

No guarantee of natural death under BNP-Jamaat govt: AL

UNB, Dhaka
Former Home Minister and Awami League leader Mohammad Nasim yesterday said the government should immediately bow out making apology to the people for its utter failure to protect public life.

the people of minority groups and minor children are subjected to repression and killing in the wake of raging violence," he said, particularly asking his successor, Home Minister Alaf H. Chowdhury, to stand down forthwith.

Rather, the government is filing "false cases" against Awami League workers and killing them, he said.

The former home minister admitted that his government could not eliminate violence, but it did not protect the criminals. "We did not give any political shelter to the criminals."

Referring to the call of the Prime Minister for ensuring a safe world for children at the special UN conference on children, he said the PM was making such a call when an innocent baby girl was killed by a hoodlum's bullet in the lap of her father over here in Dhaka.

This is an example of how they combat crimes, he quipped and said everyday several people were being killed in the capital while incidents snatching, extortion and violence also increased terribly.

Begum Maria Chowdhury said the government was trying to give non-political colour to all killings to cover up all its misdeeds. "This government is a ruthless government," she said, urging the people to build movement against this government.

Nasim alleged that the government was providing 'political protection' to the hoodlums to unleash violence against opposition Awami League.

On a more serious note in his complaint, the ex-home minister said: "The police are also working as the cadre force of this tyrant government."

He observed that violence has taken an alarming turn in only seven months of rule of this government. Despite repeated demand from the opposition, the hoodlums are not being arrested.

"The entire country is gripped by violence nobody is safe, even



Former home minister and Awami League leader Mohammad Nasim speaking at a press conference at the party's central office in the city yesterday.

Proshika creates 48 lakh employment opportunities

Proshika, one of the leading NGOs of the country, has so far created 47,80 lakh employment and self-employment opportunities for its group members, says a press release.

It is done through disbursement of Tk 1852.69 crore against 2.88 lakh projects across the country.

According to the annual report released recently, Proshika disbursed Tk 354.70 crore against 51,335 projects during 2000-2001 financial year. Besides, in the last six months ending December 31, it has created over 8.60 lakh job opportunities through disbursement of Tk 200.20 crores.

Out of the total allocations, 66 per cent in amount and 68 per cent in number of projects went to women's groups. The objective is to encourage more and more women to get involved in EIG activities, especially in jobs traditionally known as men's work.

The head-wise break up of the money disbursed in the year under review is Tk 158.60 crore against 19,058 small business projects; Tk 103.30 crore against 14,189 projects in agriculture sector; Tk 34.90 crore against 7,845 livestock raising projects; Tk 27.30 crore against 4,501 multipurpose production heads and Tk 15.20 lakh for 2,186 fishery projects.

Besides, other major heads where EIG loans were provided include apiculture, sericulture, transportation, homestead gardening, social forestry, irrigation, sanitary latrine and tubewell installations, seed production and small enterprises.

Proshika's approach to credit is

4 arms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized four firearms, 12 other types of weapons, four bullets and 23 explosives in the countrywide operation during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Police arrested 11 persons in connection with the arms seizure and filed five cases against them.

BCACP executives

UNB, Dhaka

The election of the executive committee of Bangladesh Chartered Accountancy Chhatra Parishad (BCACP) was held at CA Bhaban here on Thursday.

Mamun-ur-Rashid, Mamun and Khandaker Imdadul Haq Lipton have been elected President and General Secretary respectively of the parishad for a two-year term.

The other elected office-bearers are: Vice-presidents-Shahidul Bari, Meftahul Zannat Darcy and Mainul Haque Khan Manna, Joint Secretaries-Alauddin Miah and Jasim Uddin, Organising Secretary-Ferdous Rahman, Treasurer-SM Mizanur Rahman, Student Welfare Secretary-Nirmal Chandra Sarker, Cultural Secretary-Razia Sultana Sume, Publicity Secretary-Shahana Akther, Sports Secretary-Ayub Mowla Ripon.

The executive members are - Ziaur Rahman Ripon, Acharjee Himalaya Kumar, Iftekhar Bhuiyan, Mostak Ahamed Chanchal, Moklesur Rahman Mukul, Ekkaramul Millat, Mahbubur Rahman and Monjur Hasnat, says a press release.

BCL to form human chain today

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) will form a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club at 11 am today demanding release of its arrested leaders and workers.

BCL president Leyakat Shikder and general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu were among the arrested.

BCL acting general secretary Saifuzzaman Shikhar has urged the party activists to join the programme.



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