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Manzur murder case

Maj Emdad gets

ad-interim bail

By SC Correspondent

The High Court yesterday granted bail to Major (retd) Kazi

Emdadul Huq, an accused in the Gen Manzur Murder Case.

(retd) Emdadul Huq, none of the

five accused persons in the

Court comprising Justice Md

Mozammel Huq and Justice Mohammad Awlad Ali yester-

day granted the ad-interim bail.

He was in the jail custody for

Former President Hussain

Mohammad Ershad, Major

General (retd) MA Latif and two

others were granted bail earlier.

President Ziaur Rahman, Ma-

jor General Manzur was killed

on February 28, 1995 with the

Officer-in-Charge, Panchlaish

in pending for trial in the 1st

Court of Additional District

ture Mahbubur Rahman as-

sisted by Advocate Shah Md

Sirajul Huq, Farah Mahbub

and Anisur Rahman Patwari

2 sweepers die

appeared for the petitioner.

Advocate and BNP legisla-

Police Station, Chittagong.

and Session Judge, Dhaka.

Following the killing of

However, a case was lodged

Upon transfer, now the case

murder case are in jail.

about three years.

on June 6, 1981.

With the release of Major

A division bench of the High

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## BNP urges AL MPs to revolt against govt

shortly from a big rally.

told the meeting.

government.

as well.

food, he said.

Begum Zia has requested the

Referring to Prime Minister

countrymen to pray for her

early recovery, Dr Mosharraf

Sheikh Hasina's statement that

'more surprises are awaiting,'

Mannan Bhuiyan said that dur-

ing her 20-month rule, she

(Hasina) has already shown

many surprises, including the signing of the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty and the CHT ac-

cord against the interests of the

of Abdur Rab Chowdhury and

Major (retd) Akhteruzzaman

MP, Bhuiyan said the BNP lead-

ers and workers were being

subjected to repression by the

He warned of building u

strong resistance if the gov-

ernment does not stop such re-

pression against the opposition

Deputy Leader of the Opposition

in Parliament Prof AQM

Badruddozza Chowdhury

charged the ruling party with

stealing of votes and said "they

have now started stealing MPs

League has started snatching

the people's right to vote and

the Jatiya Ekush Udjapan

Committee of BNP, was also ad-

dressed by Maudud Ahmed, KM

Obaidur Rahman MP, Lt Gen

(retd) Mir Showkat Ali, Sadek

Hossain Khoka MP, Begum Kur-

shid Jahan Huq MP. Amanul-

lah Aman MP, Shamsuzzaman

Dudu MP, Fazlur Rahman Patal

MP. Mirza Abbas, Shahjahan

Siraj and Shahiduddin Chowd-

Leased F-28 joins

Biman's fleet

A F-28 aircraft procured on

lease has joined the Biman fleet

The 85-seater jet aircraft,

leased for 6 months, would be

pressed into operation from

improve its domestic and re-

Off-loading

From page 1

British companies like Rolls-

Engineering, Donkin Valves,

Penspen, Technolog and UGI

Meters. It was also addressed by

Energy Minister Noor Uddin

Khan as chief guest. British

High Commissioner David C

Walker and Petrobangla

Chairman Mosharraf Hossain.

Malcolm Bennett of Rolls-

Royce Industrial and Marine

Gas Turbines Ltd conducted the

opening session of the seminar,

organised to review prospects of

British investment in the gas

sector in Bangladesh and to in-

troduce expert services in gas

The energy secretary said

that the government would

gradually allow private in-

vestment in most sub-sectors of

power and gas sectors. He, how-

ever, pointed out that it would

not open up power distribution

for private investment imme-

diately but would be much more

flexible about foreign compa-

nies' choices about selling gas

they would develop and buying

He added that necessary in-

stitutional arrangements were

in progress for setting up of a

regulatory authority in the gas

and power sector.

the same.

Royce, Mott Macdonald, Ampco

Following the addition of

yesterday, a Biman press re-

lease said, reports BSS.

omorrow.

gional operations.

