

Get united to stop fanatics

Progressive forces urged to stand firm to protect independence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally yesterday called upon the progressive forces to get united to fight the religious fanatics, who are trying to foment anarchy and disorder throughout the country to score political mileage by exploiting people's religious sentiment.

"The war has begun once again between the progressives and the religious fanatics and the progressive force must have to win it for the sake of our independence and sovereignty," Hasan Imam, a noted dramatist, who presided over the rally said.

Organised by the National Coordinating Committee for Implementation of the Spirit of the Liberation War and the Annihilation of the Killers and Collaborators of '71 at Central Shaheed Minar in protest of the countrywide violence unleashed by the religious extremist groups, the rally was addressed, among others, by ministers, professionals, leaders of various political parties, teachers' association student community and the freedom fighters in the afternoon.

The committee announced a fresh rally at the same venue to press for slapping a ban on politics in the name of religion, holding of trial of the 71 war criminals and the culprits responsible for killing of constable Badsha Mia in a city mosque on Saturday in Opposition special tribunals.

Terminating recent violence in Dhaka and Brahmanbaria an act of sabotage by the four party Opposition Alliance, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak said the BNP in association with the religious fanatics are trying to destabilise the peaceful situation prevailing in the country.

Referring to the police constable Badsha Mia killing in Noor Mosque in city's Mohammadpur area, the minister said, "the culprit should be brought to book for desecrating the mosque and holy Quran by killing a cop brutally inside a place of worship."

"This sort of violence is not a part of our political culture, such incident takes place only in Pakistan. The defeated forces of '71 are trying to implement the design of their Pakistani masters," Razzak told the rally, which was attended by several thousand activists of some progressive political parties and the National Coordinating Committee.

He assured that the trial of the war criminals and the trouble mongers responsible for recent upsurge of violence would take place on the soil at any cost.

President of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) Manzurul Hossain Khan called upon the countrymen to foil the evil designs of religious fanatics who are active again to destabilise the country and destroy its democratic process. He said they are using the religious institutions - mosques and madrasahs - for terrorist activities instead of establishing peace and spread of education.

The CPB leader observed that the people rejected the hartal called by the opposition political parties demanding release of some extremists.

The rally was addressed, among others, by State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, Awami League (AL) leader Akhter-ul-Alam, Muktijoddha Sangsad leader Abdur Ahad Chowdhury, Siddiqur Rouf Khan, AL leader Habibur Rahman Khan, Kazi Mukul and others.



Activists of opposition BNP brought out a procession in the city's Bijoy Nagar area yesterday in support of yesterday's hartal.

Data entry of voters' in progress

BSS, Dhaka

The data entry of 6 crore and 68 lakh voters have so far been entered in the computerised voters data base and about one crore and 45 lakh voters' name have been printed which are about 89 per cent and 20 per cent of the total work respectively, said an Election Commission press release on Tuesday.

This was informed at a meeting of the Election Commissioner at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar with Chief Election Commissioner M A Syed in the chair to review the progress

of the printing of the new voters' list.

Election Commissioners Abdiur Rahman, Mushtaq Ahmed Chowdhury, Shafiur Rahman and Secretary, Election Commission Secretariat Anwar Hossain were present.

It was also informed at the meeting that the data entry of all voters in 38 districts have been completed and the work on the rest 26 districts was progressing.

The meeting stressed the need for effective and urgent reforms in some laws relating to election. The Commission has sent a number of proposals to amend the existing

Female residents at DU forced to camp in hall rooms

UNB, Dhaka

Some 165 female students of the 1999-2000 session of Dhaka University have been living in the 'hall rooms' of three of its dormitories for women for the last seven months.

These students have been compelled to live in the hall rooms, popularly known as 'gono-room', of Rokeya Hall, Shamsunahar Hall and Bangladesh-Kuwait Moitri Hall since their classes have already begun and they have no alternative place to stay in the city.

"Some 89 of us are staying camping on the ground floor of the new extension of Rokeya Hall where there are only four bathrooms for our use," Elisa Farhana, a 1st year student of History Department, said.

"Fifty-four girls are living in three 'gono-rooms' of Moitri Hall," Arzana Noor, a student of the Sociology Department 1st year said.

Many of the students have already begun to suffer from health-related problems due to the unhealthy living conditions. The food provided in dining halls and canteens of the dormitories are also reported to be inadequate to cater to all these girls in addition to the fact that they are also not very hygienic.

Many girls wish to cook their own food, but cannot due to lack of space and facilities. There are restrictions on use of electric heaters at the dormitories.

Some students complained that the environment in these overcrowded rooms was hardly suitable for studies but the students have to make do with whatever they can since the exams are only months away.

According to the students living in these rooms, they had to give undertakings while accepting these living accommodations that they would not demand accom-

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A two-day long folk culture festival 'Fitye Chalo Mateer Tane' (let's respond to the call of soil), organised by Bangladesh Jubo Union, Chittagong unit will begin at Shilpakala Academy premise today at 3 pm.

The festival will be inaugurated by veteran Dholbadak (drummer) Binoy Bhanu, followed by a colourful rally.

A discussion meeting, on 'Humanitarian trend in Bengali folk culture' will also be held, where Professor Abdullah Abu Saeed, Director-Bishya Sahitya Kendra, will be the chief guest.

In the evening, 'Folk' and 'Baul' song will be presented by different cultural organisations.

modation elsewhere for a year. A resident of the Moitri Hall, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that hall authorities took Tk 200 from each student in the dormitory to let them keep guests.

Left-leaning Bangladesh Chhaitra Federation (BCF) demanded immediate steps for proper accommodation of these students at the hall rooms and immediate return of the 'unauthorised' money taken from the students of the Moitri Hall.

BCF has also launched a signature campaign in support of their demands.

Folk festival begins today in Ctg

BIIT discourse at 7.00 pm tonight

The Intellectual Discourse under the auspices of Bangladesh Institute of Islamic Thought (BIIT) scheduled to be held at 3.30 pm today at Hotel Purbani International, Dhaka, has been rescheduled to 7.00 pm at same venue, due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

Invitees have been requested to kindly attend the programme in the evening.

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