

Ethnic violence claims six in Karachi

KARACHI, Sept. 17: Sectarian and ethnic violence erupted in this southern port city overnight, leaving six people dead in different incidents, hospitals here said today, reports AFP.

The men killed late Friday were members of the Sunni Muslim group Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP), a spokesman for the group said, charging rival Shi'ite sect Tehrik-e-Jafria Pakistan (TJP) with Friday's killings. No comments were immediately available from TJP.

Shooting continued throughout the night in the central and eastern districts of the city, witnesses said. A major hospital also came under attack by snipers, where the shooting victims were being treated, hospital sources said.

Sounds of gunfire were also reported from Azizabad district, near the headquarters of the ethnic-based Mohajir Quami Movement (MQM). The shooting continued all night, a resident said.

3 killed, 60 hurt in road mishaps

From Our Correspondent

SAVAR, Sept. 17: Three persons were killed and 60 others injured in three road mishaps on the Dhaka-Areha highway today. Two of the dead were identified as Abdul Jalil (30) and Abdul Latif (20). The other deceased, a man (25), could not be identified.

Another coach hit two baby taxis at the Savar bus stand at 8 am injuring ten passengers critically.

In another incident, a truck lost its control and plunged into a ditch near the Jorapool of Savar killing Abdul Latif.

The injured have been sent to the Savar Health Complex, the Dairy Farm Clinic and other hospitals.

Amended Act

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wide powers to take any decision on the distribution of khash lands."

Khusht Kabir said, the amendment would not only be used for evicting the poor people from khash land, it would also create scopes for using the agri-land for non-productive purpose.

The government should discuss the matter with the organisations working at the grass-roots level.

Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman said, any amendment to the land laws should be made to support the land and agrarian reform policy of the government. But this amendment was made without considering these aspects.

The seminar spread over three sessions was also addressed by Nurul Rahman of BAWPA, Abdul Kader of SAMATA, Taslimuddin of BFPAB and Abu Hossain of BIDS. Zead Al Malum, Advocate, Supreme Court, Saiful Haq, General Secretary of Bangladesh Khetmajur Union and M Shamsul Huda, Executive Director of ALRD presented keynote papers.

CU students

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and railway sources said.

When the railway employees tried to resist the attackers, they also fell victims to the wrath of the agitating students. The windowpanes of the railway offices, telephone sets and some parked vehicles were damaged.

The agitators dispersed when a large contingent of police from Kotwali thana went to the spot.

BSS adds: Meanwhile, the general manager of the Railway's Eastern Zone M A Matin, in a hurriedly called press conference at his office, claimed that three employees were injured, of them Mohammad Yusuf (Traffic) and Mainuddin (Accounts) were admitted to the Railway Hospital.

He further said at least ten telephone sets were also looted away and 12 others were damaged, by the miscreants.

A Taka four-crore project for renovation of the Chittagong University rail route has been undertaken by the Railway authority, he said, adding that the authority will demand compensation from the university authorities for Saturday's damage to Railway property.

Matin said an enquiry committee will be constituted soon to probe the incident and a case will be filed on behalf of the Railway authority in this connection.

The general manager appealed to the students in particular and the people in general to stop the recurrence of such incidents in future.

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DUCSU Vice President and MP Amanullah Aman speaking at a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club organised by the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal to mark 'Education Day' yesterday.

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Students observe Education Day

By Staff Correspondent

'Education Day' was observed yesterday with the ruling party's student wing highlighting the government steps for the expansion of education and the anti-government student's bodies demanding increased budgetary allocation for the education sector.

Aman called upon all, irrespective of party affiliation, to work unitedly for the eradication of illiteracy and achieving the goal of education for all by the year 2000.

Aman said when the whole nation is marching forward towards development under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, the main Opposition Awami League is trying to disrupt the political process by joining hands with the ousted autocratic forces.

The Chhatra League leaders accused the BNP government of betraying the 10-point demand for which the major student bodies including the JCD had fought during the Ershad regime.

They urged the government to immediately fulfil those demands, including the introduction of a scientific education policy.

The student leaders also demanded supply of educational materials at the subsidised rate.

The CPB-backed Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) handed over to the Education Minister the draft of an 'alternative' education policy after holding a meeting near the Secretariat around noon.

The BCU leaders, addressing a rally, demanded a 'scientific' education policy, reduction of tuition fees and education materials at fair price.

The Chhatra League (B-K) the Chhatra Federation and the Muktijoddha Chhatra Command also held rallies on the DU campus in observance of Education Day.

The JCD's popularity among

the students was increasing day by day, he claimed.

The pro Awami League Chhatra League (S-P) held its rally near the Aparajeyo Bangla statue on the DU campus.

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