

JS boycott case: Hearing of writ Nov 8

The High Court Division yesterday fixed November 8 for hearing of the writ petition regarding the Opposition's boycott of Parliament, reports UNB.

A bench comprising Justices Kazi-Shafuddin and Kazi AT Monwaruddin heard both sides and fixed the new date for the hearing after the Supreme Court's vacation beginning September 6.

The court had earlier decided to hear the case yesterday.

But Moudud Ahmed, Bar at Law, sought time to submit a reply to the rule issued upon

Doctors' rally

By Staff Correspondent

All administrative sections in the Health Directorate in the city remained closed yesterday as part of the doctors' agitation for realisation of their 21-point demand.

The doctors held a rally at the Health Directorate in Mohakhali.

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Hossain, Dr. Moslehuddin Ahmad and Dr. Nazrul Islam.

The Syndicate also prayed for the salvation of the departed soul of Kamrul Islam, who died yesterday and expressed sympathies to the members of the bereaved family.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) in a statement yesterday condemned the terrorist activities on the campus and demanded a judicial enquiry into the incidents.

The DUTA alleged that the university authorities did not take timely measures to ensure the security of the teachers and students. The teachers also criticised the police role during the violence.

Dialogue

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He also declined to elaborate the outcome of yesterday's meeting of the opposition leaders.

The closed door meeting was attended by Awami League leaders Mohiuddin Ahmed, Tofael Ahmed, Sajeda Chowdhury, Rahamat Ali and Sudhangshu Shekhar Halder, Jatiya Party's Moudud Ahmed, Anwar Hossain Manju, Nonirul Huq Chowdhury and Dr Fazle Rabbi. Jamaat's Sheikh Ansar Ali and Latifur Rahman, Ganatantri Party's Suranjit Sengupta, and NPD's Salauddin Kader Chowdhury.

Mohammad Nasim urged the Opposition workers to make the scheduled September 10 Dhaka siege success.

Meeting sources said that the opposition parties accepted the proposal in principle but bidding would wait for Sheikh Hasina who is likely to return on September 3 after performing Umrah.

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Some 200 members of the news media in Taiwan braving strong wind and heavy rain, march down Taipei's streets yesterday, demanding that media owners refrain from formulating editorial policies. The banner unfurled by the protesters read: "Editing and news coverage are not independent in Taiwan." — AFP photo

Fresh gunbattle at DU

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some unidentified gunmen, allegedly BCL (B-K) activists, opened fire from near the lecture theatre area when a procession of the BCL (M-I) was crossing the nearby road. eyewitnesses said.

The BCL (M-I) brought out the procession at about 11:50 am to drum up support for its national council on September 7.

Following the firing, the processionists dispersed and took position in and around the Arts Faculty building.

Later, the BCL (M-I) activists also started firing, witnesses said.

The students present there rushed Kamrul Islam to the DMCH where doctors declared him dead.

At about 12:30pm, a group of riot police lobbed shells in front of the university library to disperse the BCL (M-I) activists. One of these shells hit Kamrul Islam in his windpipe. He was standing in front of the main library gate, eye-witnesses said.

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Witnesses said that police lobbed tear gas shells in and around the Central Shaheed Minar and the Jagannath Hall when the students were bringing the body.

The BCL (M-I) activists later returned the body to the DMCH at about 2:45 pm. By then some relatives of Kamrul had rushed there, sources said.

Some sources alleged that the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) backed the BCL (B-K) in yesterday's violence.

Meanwhile, huge contingents of police were seen patrolling the campus yesterday and all roads leading to the DU campus were closed to traffic last night.

JS session adjourned

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so the Speaker adjourned the House.

The Education Minister had urged the chair to allow him to complete his sentence but the chair said, "I cannot even allow you to utter a single letter for that would mean violating the rules of procedure."

Yesterday the House was called to order 20 minutes late, at 7:20 pm, again due to lack of quorum.

Farida Rahman's bill, according to the mover, aimed at discouraging polygamy in the Muslim society.

Farida Rahman, in her bill introduced in the House nearly two years ago, proposed that husband already having a wife willing to marry should obtain permission from the Assistant Judge or the District Judge. This, she thought, would discourage second marriages and repression on poor women.

The existing law, enacted during martial law in 1961, forb