

FBUTA concerned at BUET situation

The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) yesterday demanded judicial inquiry into the recent development on the BUET campus that led to widespread damage and attack on teachers and their families, reports BSS.

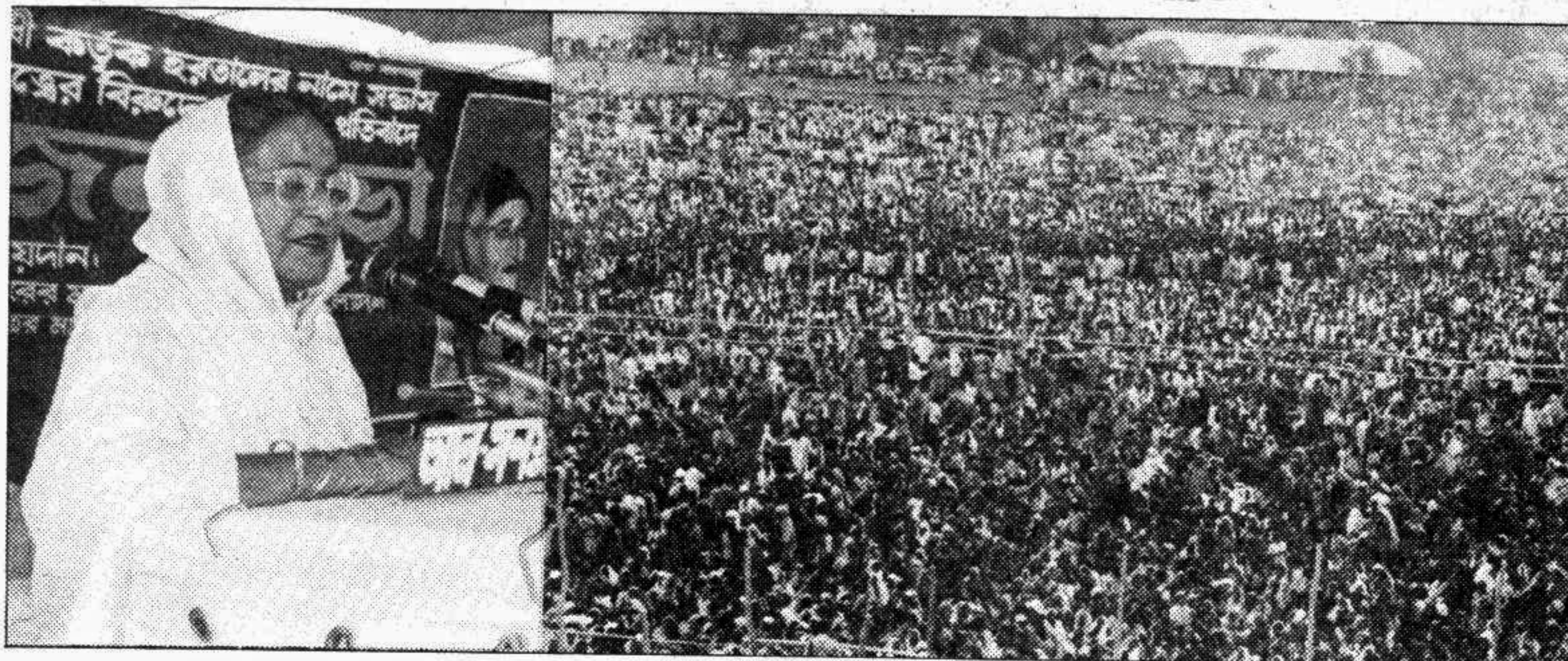
In a statement to the press yesterday night, the association president Prof. Jashim Uddin Ahmed and secretary general Dr A M Faruque expressed their deep concern at and lodged a strong protest while describing such activities as terrorism on the BUET campus.

The association leaders expressed their opinion that exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for the incident through a judicial inquiry could only stop its recurrence and restore proper atmosphere in the educational arena in the country.

In another statement, members of the 61-club expressed their deep concern at the unfortunate development on the BUET campus recently and said they found no word to condemn the violence by some students against their teachers.

The finest seat of higher learning in the country having age-old tradition should not be allowed to become hostage to the indisciplined conduct of some students," the statement said.

The club members urged the government and all concerned to uphold dignity, honour and above all academic authority of teachers.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing a public meeting at the Kapotakkha (Kobadak) College ground at Koira in Khulna yesterday. — PID photo

What's on today

Film show: The High Commission of India will screen a film 'Train to Pakistan' as part of its monthly programme. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, 754, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

Prize giving ceremony: The prize giving ceremony of UNFPA's International Poster Contest '98 will be held. Chief guest: Deputy Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm. A cultural programme will follow the prize giving ceremony.

'AL ready to open talks with Opposition on Upazila polls'

Awami League general secretary Zillur Rahman has spurned the Opposition demand for an early general election and offered talks on specific agenda of the forthcoming Upazila Parishad polls.

"We're ready to talk with an open mind to the Opposition on specific agenda of Upazila election. If the opposition feels any problem or has any grievance, we can talk and settle," he told UNB yesterday.

