

Call to release BCL leaders

A number of cultural personalities urged the government to free the arrested student leaders, says a press release.

In a statement yesterday, they said the arrest of Chhara League president Liakat Shikder, general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu and vice-president Rafiqul Islam under Section 51 of Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) is nothing but a violation of human rights.

Failing to maintain law and order and ensure the safety of the minorities, the government has become hostile towards those who raise their voice against it (government), they added.

The signatories to the statement include Ramendu Majumder, Aly Zaker, Asaduzzaman Nur, Golam Kuddus, Hasan Arif, Sham-Sul Alam Bakul, Alzal Hossain and Manzurul Islam Chowdhury.

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Govt urged not to close AJM

BSS, Narayanganj

Speakers at a workers rally here yesterday urged the government of the four-party alliance led by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to keep the Adamjee Jute Mills running to hold high the image of Bangladesh both at home and abroad.

They said the government should set up a high powered committee to investigate the causes of economic losses of the mill, trace out the persons responsible for it and punish them forthwith.

The speakers were also critical

of the government decision to shutdown the mill, the biggest in Asia, today.

The rally was jointly organised by 14 registered and unregistered trade unions of Adamjee Jute Mills and its CBA to register their protest over the government decision at Adamjee Jute Mills United Employees Union and Abdus Salam Khan, president of Jatiya Sramik League.

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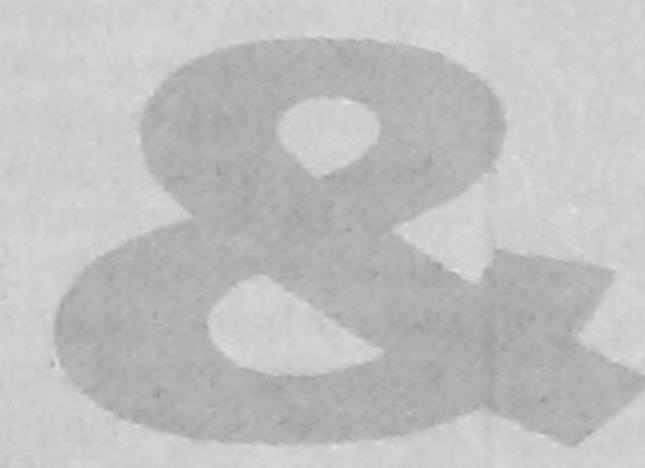
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