METROPOLITAN

BCL protests arrest of writers, journalists

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The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) staged a demonstration on the Dhaka University campus yesterday protesting the arrest of writers, journalists and intellectuals and violation of human rights across the country.

At a rally, the BCL leaders said that the BNP-led four-party alliance is giving shelter to the fanatics while trying to link the opposition party with the bomb blasts in Mymensingh.

They blamed the four-party alliance for the bomb blasts and demanded immediate resignation of the prime minister.

The leaders urged the students as well as common people to save the country from the heinous activities of Khaleda-Nizami alliance and force the government to quit.

Presided over by BCI. vicepresident Rafigul Islam Kotawal, the rally was addressed by Marufa Akther Popy, Balaram Podder, Jahir Uddin Mahmud Lipton, Saifuzzaman Shekhor and Mainul Hossain Mustak.

The BCL also observed the Martyred Intellectuals Day recalling the supreme sacrifice of the illustrious sons of the soil to free the motherland and pledging to

The leaders, including BCI. president Liakot Sikder and general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu, placed wreaths at the Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals Mausoleum and at Rayerbazar Monument in the morning. They also placed wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu at the Bangabandhu Museum.

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Police arrested 1,399 more people, including eight listed criminals, from different parts of the country in last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

and 17 rounds of bullet and filed cases against nine people under the Arms Act. said an official handout.



President lajuddin Ahmed stands in solemn silence after placing wreaths at the Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals Memorial in the city yesterday on the occasion of Martyred Intellectuals Day.

Govt to strengthen good materialise their dream for a society free of exploitation and injus-

Bhuiyan tells regional workshop in city

BSS, Dhaka

Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan vesterday said the government attached priority to human development judicial reforms and civil society-building to strengthen good governance.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the "Regional Workshop on Governance, Partnership and Poverty" organised jointly by Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) and the They also seized nine firearms | Commonwealth Secretariat at the CIRDAP headquarters in the city vesterday.

The function was also addressed by Rural Development

BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan places wreaths at the Mirpur Martyred

Intellectuals Memorial on behalf of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday on the occasion of Martyred

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and Cooperatives Secretary Dhiraj Kumar Nath, CIRDAP Director General Dr Mya Maung and the working under his chairmanship coordinator of the workshop Dr B Sudhakar Rao.

Bhuiyan said the government gave priority to human development as a fundamental requirement for building capacity and empowering civil society.

reforms to establish a firmer basis for the rule of law and underpin rural areas. accountability mechanism and on building civil society to help articulate and empower the "voice" of ordinary citizens in demanding policies and programmes," he better governance, he said.

to this end, he said it constituted a cabinet sub-committee to formulate separation of the judiciary

Another cabinet body i

to ensure good governance, he

Linking good governance with poverty eradication, Bhuiyan said the development priorities of the BNP government were moving inexorably to the formulation of It placed emphasis on judicial efficient growth policies aimed at reducing poverty, particularly in

"Rural development and pov erty reduction constitute the major agenda by our government said, adding, "It is also important Illustrating government actions basis of our planning process."

Referring to the Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, Bhuiyan said it was aimed at expanding the scope for pro-poor economic growth, fostering human development of the poor, providing social safety nets against unanticipated shocks and strengthening participatory governance and enhancing the voice of the poor.

Stressing the need for institution building for good governance. the LGRD minister said the government decided to constitute village government and empower them with adequate resources and responsibilities.

"It is needless to say that poor governance has harsh impact on the poor people who are least able to depend for themselves because they are lacking in resources and the knowledge to assert their rights," Bhuiyan said.

"In fact, good governance is sine qua non for empowerment of rural poor people," he said.

He also stressed the importance of transparency and accountability for good governance. Transparency is the handmaid of accountability," he added.

Bhuiyan also stressed the need for broadening partnership to meet challenges for poverty re-

"Regional cooperation is also needed to nurture and enhance economic and social development, environmental protection and protection against crime and terrorism," he said.

In his welcome address, Maung said the issues related to gender, environment, income and employment, growth, society and politics were parts of the process of good governance.

Fourteen participants from 11 countries, including one from host Bangladesh, are taking part in the four-day workshop.



