

Students blame CU authorities for standoff

CU CORRESPONDENT
Sanjibhantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) of Chittagong University (CU) brought out a procession and held a rally in the port city yesterday demanding an end to standoff at the university immediately.

The procession ended at the historic Laldighi Maidan after parading different city streets.

They also held a rally at the Laldighi Maidan. Presided over by Abu Syed Sohel, president of the SCF CU unit, it was addressed by general secretary Saiful Haq Sabuj, Monzurul Haq and Deoyayan Roni.

The speakers said that failure of the university authorities to end the standoff created session jam. The academic atmosphere of the university has already been destroyed, they added.

They urged the students, teachers, guardians and cross section of the people to launch a movement to end the standoff at the university.

Later, they launched seven programmes including discussion with the students teachers and guardians on January 18 and formation of human chain in the city streets on January 26.

Meanwhile, the general students of the university under the banner of General Students Oikya Parishad (GSO) Chittagong University blamed the authorities for not taking proper measures to

resume classes. They said the university was closed for the last six months and they could not attend the classes or sit for examinations due to the deadlock but the authorities had no headache to resolve it.

They also announced that they would bring out a silent procession at 8.30 am tomorrow in the city demanding an end to standoff.

A protest rally will also be held there.

CU employees threaten strike from Jan 16

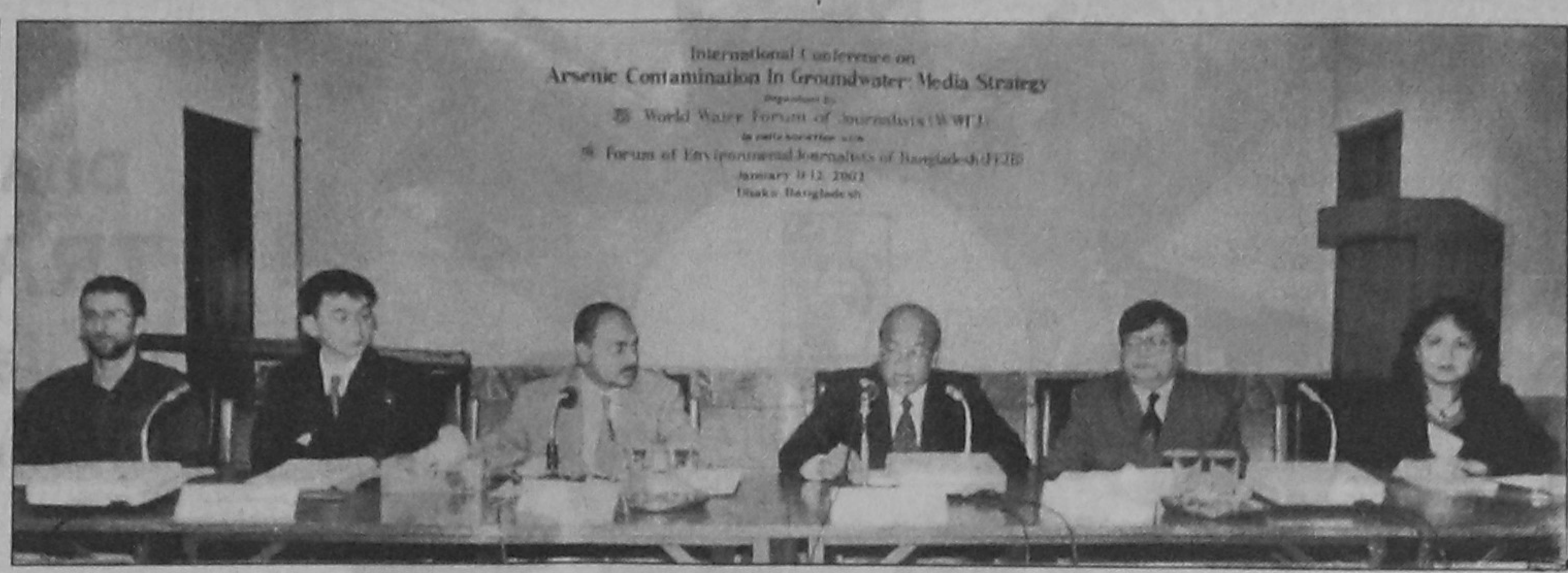
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Chittagong University Officer-Employee Oikya Parishad (CUOEP) threatened indefinite work-abstention if their demands were not met by January 16.

It was decided at an emergency meeting at its office recently.

The demands include withdrawal of the chiefs against acting posts and hand over the charges to senior officers of the concerned office, cancellation of the removal order on employees, implementation of the rules of the promotion to the Deputy Officer and fulfilling the demands of the fourth class employees.



America-Bangladesh Friendship Society held a press conference on the Development of Bilateral Relationship between Bangladesh and America at the National Press Club yesterday.



