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Construction work on guest house near Lalor's mazar stopped

Construction work on the guest house and auditorium adjacent to the Lalor Mazar in Kustia has been stopped, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader announced this during a meeting with 'Lalor Akhira Raksha Committee' here Thursday, said a press release.

The meeting decided that the committee would send a delegation to Lalor Mazar to assess the extent of damage caused by earth digging and felling of trees, and would recommend compensation for the damage.

Asian symposium on medicinal plants ends

The tenth Asian Symposium on Medicinal Plants, Spices and other Natural Products (ASOMPS XI) ended at the Osmani Memorial Hall on Thursday, says a press release.

Md Nooruddin Khan, Minister for Science and Technology, attended closing ceremony as chief guest while M Fazlur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology, presided.

The eleventh Asian Symposium on Medicinal Plants, Spices and other Natural Products (ASOMPS XII) will be held in China in October, 2003.

Bangladesh Law Assoc Millennium Reunion today

The Millennium Reunion 2000 of the Bangladesh Law Association will be held today at 3.30 pm at Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium. The get-together will be marked by a cultural function followed by dinner, says a press release.

The members of the Bangladesh Law Association are the former honours graduates of the Department of Law and those who obtained LL.M from the University of Dhaka. All who obtained these degrees from the DU are automatically entitled to be a member of the association and attend this reunion which will also be followed by a raffle draw.

The brief ceremony will be presided over by its president S A M Showket Hossain while Md Abdun Nur Dulal, general secretary of the association will conduct the function, the press release added.



Nagorik Samaj held a protest rally at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday demanding exemplary punishment to those responsible for publishing a parody of the national anthem in the Daily Inqilab recently. Dr SA Malek seen addressing the rally. - Star photo

Speakers call for mass resistance against enemies of independence

Leaders of Samultra Nagorik Samaj, a platform of the country's professional bodies and intellectuals, yesterday called for unity of pro-liberation forces to build a mass resistance against the anti-liberation elements, reports BSS.

The anti-liberation fundamentalist elements are hatching conspiracies against the country's sovereignty and independence to turn Bangladesh into Pakistan and they are making parody of the national anthem, they said.

The leaders were speaking at a civic rally at the Central Shaheed Minar here to protest conspiracies against the independence of the country and dishonouring of the national anthem.

They demanded banning publication of the Daily Inqilab and immediate arrest of and exemplary punishment to its owner, publisher and editor for making parody of the national anthem.

Presided over by National Professor Kabir Chowdhury, the rally was addressed among others by Political Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr S A Malek, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Dr Shamsul Huda Harun, Chairman of Central Command Council of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad Principal Abad Chowdhury, Dr M Akhteruzzaman, Jatiya Samanvay Committee leaders Syed Hasan Inam and Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury.

Addressing as the chief guest, Dr Malek said the anti-liberation fundamentalist cliques, enemies of democracy, and autocrats have united to destroy all glorious achievements of the War of Liberation earned through the supreme sacrifices of millions of martyrs.

The anti-liberation elements are raising Pakistani flag and making parody of the national anthem with a view to jeopardising our national sovereignty and independence, he said.

Dr Malek, who is also the convenor of the Samultra Muktiyoddha Front, said the pro-liberation forces including the freedom fighters would not allow them to implement their evil designs.

He called on all pro-liberation and progressive democratic forces to remain vigilant against the heinous designs of these anti-liberation quarters and build strong resistance so that they could not raise their ugly heads.

Reading out the declaration, Dr B K Zahangir demanded trial of the war criminals under a special tribunal, banning of communal politics and immediate execution of the verdict of Bangladesh Murder Case.

Crisis in BCL deepens further

By Staff Correspondent

Crisis in the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) has deepened further due to cancellation of an emergency meeting of its Dhaka University unit committee following pressure from the BCL top leaders.

The DU unit of BCL called for the meeting at 10 am on the campus following an intra-party discord over formation of a party committee at History Department on Thursday. But the top BCL leaders asked the DU unit leaders to cancel its meeting yesterday.

On Thursday last, a group of BCL men, led by central leaders Selim and Labu launched an attack on the council of the History Department unit BCL at room no 1022 of the Arts Building leaving at least five party activists injured.

The attackers also manhandled DU unit BCL general secretary A K M Azim while he was conducting Department unit council of BCL accusing him for not inviting them to the council.

The DU unit BCL led by A K M Azim instantly called for the emergency meeting but their top central leaders were compelled to cancel it on the plea to avert further trouble in the organisation.

Most of the BCL leaders and activists expressed their strong grievance for what they said interference of central leadership in the DU unit affair.

Meanwhile, today's council of Roleva Hall unit of BCL became uncertain due to an uneasy situation on the campus following this incident.

Many BCL activists suspected that Thursday's incident was a planned one masterminded by some top BCL leaders to help one of their top leaders to play behind the scene role.

When contacted, BCL president Bahadur Bepari told The Daily Star that he was going to take stern action against those responsible for the incident.

Certainly it's a big problem for the party that has to be solved soon, Bepari said.

Members of the club and their spouses have been requested to attend on time.

Rotarians are cordially invited to attend the meeting for fellowship and make-up.

The Rotary District seminar on Crime Reduction and Violence Prevention will be held at GIRDAP Auditorium at 9.30 am today, says a press release.

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