As in the past, the Awam

The meeting, organised by

Addressing the meeting,

Referring to the recent arrest

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan on Saturday said they will take counter measures against the government if the two seats of BNP MPs inducted as ministers are

not vacated, reports UNB. Speaking at a discussion meeting, organised by the party on the occasion of immortal Ekushey, at Ramna Batamool in the afternoon, he urged the Awami League MPs to protest the unhealthy practices of the government.

"Revolt against the government, we will support you ... we may make 50 AL MPs as ministers," Bhuiyan said.

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia was scheduled to address the meeting as chief guest, but could not attend as she reportedly fell ill after placing wreath at the Central Shaheed Minar in the morning.

Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain MP, who presided over the meeting, quoted a message saying that Begum Zia has urged the people to prepare for a vigorous movement for which a programme will be announced

#### Biman's ATP From page 1

flights, served by the only ATP of the domestic fleet

Flights resumed yesterday after Biman engineers repaired the aircraft, cannibalising another ATP, which is undergoing repairs at Chittagong. The latter had skidded off the runway in June last, damaging its nose

A 'tork link board' of the right landing gear broke when the plane landed at ZIA at 10:15 am on Saturday with the full load of 67 passengers and four crew, a Biman official said. The captain ordered evacua-

tion of passengers to lessen the load so that the aircraft could be towed to the hangar. Meanwhile, a F-28-4000 air-

craft from an Indonesian airlines arrived at ZIA yesterday. The plane has been wet leased for a month and will be retained on dry lease for another five months, Biman

sources said. The aircraft is likely to join the ATP in the domestic routes on Tuesday after clearance from the Civil Aviation Authority, the sources said.

It replaces the F-28 which crash landed and was damaged beyond repair off Sylhet airport on December 22.

#### Indian polls

From page 1

more than any other state. It was not immediately clear whether the sacking of the government by the state governor Saturday worked for or against the BJP, but opponents claimed it was a severe blow for the

BJP's candidate for prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee. declared an indefinite hunger strike in protest, alleging the dismissal was a coup aimed at seizing the state machinery to influence the voting. BJP president Lal Krishna

Advani met Indian President K R Narayanan and demanded that Bhandari be sacked for "the outrageous assault on democracy.

BJP supporters held protest demonstrations in several areas around the country. Some party leaders were detained for disrupting the peace in the southern state of Karnataka, said BJP spokesman Venkiah Naidu. More protests were planned, he said.

"Atal Bihari Vajpayee's fast is the beginning of this struggle," said Advani.

### Khaleda condemns attack on Amir

By Staff Correspondent demned Friday's assault on Amir Khosru Mahmud Choudhury, a BNP MP from Chittagong, and blamed the ruling party-backed Chhatra League

In a statement last night, Begum Zia also demanded immediate arrest and punishment to the attackers.

"A group of armed activists of the Chhatra League beat up those present at a programme, organised for donating a rickshaw to a widow at my Doublemooring constituency on Friday," alleged Amir Khosru

last night, the BNP lawmaker further alleged the Chhatra League activists also hurled

The local unit of BNP continued its protests against the attack until yesterday, he informed.

## Arrest Major Muzaffar:

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday urged the government to immediately arrest Maj (dismissed) Rahman in 1981, reports UNB.

awarded to him. He has now surfaced in Sirajganj. In a statement, Bhuiyan said

the government is maintaining silence knowing fully the conviction of Mozaffar "Government's mysterious

said the statement. this F-28 to the existing Biman fleet. Biman would be able to The BNP leader demanded immediate arrest of Muzaffar and legal action against him, failing which, he warned, the

#### Trafficked boys pated by representatives from

From page 1

many formalities before the children are finally restored to their families." Ali told The Daily Star. "This process involves police and law."

uphill task. Ali is also worried because these poor children of traffickers.

capital, who informed it to the BNWLA Ali acknowledged that the

teacher and the Bangladesh High Commission in India helped in their rescue and repatriation.

were 200 more Bangladeshi children and women awaiting repatriation in different Indian shelters.

the Gulf states where camel racing is a popular sport.

the oil-rich Sheikhs are very fond of," one police officer said. Police estimates more than 15,000 women and children are trafficked from Bangladesh every year. The women usually end up in brothels in India. Pakistan and other countries.