Awami League President Sheikh Hasina along with party leaders places wreaths at the Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals Memorial in the city yesterday.

CU JCD council today Rival factions at loggerheads **CU CORRESPONDENT** committee, and Ruhul Amin and

formed the six hall and faculty

committees of the university unit

without any consultation with

"He announced the commit-

tees illegally and sent copies of the

unanimous approval of the joint

secretaries of the convening

committee," one of the joint sec-

retaries said yesterday, preferring

Many devoted leaders and

"Even some Shibir activists

The Shibir activists are Baitul-

Saju, convenor of the Alaol Hall group favours election.

workers did not get any post, they

have also been inducted into these

committees," another joint secre-

heed Abdur Rob Hall committee.

committees to the press.

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tary alleged.

Differences between the rival factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Chittagong University (CU) them and sent the copies of the unit, came to the fore ahead of its biennial council beginning at 11.00 am today.

A row appears to be brewing committees to the press without with the rival factions of JCD locking horns over the sharing of posts in its new committee to be announced at the council. The leaders and activists feared the dispute might lead to bloody

-Aman Ullah Aman, state minister for health, will attend the council as chief guest while convenor of the JCD Shahab Uddin Laltu will inaugurate it on the CU

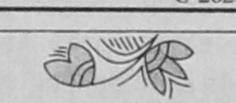
Meanwhile, the prospective lah, member secretary of the Shacandidates have been lobbying the high-ups for desired posts in the new committee.

The prospective candidates for the post of JCD president are Mohammad Selim, Ferdous Morshed Khan, Rezaun Siddque Ujjal and Shorab Hossain Shohel while Khorshed Alam and MR Chowdhury Milton are the contenders for the post of general secretary.

According to sources, the rival factions and the members of the convening committee of the JCD CU unit are at loggerheads over the formation of the hall and faculty committees.

The three joint secretaries of the convening committee, out of five, alleged that convenor Mo

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Bijoy Utsab begins in Ctg today STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CIR An 11-day long 'Muktijuddher

Bijoy Utsab' begins in the port city

Muktijuddher

The colourful fair is being held at the huge space of Chittagong Outer Stadium on the occasion of the Victory Day.

Ridwan Ahmed, state minister for Liberation War Affairs, along with the mother of a martyred freedom fighter, will formally inaugurate the utsab at 4.00pm.

Mir Md Nasir Uddin, state minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, will attend the inaugural ceremony as chief guest.

Chittagong City Commands of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad (BMS) have organised the utsab under the supervision of the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs.

On the eve of the festival, leaders of the Muktijuddher Bijoy Utsab Committee held a press conference yesterday afternoon to explain the aims and objectives of the fair and highlight the pro-

They said there would be subjectwise discussion on the Utsab Mancha (Festival Platform) every day to highlight post-liberation achievements in different fields of national life. Noted personalities, veteran

unit Didarul Alam Majumder said. 1 freedom fighters and political "Not only Shibir activists, but also leaders have been invited to take leaders and workers of other stupart in the discussion. Besides, cultural programmes

dent organisations have been on will also be held everyday. (hairman of the 101-member Utsab Committee Lt Col (Retd) Ziauddin read out a written statetism. He inducted his relatives into ment at the press conference. the Pritilata and Shamshunahar Replying to a question he said

the utsab has been organised without any party affiliation. A total of 116 makeshift stalls

The leaders are also divided have been erected in the fair over the process of forming the new committee. One group want Meanwhile, Muktijuddher Bithat the quality of leadership be

joy Mela Parishad is holding its fair in front of Chittagong Stadium Gymnasium Complex and its adjoining areas this year.

ADMISSION

Saiful Uddin, member secretaries

Islami Chhtra Shibir (ICS) of CU

The joint secretaries also ac

cused the JCD convenor of nepo

hall committees, depriving the

genuine leaders and workers, they

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tion of leaders while the other

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of the law faculty committee,

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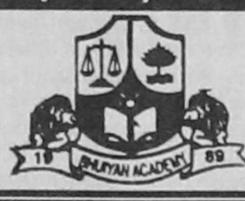
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