

Call for fresh polls under caretaker govt

Former civil servants for dissolution of parliament

A group of former senior civil servants yesterday demanded immediate dissolution of the "illegitimate" parliament and resignation of the government, thus enabling the President to form a caretaker government for holding a fresh election, reports UNB.

"Present government cannot claim the allegiance of people and must resign," they said in a joint statement, adding "this will leave the President as the only constitutional officeholder in the nation."

They considered it to be his (President's) solemn duty, in the vacuum of the absence of a legitimate Parliament and Prime Minister, to set up a neutral caretaker government to hold a free and fair election at the shortest possible time.

Expressing grave concern over ongoing situation they emphasised an agreement on two points — (a) setting up of a neutral caretaker government to hold election, and (b) completing the election by May next.

"Cancellation of so-called election and resignation of Prime Minister will make it possible to implement the agreement," they said terming the February 15 polls a total "fraud."

The signatories to the statement are: ex-secretaries Mafizur Rahman, Shah AMS Kibria, AMA Muhiht, ABM Gulam Mustafa, ASHK, Sadeque, Faruk Ahmed Chowdhury, Imamuddin Chowdhury, Kazi Azhar Ali, Khandakar Asaduzzaman, HT Imam, ATM Shamsul Haq, Md Serajuddin, Mirza Abdul Jail, MA Rauf and S Hashmat Ali, ex-IGP Rakib Khandakar, ex-RAJUK chairman M Anwar Alam, ex-professor of DMC Dr MA Quadry, ex-additional secretary Lutful Matin, ex-divisional commissioner — AKM Fazul Haq and MA Bari, ex-member of NBR Md Akram, ex-division chief of ERD Md Mahiuddin, ex-joint secretary Mahabubur Rahman, ex-additional IGP AKM Mahubul Haque, ex-additional divisional commissioner Syed Siddiqur Rahman, ex-additional chief engineer KM Hus-

sain and ex deputy commissioner HN Ashraful Rahman. The retired government officials said a one-party election was held on February 15 in which, as expected, about 95 per cent people did not participate. "The vote fraud and rigging have been documented by both local and foreign observers," they added.

"It is a national disgrace that the results of the so-called election was published by Election Commission, which failed miserably to uphold its constitutional responsibility," said the former public servants.

They appealed to all government officials to remain alert and vigilant and said in the recent past partisan interests had taken precedence to national interests, public servants were subjected to temptation and coercion.

"But at the time of crisis they are left to themselves as is the case today with many field officers who have to flee for their lives. They must stand firm in serving the Republic and nobody else," they said.

They further said the public servants also must resist and thwart the designs of "illegitimate" authorities and partisan dictators.

"When the civil servants face a conflict between the demands of an illegal authority and the call of higher duty in the greater interest of the nation, as they did in 1971, they must respond to the call of their conscience and express their solidarity with the people."

They said "a repressive regime may try to intimidate and browbeat them, but they must remain true to their conscience and resist such pressure."

Present political crisis

A group of DU students threaten gherao, sit-in

General students of Dhaka University yesterday threatened both the government and the opposition with gherao and sit-in demonstration if they failed to resolve the political crisis immediately, reports UNB.

"We will be compelled to gherao the residences of the political leaders including that of Begum Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina if the crisis continues indefinitely," said a group of general students at a press conference at the Madhu's canteen in the evening.

They said the political leaders are resorting to political game either to retain their power or the capture it affecting educational life of students and economy of the country.

Criticising both parties, they observed that sufferings of the people would end if the opposition turned flexible as the government compromised with the opposition's main demand.

AKM Firoz Ahmed Shaon read out the written speech on behalf of the general students. Among other, Kamaluddin, Abu Taleb, Sirajul Islam, Monirul Islam, Shahin and Delwar Hossain were present at the press conference.