## Barapukuria power project okayed

National Economic Council (ECNEC) at a meeting yesterday approved a Tk 1663.11 crore project for construction of a 300-megawatt coal-tired power station at Barapukuria in Dina-jpur district, reports UNB. The power station will be set

up to ensure necessary electricity supply to the northern region, particularly for rapid in-dustrialisation. The project is expected to be completed by 2001-2002.

approved in the ECNEC meet-

A cyclone rehabilitation

at a cost of Tk 58.94 crore.

#### German parliamentary team tells newsmen

## Cooperation between govt, Opposition must for democracy

The leader of a German parliamentary delegation on Saturday observed that the parliamentary system in Bangladesh can function effectively through active cooperation between the government and the opposition parties, reports UNB.

"Democracy can survive only when the government and the opposition work together.' said Wolfgang Krause, who is the Chairman of South Asia Group of German Parliament.

Zia International Airport prior to his delegation's departure for Colombo, he said it is the responsibility of the opposition to criticise the government's activities constructively in Parliament.

ber team and had talks with the leaders of both ruling Awami League and Opposition BNP during his four-day stay, said "they replies put forward by the opposition for their abstention from Parliament did not appear convincing to us."

In reply to a question, he hoped that the opposition would come back to the House to play their role in Parliament actively. "We won't like to see the repeat of the 1996 situation ..." he said.

it's not the responsibility of the

them back to Parliament, the opposition should take the initiative from its own to return to Parliament.

They had free and frank discussions with both sides, the delegation leader said, adding that the discussions would be productive if the two parties start working together. In reply to a question, he

said the German government's aid to Bangladesh would not depend on any internal political dispute unless the country is put under a dictatorship. Asked whether he is opti-

mistic about a solution of the present political dispute in Bangladesh, Krause said that being democrats, they are always hopeful.

We don't look back, we move forward ... The unification of two Germany has been possible as we are optimistic," he said.

About the CHT peace accord. he said the German government and the European Union have already welcomed the accord. Krause expressed his government's willingness to join the development process in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

The visit of the German parliamentary delegation would contribute to the development of the Bangladesh-German parliamentary cooperation, he

#### while cleaning septic tank By Staff Correspondent Two sweepers of Dhaka City

College Hospital sources said the dead were identified as Abdul Kashem, 50, and his son-inlaw Zafar Ali, 25, resident of Road No 8, Mirpur.

in the sewerage tank while cleaning it at about 11.30 am. Zafar went to help his fatherin-law and he also drowned.

### BNP

From page 1

The BNP secretary general also termed the hurriedly-issued statements by the ruling party, its front organisations and other pro-government organisations condemning the Shaheed Minar incidents as

strongly condemned what he said the violent conduct of the ruling party-backed terrorists when Begum Zia and other leaders of BNP and its front organisations went to the Shaheed Minar to lay wreaths there and demanded exemplary pun-

Describing Saturday's incidents, he said the running commentary at the Shaheed Minar made it clear that the activists of the ruling party and its front organisations remained gathered there prior to the BNP leader's arrival. As soon as the BNP chief participated in the programme, he added, a group of people climbed the alter and created a situation making it difficult for Begum Zia and other BNP leaders to proceed.

"They started throwing floral wreaths and bouquets. putting Begum Zia's life at risk. Amid such an atmosphere, Begum Zia and other BNP leaders left the spot", Mannan Bhuiyan

He also condemned what he said the government's "naked and indecent" propaganda through the state machinery. directly blaming Begum Zia for the untoward incident which had surpassed the record of telling lies by Goyeble's.

The culprits could be propremises.

## Homage to martyrs

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From page 1 heed Minar in the city to show respect to the martyrs of Language Movement.