Zillur, who is also the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD), said elections to 460 Upazila Parishad would be held in time as per law. "We will have to complete the Upazila election by July 30 according to law and personal will or whims will not work here," he added.

Responding to a question about the Opposition's 4-point demand, the LGRD Minister said: "We don't have any power to remove the Chief Election Commissioner, which is a constitutional post, nor have we any authority to reconstitute the Election Commission."

About voter ID cards, he said the Election Commission has already started distributing those cards.

About the detention of

Opposition leaders and workers, Zillur said: "So far I know none is arrested on political ground or without any charge, but if so the government would certainly take action if BNP could give a list of such persons."

Asked about the possible schedule for Upazila polls, the minister said the Election Commission has already been informed of the time limit for the election and it is the Commission that will announce the schedule.

When pressed about suitable time for Upazila elections, Zillur said it would be okay if the voting could start in the last week of June and could be complete in the first week of July.

He said it might take 15 days to complete the election to 460 Upazilas in phases.

The Awami League leader termed Begum Zia's demand for general election before the local body polls as irresponsible and said as a former Prime Minister she should know which election is held when.

He said people already "rejected" Begum Zia's call for boycott and hartal against the municipal elections, and were "enthusiastically awaiting to take part in the Upazila elections to share the benefit of decentralisation of power and development in their locality."

JU employees go on indefinite strike

Employees of the Jahangirnagar University again went on an indefinite strike from yesterday in support of their demand for the withdrawal of new admission rules for their wards, reports APB.

Campus sources and authorities held a meeting with the Employees' Union and the Employees' Samity on Monday to pacify them. But it failed, JU campus sources said.

The agitated employees also demanded introduction of a separate rule convenient for the wards of teachers, officers and employees by relaxing pass marks in the admission tests.

The university authorities refused the pass marks raising the required numbers in both compulsory and optional sections of the admission tests for the wards from the last academic session (1997-98).

Prior to that there was no hard and fast rules about allocation of seats in various departments for their wards.

But recently, the authorities introduced a new rule allocating three seats in every department for the wards of employees to be enrolled on the basis of merit.

The employees also went on a three-day work stoppage last month to press the authorities to meet their demands.

Stalemate in GSS Lawyers demand govt intervention

By Staff Correspondent
Some one hundred and twenty-one lawyers in a joint statement yesterday demanded of the government to intervene in resolving problems in one of the country's leading non-governmental organisation (NGO), Gano Sahajya Sangstha (GSS).

The lawyers representing Dhaka District Bar Association and Dhaka Metropolitan Bar Association expressed grave concern at the stalemate prevailing in Gano Sahajya Sangstha (GSS) causing much sufferings to its 6,000 staff members of the organisation.

GSS has been in an unstable situation for over two months now following a movement waged by its staff for realising some demands, the statement said.

Bangladesh attaches importance to ties with EC: FM

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday said Bangladesh attaches great importance to its relations with the European Union (EU), reports BSS.

EU member countries are the largest export destinations of the Bangladeshi goods, the Foreign Minister told the head of European Commission Delegation to Bangladesh Ambassador Antoine De Souza Menezes who called on him at his office this morning.

Azad said Bangladesh deeply appreciates and acknowledges with thanks the cooperation and assistance that it has been receiving from the European Commission.

Close-circuit TV installed at BJB

Close-circuit televisions have been installed at the Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge to modernise its toll collection system, reports APB.

Work for setting up of weighing machines at the two entry points of the bridge will also be completed soon.

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Communications Ministry Tuesday was informed of these developments for modernising the toll collection at BJB.

The meeting was presided over by the Committee Chairman Sheikh Fazlul Karim.

The meeting reviewed the maintenance of the newly-constructed bridge and discussed its toll collection activities and problems.

Committee members Communications Minister Anwar Hossain, Khan Taju Uddin, Mohammad Nazim Uddin Alam and Advocate M Ruhul Quddus Talukder attended the meeting.

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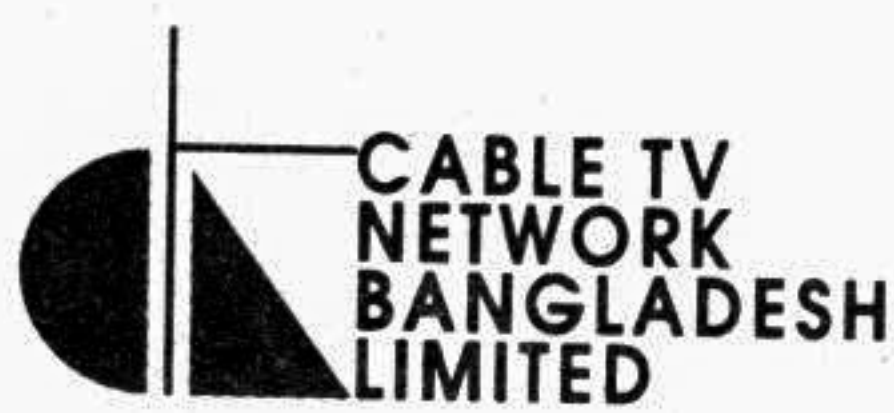
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