Attack on house of newsmen

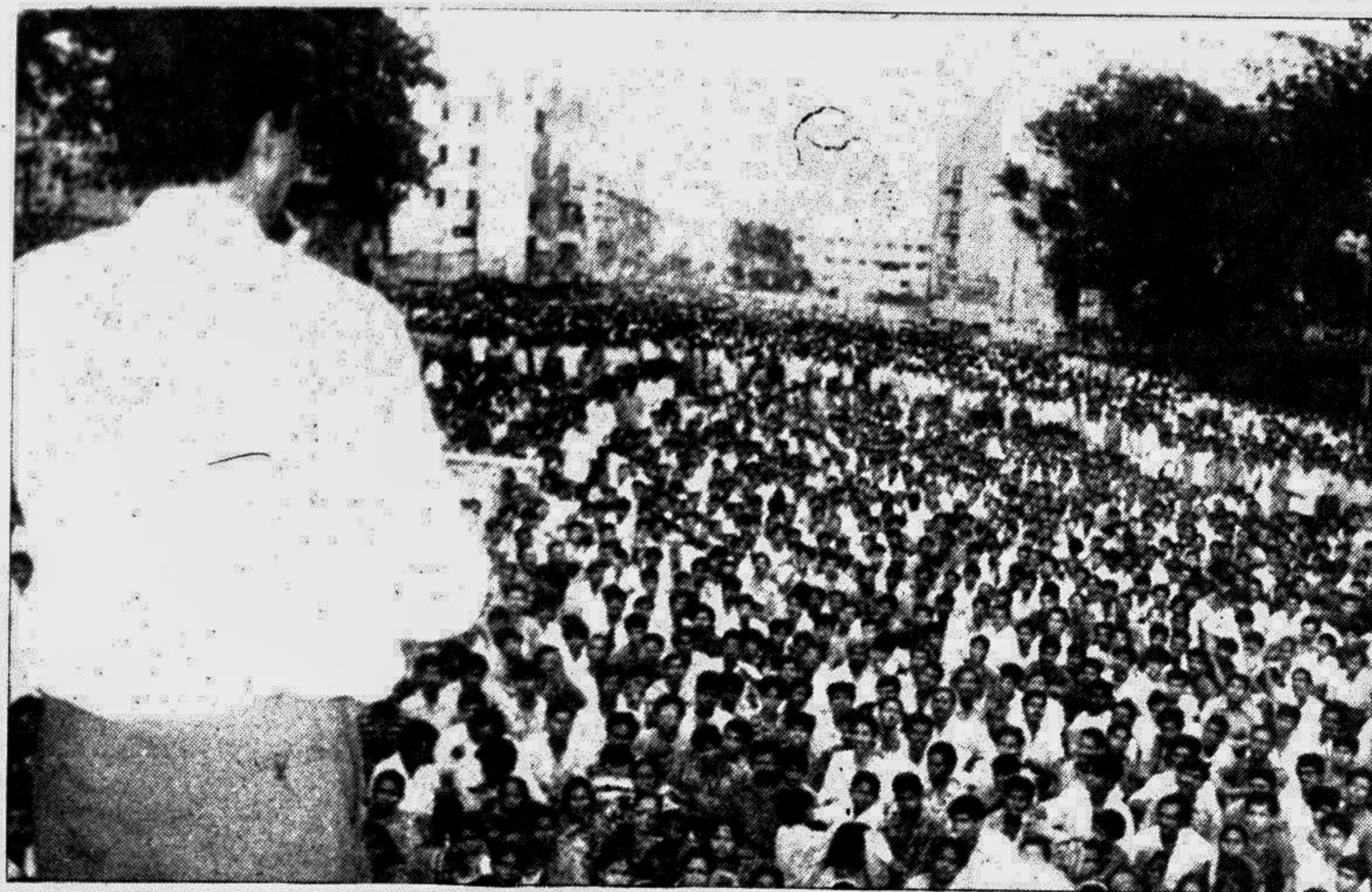
NARAYANGANJ, Mar 24: Unidentified gunmen fired shots and tossed two bombs outside the house of local Ittefaq correspondent Habibur Rahman Badal Saturday night, reports UNB.

The miscreants fired 4 to 5 shots and exploded 2 bombs at about 2 am while he was reading books keeping the windows open.

The bullets missed the target and the bombs went off with big bang.

Badal said he had been receiving life threat over telephone for last several days, apparently for giving news on terrorism.

A case was filed with the local police.



Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mohammad Hanif addressing a huge public rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Bangladesh troupe to perform in Bhutan

Bangladesh cultural troupe comprising renowned vocal and dance artists will perform cultural show in Bhutan on the occasion of silver jubilee of independence, reports BSS.

A 12-member cultural team led by cultural adviser Ali Imam Majumder left city for Thimpu yesterday, according to an official handout.

The artistes are Khalid Hasan Milu, Farida Parveen, Sadia Islam Mou, Anjuman Ara Mitu, Sharmin Siraj Sonia, Kabirul Islam Ratan, Anisul Islam Hiru and Altaf Hossain Syed Meher Hossain, Zahid Hossain and Shamsur Rahman.

Chyanaut to pay tribute to martyrs

Cultural organisation chyanaut will hold a programme celebrating the silver jubilee of the Independence Day tomorrow in front of the residence of Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University at 6:30 pm.

Chhayanaut would pay homage to three cultural personalities of 1971, Sheikh Lutful Rahman, Abdul Latif and Altaf Mahmud, says a press release.

DU programmes on Independence Day

The Dhaka University authorities have drawn up elaborate programme to celebrate the 25th anniversary of independence tomorrow.

The programme includes hoisting of national flag atop the main buildings of the university and all residential halls at 6 am on the day, placing of wreaths at Savar National Mausoleum and offering of special prayers to the memory of the martyrs.

Students, teachers and employees of the university will start for Savar National Mausoleum from the Aparajeo Bangla at 6:45 am.

But in case the political situation deteriorates, they will place wreaths at the newly erected memorial plaque in front of the VC's residence.

Special prayers will be offered at the central and other mosques of the university after Zohr prayers.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) will start for Savar from the Dhaka University Teachers' Club at 6:30 am.

