

Violence on JU campus

Teachers may forgive 21 accused students

By JU Correspondent

Teachers of Jahangirnagar University (JU) may forgive 21 students accused of assaulting some teachers on the campus on July 29 last year.

A decision in this regard will be taken shortly in consultation with the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA).

The JU Teachers' Association (JUTA) is considering the matter in response to a letter from the accused students. The accused are leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

President of the JCD, JU unit, Masud Hasan Talukdar, on behalf of all the accused students, wrote the letter to the JUTA seeking forgiveness. In the letter, they admitted responsibility for the incident. They addressed the teachers as 'fatherly figures' and repented for the incident.

They pleaded to ensure that no such happenings will take

place on the campus in future.

The JCD leaders, in their letter, promised that they would try their utmost to improve teachers-students relationship on the campus.

The JUTA discussed the letter at a general meeting on June 8 and decided to consult the FBUTA for its opinion.

Meanwhile, the JU teachers have split into two groups on the issue, campus sources said. One group wants to forgive the students. They argued that the students should be pardoned as they have realised their fault and have repented for the incident.

The others said that the teachers would not be sure of their safety if the terrorists were excused.

General Secretary of the JUTA Afsar Ahmed told this correspondent that it would be a triumph of morality if the teachers pardoned the students.

Sweden beat Cameroon

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Andersson chased back under pressure from Oman-Biyick and Ravelli came off his line to try and intercept. But Oman-Biyick stayed on his feet and prodded the ball under the keeper and into an empty net.

The two Cameroon scorers combined for a slick move through the Swedish defence that should have earned a third goal in the 69th minute. They swapped passes to bypass two defenders and Oman-Biyick was left with just Ravelli to beat. He pulled the ball wide of the goalie but ran it out of play before he could turn into the net.

At the other end a minute later, Bell was penalized for taking too many steps before clearing the ball. He blocked the resulting free kick and Thomas Dahlén turned in the rebound. The Swede first controlled the ball with his left hand, however, the goal was disallowed and Dahlén was shown the yellow card.

Dahlén got it right five minutes later, however. Substitute Henrik Larsson fired a 30-meter swerving shot that flew through Bell's outstretched fingers and hit the crossbar. The ball dropped to Dahlén, who chested it down, and drove it powerfully into the net.

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LINE-UPS
CAMEROON: Joseph-Antoine Bell, Rigobert Song

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Sweden 1 0 1 0 2 2 1

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MATCH STAT

Match statistics for Sunday's Sweden v Cameroon World Cup, Group B game:

Sweden Cameroon

Goals 2 2

Shots on goal 18 9

Fouls 5 11

Corners 3 3

Offsides 3 4

Yellow Cards 1 1

Red Cards 0 0

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Holy Ashura today

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Imam Hossain (RA), the son of Hazrat Ali (RA), the fourth caliph of Islam, along with his few followers embraced martyrdom fighting against some 30,000 well-trained soldiers of Yazid on the bank of the river Euphrates.

The Muslim ummah considers the Karbala tragedy as a hallmark in the fight against all sorts of injustice, oppression and vices.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas in a message on the occasion called upon the Muslim ummah to devote themselves towards building a happy and prosperous nation following the teachings of the Holy Quran and the ideals of Islam.

The President said the memories of the tragic incident of Karbala will always inspire the Muslims to continue the struggle against injustice.

He said Islam is a religion of peace, amity and cooperation. The sacrifice of Imam Hossain (RA) is a source of our inspiration in strengthening unity and solidarity among ourselves', President Biswas said.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in her message on the holy 'Ashura' yesterday called for raising voice against all evil designs in greater national interest.

She called the sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hossain (RA) and said Ashura teaches us to remain steadfast in the ideals of truth and justice even if it costs our life.

"Let us exercise truth and justice at all levels in society in light of the great ideals of Islam for building a happy and prosperous country", the Prime Minister said.

"It is a day of remorse on the one hand and on the other hand it is enlightened with the glory of supreme sacrifice and relentless struggle against untruth and injustice", she said and added that observance of the day will be fruitful if we can establish this message of Ashura in the society.

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina last night said that the sad event of Karbala would provide impetus to the struggle for establishing truth, justice and rights in society.

"In a statement on the eve of



A local resident makes his way through the flooded streets of Luizhou on a pedicab Sunday as floods, due to torrential rains, hit six southern Chinese provinces. — AFP photo

Journalists observe protest day today

By Staff Correspondent

The journalists of the country will observe a protest day today against the repression on newsmen and attack on the National Press Club by the police on this day in 1992.

The Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) has given the call for the protest day.

To mark the day, a joint meeting of the BFUJ and DUJ will be held at the National Press Club at 11 am today.

Meanwhile, the journalists in Dhaka observed a two-hour token strike from 11 am to 1 pm yesterday protesting the attacks on newspapers and harassment of the journalists.

The Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) gave the call for the strike.

Bomb hurled at Jai Jai Din editor's house

By Staff Correspondent

Two cocktails were hurled at the Eskaton residence of Shafiq Rehman, editor of the Jai Jai Din last night.

Shafiq Rehman told The Daily Star over telephone that some unknown person or persons threw two bombs over the wall of his house. He said the first explosion took place at 10 pm while another occurred at 10:15 pm.

Housewife murdered

By DMCH Correspondent

A housewife, Shahnara Begum Beauty, 20, was murdered reportedly by her husband in the city's Madhubagh area late Sunday night.

Ramna police recovered the body from her bedroom on the second floor at 366/4 Noyatola, early in the morning yesterday.

