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Ban politics of religious fanatics in country
BCL tells Home Minister

By DU Correspondent

Ruling party backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) submitted a memorandum to the Home Minister yesterday demanding immediate arrest of those responsible for the recent killings in Chittagong and a ban on the politics of religious fanatics including Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir.

The memorandum asked for the arrest of killers of the nine BCL activists in Chittagong and their patrons including Jamaat chief Golam Azam within 48 hours.

It also called for tabling a bill at the Jatiya Sangsad seeking ban on the politics of fundamentalist forces, including Jamaat-Shibir.

As part of its five-day agitation programme, BCL brought out a procession from the Dhaka University campus at around 12:00 noon and paraded towards the Home Ministry. Police intercepted the procession near the High Court, where BCL held a rally.

Addressing the rally, BCL leaders said that although the

tragic incident has shocked its thousands of activists, they have been showing forbearance as directed by the Prime Minister.

BCL president Bahadur Bepari said, 'It is really unfortunate that the killers have not been arrested, rather they are threatening to destroy the peaceful atmosphere in the country.'

Ajay Kar Khokan, general secretary of BCL, also urged the Home Minister to direct the police officials to conduct combing operations in Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rajshahi and Sylhet region, where Jamaat-Shibir activists are continuing their 'unlawful activities using sophisticated illegal weapons.'

The leaders also criticised the four-party alliance for making 'false statements to protect the killers.'

Later, a BCL delegation led by Bahadur Bepari and Ajay Kar Khokan, went to the ministry and submitted the memorandum to the personal assistant of the minister.



Police intercepted a Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) procession near the High Court yesterday on their way to the Home Minister's office to submit a memorandum.—Star photo

Non-govt teachers' rally today

By Staff Correspondent

Non-government teachers and employees, who have been observing strike in non-government educational institutions will hold a rally today at the central Shaheed Minar at 11:00 am to strengthen their movement.

Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association (BFTA), a forum of teachers' association has called the strike for indefinite period to press home its demand for 100 per cent

salaries from the government exchequer, promotion and better service condition.

Principal Bodiul Alam and Abdur Rob Miah, President and General Secretary respectively of Bangladesh College Teachers' Association (BCTA) in a statement called upon the teachers and employees of non-government educational institutions to assemble at the shaheed minar on time to make the rally a success.

Teachers will also bring out a procession in the city in favour of their demands.

Meanwhile, the BFTA has called to observe a 30 minute halt of vehicular movement in all thana headquarters from 12 noon to 12:30 pm to press home its demands.

Presently teachers and employees of non-government educational institutions are receiving 80 per cent of salaries from the government.

Effective implementation of SEMP can reduce poverty
Environment secy says

Environment Secretary Mahfuzul Islam said yesterday that community participation and mid-term evaluation would help effective execution of Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP) and bring about tangible results like reduction of poverty, improvement in ecology and achieve sustainable development, reports BSS.

He was addressing a briefing session on SEMP at CIDRAP auditorium in the city.

UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Andre Klap, SEMP Programme Coordinator Dr Mahfuzul Islam, UNDP Assistant Resident Representative Shireen Kamal Sayed, FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, IUCN Bangladesh Country Representative Dr Amun Nishat, BIDS Director Dr Asaduzzaman, CAMPE Director Rasheda K Choudhury, ADAB's Ranjit Roy, BUP's Dr Ahsanuddin, World Bank's Paul Martin, DOE's Dr M K Faruque and Dr Mizan Khan, among others, also spoke on the occasion.

Describing SEMP as a large and ambitious project, the Environment Secretary said that many agencies are involved in this programme to help achieve eco-friendly development in the country and his ministry hopes that it will help achieve some tangible results that can be replicated.

Andre said SEMP is really a unique, comprehensive and diverse programme to help bring a positive change by involving grassroots and civil society bodies side by side government agencies in an unprecedented NEMAP spirit of mutual cooperation and trust.

A total of 22 different government and civil society body representatives made presentations on the progress of the respective programme components covering the entire country.

Most rivers mark rise

Most rivers in the country marked rise during the last 24 hours till 9 am yesterday, reports UNB.