Health Minister Dr Khondker Mosharrat Hossain speaking at the opening session of an 'International Conference on Arsenic Contamination in Groundwater: Media Strategy' at CIDRAP auditorium in the city yesterday. On his left is Local Gov. Division Secretary AYBI Siddiqui and on his right are WWFJ Secretary General Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, Vice-Secretary General of the Third World Water Forum Toshio Okazumi and World Bank's Paul Martin.

Ganofront leader Munir dead

UNB, Dhaka
Member of Jatiya Ganofront and Jatiya Kriksak Khetmajur Samity Abdul Matin Munir died of cardiac arrest at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICD) in the city on Thursday night. He was 62.

Various organisations, including Jatiya Ganofront, Jatiya Kriksak Khetmajur Samity, Jatiya Ganotrik Samik Federation, Biplobi Chhatra Moitri, have expressed deep shock at the death of Munir and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Leaders of nine other left-leaning parties also condoled the death of Munir.

Meanwhile, the central committee of Jatiya Ganofront announced a week-long mourning programme in memory of Abdul Matin Munir.

The meeting unanimously elected A M M Solaiman and Sanjit Kumar Das as Unit Chief and Deputy Unit Chief for the year 2002, a press release said yesterday.

DUJ Chitrani unit formed

The annual general meeting of Chitrani Unit of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) was held at its office on Thursday with Unit Chief Nashed Bhuiyan in the chair.

The meeting unanimously elected A M M Solaiman and Sanjit Kumar Das as Unit Chief and Deputy Unit Chief for the year 2002, a press release said yesterday.

Youth fair-2001 ends

UNB, Dhaka
The 11-day youth fair-2001 organised on the occasion of National Youth Day ended here yesterday.

Over the lakh tickets were sold in the fair while the turnover in sale of 150 shops took part in the fair was about Tk 63 lakh.

Readymade wear, handicraft items and other products made by young males and females were displayed and sold in the fair.

Essay competition and blood donation were arranged at the fair premises to mark this year's youth day. Some 234 bags of blood were collected from the blood donation camp.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman attended the concluding ceremony of the fair and distributed prizes among the winners of essay competition and best stall.

Babul Hossain, Saimun Mahbub and Ferdous Hossain won the first, second and third prizes respectively in essay competition while Creative Mohila Samity, Kishori Sangha and Pinkon received first, second and third prizes for best stalls respectively.

BSS adds, while speaking at the concluding ceremony Fazlur Rahman said steps would be taken to provide training to youth abroad to make skilled manpower.

He said measures would also be taken to increase export of products made by the country's youth forces.

Presided over by youth and

Dialogue on dowry in Ctg tomorrow

CU CORRESPONDENT
A dialogue on 'Repression on Women and Dowry' will be held at Silver Spoon restaurant in the city at 9.30 am tomorrow.

'The Prothom Alo', a Bangla daily, and the British Council, Dhaka, have jointly organised the event. Eminent writer Selina Hossain will take part in the dialogue.

Earlier, similar dialogues were held in Sylhet and Rajshahi.

Death anniversary

SIAT CORRESPONDENT
The 12th death anniversary of leader of the then anti-British movement Advocate Ataur Rahman will be observed today.

Ataur Rahman Smriti Parishad chalked out elaborate programme to mark the day. Ataur is one of the organisers of the liberation war of 1971.

Tbhaga Movement, Language Movement and other movements for democracy.

The Parishad will place wreath at the portrait of the leader at 10 am today and organise a children's drawing competition, mihafil and discuss-10 at Rajshahi Press Club premises this afternoon.

Friends, admirers, colleagues, students and relatives are requested to attend the qulqhwani.

DHAKA TODAY

Dhaka Int'l Trade Fair
Masterda Surya Sen. Venue: Tajul Islam auditorium. Time: 3.30pm.
Rotary Club Meeting
The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Rotarians are requested to attend the meeting for fellowship and make-up. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1.30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Launching ceremony
Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh Project will hold a launching ceremony of 'Human Rights Training Manual for Bangladesh Police'. Home Minister Altaf Hossain Choudhury will attend the function as chief guest. Venue: UN Building, IDB Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agargaon. Time: 3.00pm.
Founding anniversary
Chalachitram Film Society organises a five-day long programmes, including film show, to mark its 20th founding anniversary. Venue: German Cultural Centre. Time: 6.00pm.
Musical programme
Bangladesh Loksanget Kendra will hold its monthly programme - a discussion and musical programme. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium. Time: 4.30pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country today. Moderate fog may occur over the river basins and coastal belt and light fog elsewhere of the country during early morning. Met Office said.
It predicted slight fall of night temperature over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions.
Country's highest temperature 27.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and the lowest 9.5 degree at Rajshahi.
The sun sets in the capital today at 5.30 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.44 am.
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were:
City/Town Temperature in Celsius Humidity in percentage
Max Min Morning Evening
Dhaka 25.6 15.2 65 45
Chittagong 27.8 14.7 89 55
Rajshahi 26.3 09.5 81 63
Khulna 26.4 12.0 87 62
Barisal 25.5 10.0 98 85
Sylhet 25.9 13.3 100 76
Cox's Bazar 26.3 15.4 83 79

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