area was once again rocked with blasts of crackers and gunshots as the Awami League-backed Rehan group and BNP-backed Kashem group fought each other.

The official said the incident began when Kuwaiti border patrols discovered a red truck with Iraqi license plates trying to cross the unmarked desert frontier in the UN-patrolled "demilitarized zone."

The demilitarized zone extends 10 kilometers (6 miles) into southern Iraq and 5 kilometers (3 miles) into Kuwait. It is patrolled by the UN Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission and was set up after allied troops drove Iraqi soldiers out of Kuwait after their August, 1990 invasion and seven-month occupation.

JCD factions compromise

From Our Correspondent

The two feuding factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal which fought a bloody gunbattle on Sunday shook hands Monday and marched through the Dhaka University campus in an amity procession, reports UNB.

Rapprochement in the intra-party conflict came at a joint meeting of the leaders of the two groups with the Chairperson and the Secretary General of ruling BNP Sunday night.

Sources said the BNP high-command called in both the group leaders after Sunday's internecine clash and warned them not to confront each other further.

JCD President Rezvi Ahmed, General Secretary Illias Ali, Organising Secretary Abdul Malek, DU unit President Habibunnabi Sohel and General Secretary Ali Akkas Nadim informed the BNP leaders that they cannot go to the campus fearing attacks from rivals.

BNP chief Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Secretary General and LGD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder were learnt to have advised the Illias group leaders to go to the campus and warned the other group not to repeat such incidents.

Khaleda

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Secretary Reza Rahman and Bangladesh Ambassador AKM Farooq were among others present at the airport to receive Begum Zia.

Earlier, Begum Zia left Dhaka Monday morning for Jakarta.

The Prime Minister will lead the Bangladesh delegation to the summit.

The Bangladesh delegation includes Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, State Minister for Forest and Environment Gayeswar Roy, Parliament member Farida Hasan, Foreign Secretary Reza Rahman and Chairman of the Khagrachhari hill district Samiran Dewan.

Beside a 12-member media team is also accompanying the Prime Minister to the summit.

Khaleda Zia was seen off at the VIP lounge of Zia International Airport by, among others, members of the cabinet, chiefs of three services, and dean of the diplomatic corps U Soe Myint, who is Ambassador of Myanmar.

Besides, Indonesian Ambassador Soemakano Iswadi and Ambassador of Thailand Chaiya Chindawongee were at the airport to see Begum Zia off.

Mirza Golem Hafiz, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, saw her off at the gateway of the aircraft.

TV Asia opens in London

By Staff Correspondent

An Asian television network was launched in London this week at a colourful function that featured super film stars of the sub-continent, according to a press release in Dhaka on Monday.

TV Asia, opened on Saturday by its Chairman Indian film star Amitabh Bachchan, is the first Asian television centre in Europe, the press release issued by Dhaka Bureau of the enterprise said.

A cultural function that marked the opening ceremony was participated by Indian and Pakistani film stars Salman Khan, Amir Khan, Juhi Chawla, Mithun Chakravarty and Babra Sharif.

Mithun sang two patriotic Bengali songs enthralling the audience.

Popular Bangladeshi singer Nashid Kamal, now staying in London, has joined TV Asia to conduct its Bengali programmes along with Syed Golem Dastagir Nishad and Mostafa Kamal Milon.

Bangladesh Television's drama serial: Swapan Sahar (The City of Dream) will be broadcast by TV Asia next week, the press release said.

BNP partronsing terrorism: Obaid

Janata Dal Chairman K M Obaidur Rahman yesterday called for waging a united movement against anarchy and terrorism now bedevilling the country due to "government's total failure" to meet the situation, reports UNB.

Addressing a public meeting at Gulistan Square Monday afternoon, Obaid blamed the ruling party for "patronising terrorism in a bid to perpetuate its power."

The meeting was organised by the city unit of Janata Dal to protest "wanton terrorism and violence" across the country. "We want democracy to work in the country," Obaid said. But he warned unless steps are taken to improve the law and order, there may come a day when the government itself will be hijacked.

Referring to the Rohingya refugee problem, the Janata Dal Chairman blamed the government for its failure to solve the crisis which, he said, threatens national sovereignty.

Janata Dal will observe September 16 as Rohingya Repatriation Day, he announced, saying that this problem cannot be solved so long as the ruling military junta will be in power in Myanmar.

About Golem Azam issue, Obaid said the problem was created by the government and should be solved by it.

Presided over by City Janata Dal President S M Alim, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Mirza Abdul Halim, Shahina Khan, Advocate A A R Chowdhury, Babul Ahmed, Shahidul Islam and Faruk Ahmed.

Hasina

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ruling party" battering the life of the people in Madaripur.

She also condemned ransacking of the Madaripur court by angry supporters of the ruling party following a stay order on the students' election at Madaripur Government Nazimuddin College.

Earlier, different student organisations moved the court for remedy against irregularities in the college union election.

Hasina alleged that the terrorists attacked the houses of Shahjahan Khan, MP, advocate Obaidur Rahman and Mokhlis Rahman.

She demanded legal steps against the terrorists.