According to Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC), The Brahmaputra, Jamuna and Padma marked further rise at all points while the rivers in the Meghna and southeastern hill basins recorded rise and fall.

Out of 46 water level-measuring stations monitored by FFWC, 27 points recorded rise, 13 points recorded fall and one remained steady during the period.

The Brahmaputra recorded further rise by 11 cm at Noonkhawa and 10 cm at Chilmari while Jamuna rose by 10 cm at Bahadurabad, 11 cm at Siriganj and 12 cm at Anchara. Dharala by 12 cm at Kurigram and the Buriganga marked rise by 3 cm at Dhaka.

In the Ganges basin, the Padma recorded rise by 4 cm at Pankha, 5 cm at Harding Bridge, 14 cm at Goalundo and 11 cm at Bhagyakul while the Punarbhaba rose by 26 cm at Dinajpur.

"Significant rainfall" was recorded at different places, said the centre. It said 25 mm rain was recorded at Sunamganj, 12.1 mm at Sathkira and 11 mm at Pabna.



A 6-day long workshop on higher research on oncology (cancer) organised by the National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM) and Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Bangladesh Limited began in the city yesterday.—Star photo

Indian plane crash: PM condoles deaths

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her profound shock and sorrow at the loss of lives in a plane crash in India, reports BSS.

In a condolence message, the prime minister expressed her deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved families and prayed for the salvation of the departed souls.

A total of 54 people on board and at least six on the ground were killed when a Boeing 737-200 aircraft came down into a housing estate in the eastern Indian city of Patna

ECIT offers free course

By Staff Correspondent
The Engineers' Council of Information Technology Ltd (ECIT) is offering a free training course on software to mark its first anniversary, said a press release.

Students will be selected through a competitive test. The course will offer training on Programming Logic, Java Script, Elementary Java, HTML and Web Page Design.

Interested candidates have been requested to contact ECIT office 153/1, Green Road, for details.

Proshika donates Tk 16.60 cr to educational institutions

Proshika donated Tk 16.60 crore to 23 educational institutions across the country during the 1998-2000 financial years, Proshika officials said yesterday, reports BSS.

The donations were extended to various colleges and schools under Proshika's programme to assist economically crippled educational institutions. It also provided a grant of Tk 4.11 lakh to Manikganj Press Club for extension of its first floor



Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Krishi University Bastabayan Parishad, a body comprising students, teachers and staff of the Bangladesh Agricultural Institute formed a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding upgradation of their institute to a full-fledged university.—Star photo

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VACANCY FOR ACCESSIBLE JUSTICE COORDINATOR BANGLADESH

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Closing date: 4 August 2000.

Interested candidates should telephone, fax or e-mail Scholastica Gomes on Dhaka 8822705; fax 8823474; e-mail: S-Gomes@dfid.gov.uk to request an application form for the completion and return to DFID by the 4th August. Interviews will be held in September 2000.

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ICC Workshop on Incoterms 2000 and Transport Documents
August 01 & 02, 2000
Venue: Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel

Resource Person: Mr. Vincent O'Brien, an International Trade Specialist whose experience spans in trading, shipping and international banking. He is the examiner of Finance of International Trade, with the Institute of International Trade of Ireland. He is the lead content writer for DCPRO (Documentary Credit Professional) the on-line training reference system of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). His training and consulting skills have been applied in many major and emerging markets under programmes run by major International Banks and Development Agencies. Mr. O'Brien is also a member of the ICC's working group on the Electronic Letter of Credit.

Who Should Benefit Most? The workshop is primarily designed for Senior Executives and officials of Business Houses, Banks, Insurance Companies, Shipping Lines, Law Firms, Corporate Counsels, RMG Sector, Freight Forwarders and Government Corporations involved in international trade.

Key Topics

<p>Incoterms 2000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Brief Introduction & Purpose -New Transportation Techniques -New Methods of Presenting Incoterms -The Buyers Option -Customs Clearance -Inspection of Goods -Road Map of Incoterms 	<p>Transport Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduction and Objectives -Characteristics of Transport Documents -Air Transport Documents -Marine/Ocean BL -Non-Negotiable Sea Waybill -Charter Party BL -Multimodal Transport Document -Life Cycle of Transport Document
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