According to police, the victim's brother, Bashir Uddin, has lodged a murder case against Beauty's husband Iktekh Ali Masud, who was missing since last night.

Bashir told The Daily Star that Masud came to his house sometime after midnight to inform him that Beauty was sick. But since then he is missing, he added.

Ramna police said, there were bruises on the face and neck of Beauty, mother of 3-year-old Ufmi. The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy.

According to relatives, Beauty was married to Masud, a businessman, five years ago and he used a torture her for dowry.

Police foiled an attempt by a mob to attack a PDB sub-station here yesterday.

DSE passing thru' testing times

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The arrested persons could not present any legal documents of the trawlers before the police. The police said that the trawlers were anchored in the canal because of rough weather. Police suspected that the arrested people may be Myanmar nationals. Further investigation in this regard is on, police said.

Chandgaon police registered a case in this connection.

Blast kills 70

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A government statement declared tomorrow a national day of mourning and vowed that the culprits 'will face god's revenge.'

Flash flood in Pabna: Thousands marooned

By Staff Correspondent

PABNA, June 20: Ten more villages in two thanas of the district were inundated during last 24 hours by flash flood caused by heavy rain and on rush of hilly water, reports UNB.

District administration sources said some 5,000 people of these villages were marooned by the sudden flooding.

At least 100 families of the Nakalia village in Bera thana were become homeless due to the erosion by the river Jamuna during the period.

Crops on about 3,000 acres of land have gone under water and nearly 100 kancha houses damaged in the flood water.

The worst affected villages are Tatibandh, Ranigram, Sakhagan, Najirganj and Patkhali of Sujanagar thana and Thanpur, Zafarabad, Nakalia, Bijoyganj and Roghupatpur of Bera thana.

Some 23 villages were inundated during last 48 hours, official sources added.

The water levels of the rivers Jamuna and Bora has registered a rise yesterday activating erosion in the river sides in massive scale, official sources said.

Standing crops on about 100 acres of land in four villages of sadar thana was damaged.

Local people alleged that the embankment has long been developing cracks at some points but no effective measures were taken to protect it by the concerned authorities in due time.

Kashmir

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controlled Kashmiri government, called the gangland killing an 'act of cowardice' by the militants.

Rao said the Hezb-e-Mujahideen, a pro-Pakistan group and the most powerful of the dozens of militant organizations, ordered the killing because Nissar had become too critical of the conduct of the militants.

Hezb-e-Mujahideen leader Sayed Salauddin, in a statement circulated in Srinagar, said Nissar's death was "personal loss," and called it "a conspiracy of government agencies."

Shops and businesses in and around Anantnag closed in mourning and protest. Press Trust of India news agency said.

In the last year, fighting among the militants has intensified. United News of India news agency said 80 incidents were reported so far this year, in which 77 people were killed.

But the fighting does not always follow ideological lines, and some of the worst clashes are over turf and influence.

Nissar was imprisoned in 1990 for helping to lead the secession movement. When he got out of jail two years ago he left politics, but he remained the chief Muslim preacher of south Kashmir. He delivered the weekly sermon at Jamia, the main Mosque in Anantnag, which made him one of the most influential men in his region.

More than 9,300 people have been killed in the Jammu-Kashmir insurrection since fighting between militants and Indian troops erupted in late 1989.

Many people in the only state with Muslim majority support the rebels in a country where most people are Hindu.

period of boom in which the total turnover at the DSE stood at Tk 225.5 crore during the July '93 to May '94 period against a turnover of only Tk 40.4 crore during fiscal 1992-93 and Tk 14.1 crore during 1990-91.

But the monthly turnover at the DSE has fallen to Tk 23.3 crore from Tk 52.6 crore in January, Tk 53.2 crore in March and Tk 35.6 crore in April.

Market operators attributed the sudden fall to a reduced interest by foreign investors, who fuelled nearly 75 per cent of the boom, and to the paucity of quality scrips in the market.

Recent government decisions would, however, help increase the amount of quality shares in the market. The government has decided to offload shares of a number of listed public sector companies and the newly approved privatisation policy also allows for floating the shares of public sector units to be privatised, in the stock market in order to make the ownership more broad-based.

Both sides have already held preliminary discussions on resolving the impasse and further discussion between the DSE and SEC are likely to take place within the next few days.

This comes at a time when the stock market was going through an unprecedented

Attack on newspapers condemned

By Staff Correspondent

A joint meeting of editors, owners, journalists and leaders of employees and press workers has condemned the attack on newspapers and harassment of journalists.

It also called upon the government, political parties and all democratic forces to show utmost restraint and tolerance and honour the views of others for upholding the democratic ideals and ensuring the freedom of the press.

The meeting organised by the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday also demanded a national policy for distribution of advertisements to newspapers.

The meeting presided over by BFUJ President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury was addressed by Editor of the Sangbad Ahmed Kabir, the Bangladesh Observer, Editor KMA Munim, Ittefaq Editor Anwar Hossain Manju, Aker Kago, Editor Kazi Shamed Ahmed, Inqilab Editor AMM Bahauddin, Janata Editor Asadur Rahman, Meillat Editor Chowdhury Mohammad Faruq, Shakti Editor Zainul Abedin, Jai Jai Din Editor Shafiq Rehman, Purbanchal Editor Alhaj Liakat Ali, owner of Banglazabazar Patrika Zakaria Khan, General Secretary of the Commonwealth Press Union, Bangladesh chapter, ABM Musa, President of the Newspaper Employees Union Jahangir Kabir and Secretary General of the Press Workers' Union Bazlur Rahman Milon.

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