All roads led to Shaheed Minar as people in their thousands converged from every directions, lined up in long queues with their shoes off and offered wreaths to the tune of famous song - 'Amar bhaier

rakthe rangano Ekushey February, aami ki bhulite pari.' On this day, 46 years ago, many brave sons of this soil including Rafiq, Jabbar and Salam embraced martyrdom protesting the then Pakistan regime's decision to make Urdu the state language. Their supreme sacrifices gave the na-tion a sense of dignity following which Bangla found its rightful place by becoming a state language of erstwhile Pakistan.

The Shaheed Dibash programmes began with President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed placing the wreaths at one minute past zero hour. He was followed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

On behalf of Bangladesh Awami League, party presidium member and Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, general secretary and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, Presidium members Abdur Razzak, Amir Hossain Amu, Joint Secretary Abdul Jalil and party central leaders Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Bir Bikram, Mukul Bose and Nurul Fazal Bulbul placed wreaths.

Awami League was followed by its front organisations Bangladesh Krishak League. Sramik League, Awami Jubo League. Sheschhasebak League and Mahila Awami League. Leader of the Opposition in

Parliament and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia along with his senior party colleagues Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Maudud Ahmed, MK Anwar and Dr Khondokar Mosharraf Hossain placed wreaths at around 11:30 am. Later, different front organi-

sations like Jativatabadi Sramik Dal, Jubo Dal, Krishak Dal followed Begum Zia for placing wreaths.

Among other political organisations, BAM Ganotantrik Front, Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League (BAKSAL), Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Workers Party of Bangladesh, Gano Forum, Ganotantri Party, Gano Azadi League, Communist

#### Case filed

From page 1 Charges of illegal gathering and trampling of flowers and snatching of mikes were brought against the accused. However, none was arrested till last night.

Earlier, on Saturday afternoon a meeting of Dhaka University Syndicate had requested the Registrar to file the case.

Kendra, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) placed

wreaths. Different students organisations were Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P). Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree, Bangladesh Chhatra League (C-K), Biplobi Chhatra Moitree and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front.

Among socio-cultural organisations, Bangabandhu Parishad, Muktijoddha Sangsad, Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad Bangla Academy, Shilpakala Academy, Shishu Academy Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA). Nazrul Institute, Kendriao Khelaghar, Sheikh Russell Shishu-Kishore Parishad, Bangabandhu Engineers Association, Bangabandhu Lawyers Association Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Joi Bangla Sangskritik Oikya Jote, Chhayanat, Udichi and Stapatee Institute paid tributes to the martyrs.

Dhaka University Teachers Association, National University, Bangladesh Open University, Bangabandhu Krishi University at Gazipur, North-South University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Jahangirnagar University, Teachers Associations of the Universities also placed wreaths.

Institute of Bangladesh, Dhaka Reporters Unity, National Press Club, Bangladesh Police, Biman Bangladesh Airlines and many other organisations also paid homage to the martyrs.

#### Koti Annan

From page 1 limits on the duration and number of inspections. Eckhard declined to say if that problem still remained after Annan met with Saddam.

Iraq has proposed that the presidential compounds be opened for no more than 60 days, saying that is enough for UN inspectors to satisfy themselves that the compounds do not contain banned weapons. But the Security Council has insisted on open-ended inspec-

tions. The United States has vowed to hit Iraq with its military might if Annan fails to persuade Saddam to open all sites without conditions. The US military has deployed 25,000 troops in the Gulf region.

#### Arms surrender From page 1

Shantibahini surrendered their arms as per a peace accord signed with Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) on December 2 last

cials said.

The fourth batch of Shantibahinimen is scheduled to surrender their arms on March 5 at Dudukchhari border village as per the new schedule, offi-

#### WE MOURN Engr. Khurshid Anwar

Director of Confidence Cement Ltd, died of a heart attack at 2:30 am on February 21 (Innalillahi . Raziun). He was 50. He is

survived by his wife, a son,

a daughter, his father and a

host of relations and friends.

Late Anwar was a freedom fighter who was trained in Dehradun. He was involved with a number of social organisations including the Rotary Club.

