

JU students, teachers form human chain

JU CORRESPONDENT

Students and teachers of Jahangirnagar University formed a human chain on the campus yesterday to press home their six-point demand including unconditional release of seven students and two local youths and punishment to policemen responsible for the attack on agitating students on Friday.

Students, teachers, officers and employees of the university and JU School and College also submitted a memorandum to JU Vice Chancellor in this connection.

Platform for Resistance to Repression (PRR) organised the human chain at 11.00 am. Scheduled to be formed on the Dhaka-Aricha highway, the organisers shifted the venue fearing confrontation with police.

JU Manobadhikar Sangbadik Forum, Jahangirnagar Sangkritik Jote, Unmochon, Bangladesh

Chhatra Union, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation also joined the human chain.

PRR also brought out a procession on the campus.

The memorandum, contains six-point demand including withdrawal of the case filed against the nine under Public Safety Act, trial of the driver of Modern Enterprise which killed JU teacher, Kawsar Hossain, compensation for the bereaved family of Kawsar Hossain, naming university Dairy Farm gate after Kawsar Hossain and ensuring safe traffic system on Dhaka-Aricha highway.

Meanwhile students of Bangla Department also submitted a memorandum to the vice chancellor for the same demands.

An officer at the VC's office received all the memo.

Four-day ultimatum of PRR to the authorities will, end today. PRR will announce fresh agitation programme today.

Vrooman's death condoled

Architect Professor Emeritus Richard E Vrooman, the founding dean of the Faculty of Architecture & Planning, BUET, was paid rich tributes at a condolence meeting Tuesday in the city, says a press release.

Speakers at the meeting held at the Shapatya Bhaban on the BUET campus under the auspices of the department of Architecture, BUET, described him as an ideal teacher, a poet, and a sincere hardworking meticulous man with immense feelings for his students.

Richard Vrooman passed away in Santa Fe, USA, on January 29. Former students and colleagues at BUET condoled the death of Vrooman. He laid the foundation of architecture education and practice in the then East Pakistan in the early 1960s. They prayed for the eternal peace of his soul and conveyed their profound sympathies to the bereaved family.

Dean of the Faculty of Architecture & Planning, Prof Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed presided over the function. Head of the department, Prof Dr Shahidul Ameen made the opening statement.

Prof Dr MA Mukhtar, Architect Shah Alam Zahiruddin, Town Planner Dr Golam Rahman, Prof Meer Mobashsher Ali, IAB president Architect Rabiul Hossain, Architect Yeatesh Osman, Architect Shamsul Wares, Prof Khairul Enam, Prof Khaleida Rashid and IAB vice president Mubashar Hussain, took part in the discussion.

The meeting unanimously adopted the proposal of the dean Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed to rename the Shapatya Bhaban as Vrooman Building in honour of its architect.



Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina presiding over the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALWC) meeting at party office in the city yesterday.

Grand workers' rally at Laldighi Maidan

Noman urges police to inform PM of any undesired interference

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Minister for Labour and Employment Abdullah Al Noman said the present government wants to establish good governance and a terrorism-free society for betterment of the working people as well as the countrymen.

Pointing out that the working people constitute 90 per cent of the country's population, the minister said they, irrespective of party affiliation, are against toll extortion and armed hoodliganism, and urged the administration to work for their benefit taking stern

measures against any sort of terrorism.

The minister who is also the central president of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Samik Dal, BNP's labour organisation, was addressing a grand workers' rally at Laldighi Maidan as chief guest here in the city Wednesday afternoon. The rally was organised by Chittagong Divisional Samik Dal.

Noman at the rally urged the administration, particularly the police administration to go tough on terrorists showing neither favour nor fear.

He called upon the police to inform Prime Minister Khaleda Zia of any illegal or undesired intervention, whether by any minister or ruling party leader.

"Inform the Prime Minister of any such interference and disclose the name of the person who dares

to do so, even if it is me," the minister said categorically.

Presided over by Chittagong Divisional Samik Dal president Md. Nazim Uddin, the rally was addressed among others by BNP Chittagong north district president Golam Akbar Khondoker, City BNP joint secretary Abu Sufian, Bandar Samik Dal leader Nurul-lah Bahar, Samik Dal general secretary Anwar Hossain, organising secretary MA Gafur and M Salimullah.

Samik Dal leaders at the meeting demanded of the government to nationalise oil and gas sectors of the country, implement the minimum wage for workers, reopen closed mills and factories, reinstate retrenched workers and cancel the scheme to construct a private port at the Karnaphuli estuary.

'Permanent solution to pollution of rivers around Dhaka underway'

UNB, Dhaka

Describing pollution of rivers around Dhaka as a "national problem", Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj said steps are underway to have a permanent solution to the problem.

"The issue will be placed in the next meeting of National Environment Committee for a permanent solution," he said.

The minister was addressing the second "Environment Grand Rally 2002" organised by Barogram Unnayan Sangstha at Khilgaon in the city yesterday.

"Country's population now stands at 14 crore which was 7.5 crore during the postwar period. This population boom not only mounts pressure on the entire country but also on the capital," he said.

Shajahan Siraj said environmental problems in the capital had worsened as it turned into a densely populated city creating pressure on its adjoining areas too.

The rally was told that lives of nearly three lakh people of 37 villages were now under threat, as waters of the Narai, Devdholai and Balu rivers had been polluted due to sewerage disposal.

Fishes and other species in the rivers are dwindling fast due to contamination of their waters.

Chaired by Suruj Mia, the rally was addressed by Salahuddin Ahmed MP, Prof Mozaffar Ahmed, general secretary of BAPA Abu Naser Khan, Dr Hasina Banu and Country Director of Hunger Project Dr Badiul Alam Majumder.

Feb 11 edition of News Week banned

UNB, Dhaka

All copies of the February 11, 2002 edition of English weekly 'News Week', published from Singapore, have been confiscated for publishing the portrait of prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM).

The publication, sale, distribution and collection of the edition of the weekly were also banned in Bangladesh, said a PID handout.

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Chehlum



The chehlum of Late Alhaj Nizamuddin Ahmed, second son of Late Alhaj M. Ashrafuddin, founder chairman of Ashraf Group of Industries would be held on Friday, 8th February 2002 at 2 PM at his residence. Relatives and friends of the deceased are requested to attend the ceremony and

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