Dacoits kill one, loot bazar in Kishoreganj

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 31: All shops of Ichyanganj Bazar under Karinganj Thana were looted and a villager was stabbed to death by dacoits Sunday night.

The victim was identified as Rabikul Islam alias Rabi, 25, of village Jhatia Para.

According to eye witnesses a gang of dacoits numbering about 50 to 60 equipped with fire-arms and other lethal weapons attacked the bazar at 10 pm. They started looting the shops one after another which continued for about an hour.

Later hearing the hue and cry hundreds of people from nearby villages gheraoed the dacoits. The dacoits then started firing and stabbing indiscriminately to scare away the villagers. As a result Rabikul Islam Rabi died on the spot while at least 10 persons sustained injuries.

Of the injured Jalaluddin Khan, 32, and Lokman, 30 were admitted to Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital and Karinganj Hospital respectively.

The Midnight File

Clinton pledges 8m new jobs

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, Aug 31: democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton pledges in a new television advertisement to create eight million new jobs during his four-year mandate if he wins the November 3 election. The Republican Party immediately criticized the 60-second advertisement, which was broadcast beginning Monday in several states, as "flying in the face of reality". It is the first time Clinton has put such a high figure on job creation if he wins the White House, previously limiting himself to a pledge of a million new jobs a year through a 20 billion-dollar infrastructure programme, reports AFP.

Delta rocket launched

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), Aug 31: A delta rocket blasted off from here today carrying a television satellite for more than 10,000 cable television systems. The launch was originally scheduled for August 13, but was postponed because a transistor on the spacecraft was found to be faulty. The satellite will replace one of seven similar satellites put into space since 1983 and expected to last 10 years said Walter Braun, senior Vice President of Ge American which owns the spacecraft, reports AFP.

A plea to Hasina

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not taken these steps, we can only suspect that she is playing to the gallery, rousing public emotion against the administration and thus making a political capital out of a dismal event, the attempted assassination of Menon.

This is not the way of behaving as a responsible opposition or, for that matter, as an alternative government. If Hasina goes further with her present campaign in her personalised style, she will be sacrificing her party's long-term interests for devious short-term gains. She may well be putting her own leadership at grave risk.

All this does not mean that we, in the media, or people at large, are satisfied with the way the government has been conducting the inquiry in to the attempt on the life of the leader of the Workers' Party.

Whatever has been published in the media has left many questions unanswered. The Opposition leader probably knows what kind of questions are bothering us. She should raise them with the

administration — preferably directly with the Prime Minister — and satisfy herself that the investigation is going on the right way. In case she is not satisfied, she should feel free to say so to the public, either through the media or through her party meetings. What she cannot — and must not — do is to turn the event into a political exercise for partisan gains.

Although this plea is directed at the Opposition leader, we believe, there is much the ruling party — especially the Prime Minister — can do to put a halt to mutual recriminations, charges and counter-charges which continue to vitiate the political atmosphere.

How we wish the offer of mutual co-operation exchanged between Begum Zia and Sheikh Hasina in an imaginary correspondence published in this paper last week would come true, thus paving the way for stability and progress. It should come true soon. Tomorrow, it may be too late.

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unit (ICU).

When contacted last night hospital sources said that Alams condition was critical. The victim's father, Abdul Ali, said that two unidentified persons shot at his son near his residence at 66/1 West Rajabazar at around 10 am while Alam was returning home by a rickshaw. Alam was not at home Sunday night, he added.

Tejgaon police rushed to the spot and recovered two

JCD activists of Alia Madrasa block road

By Staff Correspondent

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) workers of Madrasa-e-Alia blocked the road to traffic and demonstrated at Bakhshi Bazar area in the city Monday demanding immediate release of two of their leaders.

The agitated workers blocked the road near the madrasa and Chankharpool to Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) at around noon. They also exploded at least eight crackers near Badrunnessa Girls College and the Madrasa during their one and a half hours demonstration.

Two JCD leaders of the Madrasa, Syed Ahmed Khokon and Azmal Hossain were arrested three months ago against a case filed by the leaders of Islami Chhatra Shibir with Lalbagh Police Station on July 7, 1989, said the vice president of the Madrasa-JCD unit.

Police rushed on the spot took the situation under control and opened the road at around 1:30 pm Monday.

BNP founding

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The programmes include hoisting of party flags atop all thana and word offices and playing of recorded speeches of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia immediately after sun rise, offering of Fatcha and placing of wreaths at the mazar of President Ziaur Rahman at 8 am and discussion meeting at Engineering Institute at 4 pm today.

The city unit will hold mid-lad mahfil at its Nawab Yusuf Market office at 4 pm, discussion of Soil and People's Politics at 5 pm at the same venue

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port, widely published by Dhaka newspapers (except The Daily Star), said the Princess will visit India and Bangladesh late September.

Describing the Daily Star report as "absolutely correct" a British diplomat said Princess Anne would, however, visit India.

According to the diplomat the Princess had cancelled her Bangladesh visit because she would not have time and logistics to visit some remote areas she was keenly interested to see. He gave no details.

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