We are deeply shocked at his sudden death. We pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

Members of Board of Directors and Staffs of Confidence Cement Ltd

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## Ramendu assaulted

From page 1 Majumder was attacked on the road in front of the Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University after visiting the Central Shaheed Minar with his

daughter Trapa Majumder. The attackers tore the pun-Jabi of Majumder and snatched his mobile telephone set. The assailants also hurled abusive words at him and his family

wife Ferdousi Majumder and

The unruly youths shouting at Majumder, an eminent dramatist, "Get him, Get him. He is an Indian agent." Majumder told UNB that the attackers were those who hurled abuses at him and his

family members during the BNP rule. Immediately after the incident, the Jote brought out a procession and held a rally at the TSC of Dhaka University and demanded exemplary punish-

ment of those involved. A case has been filed with Ramna thana in this connec-

Meanwhile, the same group of assailants attacked the car of Prof Muntasir Mamun of History department of Dhaka University. They surrounded his car as he was driving out of the campus through the gate on Kazi Nazrul Islam Road. They pounded his car and hurled abuses at him. Prof Mamun did not stop his car, but slowly drove away. They threw brick bats at his car when it passed by

the Central Mosque of the Uni versity, witnessed said.

Different socio-cultural organisations condemned the attacks on Ramendu Majumder and Prof Mamun. Condemning the incident,

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote

demanded immediate arrest

and exemplary punishment of the 'culprits'. The Jote alleged that a group of youths belonging to JCD attacked Majumder, tore his punjabi and snatched away money bag and a mobile tele-

phone set. The Dhaka University Syndicate at an emergency meeting yesterday condemned the attack on Ramendu Majumder. It demanded immediate investigation into the incident and exemplary punishment of those

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) also condemned the incident and demanded punishment of the assailants. The incident was also con-

involved.

demned by the following organ-isations and personalities: The Federation of Bangladesh Uni-versity Teachers' Associations, Muktijuddher Smriti Sangrakkhon Kendra, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) (K-C), Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), the Pro Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University. Centre for Asian Theatre and 61 teachers of Jahangirnagar University.

## Khosru MP

BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday con-

activists for the incident.

Mahmud Choudhury. Talking to The Daily Star

abusive words at him and chased his followers away at gunpoint.

Begum Zia in her statement further said that the attack was designed to push the helpless family of a Juba League activist, Ali Hossain, who was killed in a gun attack on an Awami League rally in Chittagong on November 11 last year, towards

## Mannan Bhuiyan

Mozaffar who was convicted for the murder of President Ziaur Mozaffar has been absconding for the last 17 years to escape the capital punishment

silence and disrespect to law indicate to a deep conspiracy,'

government should bear all the consequences.

Tracking down the parents of eight other boys remains an

might against fall in the hands The boys were found in New Delhi by Roma Debabrata, a university teacher in the Indian

Debabrata estimated there

Police believe that children had been lured away from their poor families on promises of high-paying jobs, especially in

"Small children from Bangladesh and other South Asian countries are used as jockeys in (camel) races, which

## The Executive Committee of

amount of Tk 74.72 crore.

In all, 11 projects with an outlay of Tk 2,869.47 crore were

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who chaired the meeting, stressed the need for accelerating the implementation process of the approved pro-

### The ECNEC approved one project for distribution of text books for the primary schools of Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions to be implemented at a cost of Tk 179.67 crore, in-

cluding a foreign exchange project for the entire coastal belt of the country involving Tk 142.34 crore was also approved

in the meeting. The other projects approved yesterday are: Production of vaccine for cattle heads at a cost of Tk 60.09 crore, repairing. renovation and construction of nine CSD and one ISD go-down in Eastern and Western regions of the country at a cost of Tk 23.96 crore and construction of floating unloader and modernisation of weigh-machine for sailo, CSO, LSD and port-ghats

# government alone to bring

Talking to newsmen at the

Krause, who led a six-mem-

Krause told a questioner that

Trade fair opens

the export trade." From page 1 She said a task force and a cooperation for the success of the private entrepreneurs through creation of investment-friendly atmosphere, expansion of export and develop-

ment of infrastructure. The Prime Minister said Bangladesh had faced an embargo on export of frozen foods. especially the shrimps to the EU countries, because of the wrong policies and procedures pursued by the BNP government, endangering the industry.

