

AL warns govt of dire consequences if repression continues

UNB, Dhaka
Awami League yesterday warned of dire consequences of "further repression" on party leaders and workers as well as members of the minority community.

At a press conference held in the city, Awami League leaders strongly protested and condemned Monday's attack on a meeting attended by party's general secretary Zillur Rahman.

"If pushed to our units, we will have no alternative, but to retaliate," said AL leader Abdur Razzak sounding a note of caution against attacks, killings, and repression on AL leaders, workers and supporters.

Narrating Monday's incident, AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman said they were holding a meeting with leaders of different wards of Mirpur, Pallabi and Kafur areas when armed miscreants numbering about 100 attacked the house of former AL MP Kamal Majumder's residence firing shots and blasting bombs.

There was no reason for the attack on a meeting being held inside a house, Zillur said, adding

that he had never seen such type of political terrorism in 52 years of his political career.

The AL leader said the attack was probably aimed at killing him and Kamal Majumder. He said the terrorists not only damaged cars outside the house, but also dragged away a woman AL leader of the locality who came out of the meeting. They beat her up mercilessly and snatched all her ornaments.

Zillur said the BNP is perpetuating a deep-rooted conspiracy to eliminate Awami League from Bangladesh and called upon people to resist such heinous conspiracy.

Suranjit Sengupta said BNP will have to make it clear whether it wants to play a constitutional or fascist rule.

He said if the government was sincere to root out terrorism, it would have at least issued a press release on Monday's incident at Mirpur. "They (government) are trying to root out Awami League and minorities from the country," he said.



Former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria addressing a press briefing of foreign diplomats and representatives of international organisations at Hotel Sheraton yesterday.

BCL in disarray with demoralised leaders, activists in post-polls scenario

UNB, Dhaka
The leadership of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student front of the immediate-past ruling party, Awami League, allegedly lost their control over its organisational activities in post-election situation frustrating the rank and file.

Grassroots-level activists and many of the leaders are now learnt to be unhappy with the leadership complaining that they could not guide them towards proper direction in a sharply changing situation.

The BCL general secretary, Ajay Kar Khokan, is hiding while president Bahadur Bepari confined himself to the party office as part of his party activities, party sources said.

A few central committee leaders are now showing up in the party office in the post-election period and they are merely serious in party activities.

"Internal feud between Bahadur and Ajay over establishing supremacy in party still exists," said one of the party insiders.

The followers of Bahadur, while talking to the UNB correspondent, blamed Ajay and his followers for losing their standings on campuses across the country, including Dhaka University.

Activists, supporters and even different leaders also raised question about luxurious lifestyle of the general secretary, who had changed his residence and cell phone. He could not be reached for comment.

On the other hand, the followers of GS bitterly criticised the president's present activities, including tree planting and illiteracy eradication programme, while in power.

"He did these things for media coverage and to tell the then Prime Minister that he had done many things. They are all were paper tigers," said a BCL central committee member.

The activists also raised the

question of fund misappropriation against the president and the GS that they go while the party was in power. "We don't know how much money they have taken during last three years and how they expend that," a vice president of the central committee commented.

In the first meeting of the BCL executive council after the election, the GS has reportedly criticised AL chief Sheikh Hasina's "dual role" about taking part in the repolling on one hand and calling for non-cooperation movement on the other.

In that meeting, the executive council members bitterly criticised both the president and the general secretary for their misbehaviour, arrogance and intolerance towards the demand of the activists.

In Dhaka University, which is the breeding ground of all movements, only a few leaders and activists are now active. DU unit leaders are yet to hold any organisational activities on the campus.

Many hall unit presidents and general secretaries of BCL in DU fled on October 1 midnight and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the student front of ruling BNP, captured almost all the halls except Zahurul Huq Hall without any obstacle after spending a long time out of campus.

After the October 1 election, BCL president and general secretary did not go to the Dhaka University campus where they had been available before the polls.

A BCL group led by Mainuddin Babu, president of the hall unit, is still occupying Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall. Absence and negligence of the president and the GS towards the activists frustrated them.

Insiders said the party high command had spent a lot of money for the cadres to keep the halls in their own clutches during the caretaker government's regime but now they had fled the scene.

World leaders continue to greet Khaleda

BSS, Dhaka
Messages of greetings from world continued to pour in yesterday for Khaleda Zia on her party's victory in the recent elections and her assumption of office as the prime minister of Bangladesh.