DUTA will also hold a discussion meeting at the club bhaban at 5 pm.

25 yrs of independence World leaders greet Biswas

World leaders sent warm greetings and felicitations to President Abdur Rahman Biswas on the occasion of Silver Jubilee of Bangladesh's Independence Day, reports UNB.

Queen Elizabeth II of United Kingdom, in a message on the occasion, wished her best for a happy and prosperous future of Bangladesh.

US President William Jefferson Clinton lauded the achievements of Bangladesh in the field of economic development and its valuable assistance in peace-keeping efforts abroad. He also wished for Bangladesh's peace and prosperity.

On the occasion, President

Jerry Jhon Rawlings of Ghana, German President Roman Herzog, General Lansan Conte of Guinea, Sultan of Oman Qaboos Bin Said and Roman Catholic Pope John Paul II of Vatican City conveyed greetings to the Bangladesh President.

In their messages, the heads of state and government hoped that the existing cordial relations will continue to flourish in the years ahead for mutual benefit.

Besides, the DG of ISESCO, Dr Abdul Aziz Othman Al-Twaijri, also sent congratulatory message to President Biswas wishing further prosperity of the people of Bangladesh.

BCU demands immediate supply of textbooks

By DU Correspondent Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) demanded resignation of the "illegal" government of Begum Khaleda Zia and immediate supply of text-books to the students.

BCU held a rally near the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The rally was addressed among others, by Kazi Sazzad Zahir Chandan, Aslam Khan, Ishakul Hossain.

The speakers at the rally said that the students at secondary schools are yet to get their text-books. They held the government responsible for this crisis.

The BCU leaders demanded cancellation of the February 15 "farical" election and holding of sixth parliamentary election under a non-party neutral caretaker government immediately.

Nuisance of freeloaders

Restaurants and food centres in and around Dhaka University campus are facing threat of closure as "musclemen" are forcing their owners to provide them with food free of cost, reports UNB.

Several small restaurants situated at Kantaban area have been closed due to free service to so-called student leaders.

Restaurants located outside the campus, adjacent Kantaban, Nilkhet, Plassey, Hatirpool and Chankharpool areas are facing the same problem which has been on the rise after the Eid vacation.

Several restaurants in Chankharpool and Hatirpool have been ransacked for their refusal to distribute free of charge.

Sources said each food centre is required to supply 30 to 40 meals free of cost every day.

The owners termed the "musclemen" as activists of political parties and "big brother" of different halls but declined to mention their name.

Attack on houses of 3 DU teachers condemned

By DU Correspondent About 100 students and some teachers of the Dhaka University yesterday brought out a silent procession on the campus demanding immediate arrest and punishment to those responsible for the attack on the residences of three DU teachers.

The houses of Prof Anwar Hossain and Dr Anwar Hossain of Bio-Chemistry and Dr Tofael Ahmed Chowdhury of Chemistry came under attack early Friday.

After the procession they also submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor.

In the memorandum they said that the life and property of those teachers were at stake following the armed attack on their houses.

They urged the government and university authorities to take necessary security measures for them.

Among the teachers, Harun Kader Yusuf, Laila Nur Islam, Saleh Mahmud, Sayedul Islam, Bidyut Kanti Gosh, Yusuf Ali Mullah and Hossain Uddin Sekhar attended the procession.

GCO, Chhatra Oikya observe Black Day

By DU Correspondent Gonotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), an alliance of some left-leaning student organisations observed "Black Day" yesterday the day on which Ershad seized state power ousting the then President Justice Abdus Sattar in 1982.

GCO held a rally in front of the DUCSU building in observance of the day. The GCO rally was addressed by Abdullahi Kahum and Aslam Khan.

Meanwhile, Chhatra Oikya Forum held another rally in front of the Madhu's Canteen in observance of "Black Day". It demanded resignation of the government and holding of election under a neutral caretaker government.

Telefilm on women

Production of a documentary telefilm titled "Ami Nari: Banglae Nari" (I am a Woman: Three centuries of Bengali women's Forgotten History) was launched at a function at the German Cultural centre in the city yesterday.

General secretary of the Institute for Law and Development, a project of voluntary development organisation Ain O Unnayan Sangstha, launched the telefilm by handing over the script to its director eminent film-maker Sheikh Neyamat Ali.

Ain O Unnayan Sangstha is making the documentary film which depicts socio-legal-economic condition of bangalee women during the period 1700-1996.

Sheikh Neyamat Ali introduced the artists of the film at the function also was addressed by Advocate Fauzia Karim Floze of the sangstha.

The function was followed by screening of "Annaya Jibon", full length feature film of Sheikh Neyamat Ali.



Police checking identity card of an employee of Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Newspaper holiday tomorrow

All newspaper offices will remain closed on March 26 on the occasion of the Independence Day, reports UNB.

As such, no newspaper will be published on March 27, said a Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad press release yesterday.

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Applications are invited from the bonafide citizens of Bangladesh with requisite qualifications and fitness to fill up the following posts of this University:

- Chemical Engg Deptt**
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