"But we have been able to re-

solve the problem by taking

pragmatic steps and we hope that the export of our shrimps to the EU countries will resume Hasina said the economic diplomacy of the present government has paved the way for

the country's products to enter the international markets, including India. The government has been working with sincerity in expanding country's export, she said disclosing. "A committee

has been working under my su-

pervision to evaluate and guide

Rowdyism at Shaheed Minar

press release. emplary punishment to people responsible. It requested the DU

committee was also formed to investigate the incidents of hurling abusive words at the teachers and marring sanctity of the Shaheed Minar and identify the people responsible. The probe committee, headed by Prof Shahadat Ali, has two other members, Advocate Syed Ahmed and Dr Shahid Akhter Hussain.

demning the incident at Central Shaheed Minar and demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible for marring the sanctity of the Minar.

#### consultative committee, led by the Commerce Minister, are playing an active role in identifying the problems in export sector and suggesting solutions to them. Responding to the demand of the fair organisers, the Prime

contemplating to set up a permanent venue for the trade fair at the Parade square. Addressing the inaugural session, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed said the present government has adopted the export-led

Minister said the government is

growth strategy giving priority to the private sector. FBCCI President Yusuf Abdullah Haroon said the private sector is playing a dominating role in expanding export of the

country. Ministers, MPs, political leaders, diplomats, foreign and local investors and leading businessmen were present at

the function. Later, the Prime Minister visited different stalls of the

BNP chairperson. From the Parliament in a procession beprevious midnight, people in came unruly and trampled the their thousands wearing black wreaths. They advanced towards the foot of the Minar with their shoes on, damaging

> Registrar to file an FIR with Ramna police. A three-member probe

Different organisations is-

sued statements yesterday con-

#### Corporation drowned while cleaning a septic tank at Mirpur in the city Saturday. Police and Dhaka Medical

Police said Kashem drowned

Mannan Bhuiyan also

ishment to the 'real culprits'.

jected before the nation if the Shaheed Minar incidents would have been broadcast in full, he viewed and criticised deployment of the party activists, instead of the DUCSU, to take control over the Shahid Minar

## عهد

#### From page 1 organisers to maintain sanctity of the day and the place.

At this stage, the BNP chief looked perplexed, quickly came down the stairs and left the scene. Before leaving, however, she placed a wreath which was all but destroyed in the melee. She left by a car which stood near the Jagannath Hall gate.

ers of Dhaka University. Earlier, volunteers assigned to maintain discipline up in the area gave their efforts to restore order. Some of the female volunteers, who tried their best

throughout the night to keep the

wreaths in an orderly manner,

erupted with the arrival of the

The angry youths hurled abusive words at the commen-

tators, most of whom are teach-

were seen weeping after finding the flowers trampled. As the mob made an attempt to attack the commentary box. policemen came to the scene to restrain them from vandalising. The JCD supporters then retreated, chanting anti-government slogans. Everything was going on smoothly till the rowdism

badges and carrying wreaths proceeded towards the minar in solemn silence through prescribed routes. They waited in patience for hours together standing in long queues, honouring the fine arrangements ensured by 'Amar Ekushey Udjapan Committee' comprising teachers of Dhaka University and cultural figures.

General people were taken aback by suddenness of the

event. The sombre mood of mourning of those present turned into a veil of gloom. Police was maintaining their vigil at the entry and exit points of the Shaheed Minar. The immediate vicinity of the Minar was being overseen by a volunteer brigade of rover scouts — both male and female.

called meeting of the DU Syndicate at 4 pm the same day. The meeting held at the VC's residence was informed that those who accompanied the Leader of the Opposition in

Meanwhile, Vice Chancellor

of Dhaka University Prof AK

Azad Chowdhury made a report

on the situation at a hurriedly-

its sanctity. They broke through the cordon set up to maintain order by police and BNCC Rover Scouts, said a DU Condemning the incident, the DU Syndicate demanded ex-