In a message of congratulations, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamad has warmly congratulated Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on the landslide victory of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and her re-election in the recently held general elections.

He also conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to Khaleda Zia on her assumption of the office of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

In another message, Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Hong Song Nam warmly congratulated Khaleda Zia on her re-election as Prime Minister.

He also expressed his confidence that the relations between the two countries will develop greatly in the years to come to the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

President of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov also greeted the Prime Minister on the occasion.

In a message of greetings he said that he was confident that the existing friendly relations between the two countries of Bangladesh and Uzbekistan and the two brotherly peoples would grow in depth and dimension in years to come.

Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba felicitated Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office of the prime minister.

In a message issued yesterday, the Nepalese prime minister expressed the confidence that during the tenure of Khaleda Zia the relations between the two countries would continue to flourish and joint efforts would be made for promoting durable peace and stability in South Asia.

Deuba, in the message, also expressed the hope for enhancement of mutual co-operation for the overall development of the region.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh America Business and Cultural Forum congratulated Khaleda Zia on becoming the prim minister.

They expressed hope that the country would be run peacefully under her dynamic and democratic leadership.

Dr Jnanabodhi Bhikkhu, Secretary General of Bangladesh Sangharaj Bhikkhu Mahasabha, the Supreme Buddhist Religious Council, conveyed warm congratulations of Buddhists to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia following her alliance's massive victory in the

general elections.

He conveyed the greeting during his speech at the Buddhist Conference held recently at Chittagong in celebration of the 200 birth anniversary of Sangharaj Saramedha Mahathero, pioneer of Buddhist renaissance and founder of Theravada Buddhism in the 19th Century, according to a press release here today.

The conference, chaired by most venerable Sangharaj Jyotipal Mahathero, religious head of Bangladeshi Buddhists, was addressed, among others, by Most Ven Dharmasen Mahathero, President of Bangladesh Supreme Buddhist Council and several other eminent Buddhist personalities. More than 200 monks from different districts and a large number of delegates attended the conference, the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP), the press release said.

Huda asks for report on state of rly dev projects

BSS, Dhaka
Communications Minister Barister Nazmul Huda yesterday asked the concerned officials in the ministry to immediately submit report on the present condition of the development projects of roads and railway divisions.

The minister was presiding over a meeting for reviewing the development projects of roads and railway divisions under the 2001-2002 Annual Development Plan at the conference room of the ministry. The meeting reviewed the priority, allocations, expenditures and physical progress of work.

He said he will visit the project areas soon and asked the concerned officials to submit up-to-date and correct reports on all projects of the ministry including the GOB projects above Taka 50 crore.

The meeting was informed that Taka 3087.29 crore including Taka 1123.50 crore in local currency and 1963.79 crore as project aid have been allocated in the ADP for 202 development projects of roads and railway divisions.

Emphasising on the priority of the selection of projects in the public interests, the minister said everyone has to prove his worth and efficiency in the implementation of the project maintaining the schedule and standard.

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Strike at Ctg BIT on Oct 24, 25
CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology Implementation students Sangram Council (CUETISC) has called for a two-day strike on the Chittagong BIT campus on October 24 and 25 demanding the college be upgraded to engineering university.

CUETISC leaders held a press conference at the Chittagong Press Club yesterday and announced the strike programme to press home their demand.

They also announced a set of agitation programme including sit-in demonstration in front of the Prime Minister's Office on November 15, formation of human chain in front of the National Press Club on November 15, token hunger strike in front of New Market on November 12, procession with burial cloth in Chittagong on November 6.

The speakers at the press conference said that Chittagong BIT has all the infrastructural facilities to turn it into an engineering university immediately.

The written statement was read out by Md Al-Amin, Convener of CUETISC. Among others, Rajib Barua, Zillur, Shahnaj were also present.

Tangail-2 constituency Asaduzzaman demands repolling
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former secretary and defeated candidate of Awami League in Tangail-2 constituency Khandaker Asaduzzaman has demanded repolling in some centres and re-counting of votes in all centres of his constituency.

"I am sure that I would win the election if re-polling takes place in 20 centres and vote of all the centres are counted again," Zaman said while addressing a press conference in the city yesterday.

He said that he was defeated in the election because of vote rigging by a rival candidate and the partiality of the administration.

"The local administration worked in favour of the four-party alliance candidate and did not give any attention to my appeal," he alleged.

Asaduzzaman also alleged that Awami League activists were tortured, his polling agents were force fully driven out of some centres and that his rival candidate attacked a few polling centres during the election.

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