

JSD call to form front to oust govt

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Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu) yesterday called for a Jatiya Oikya Front comprising all opposition political parties to oust the alliance government.

"The JSD has already started preliminary work for an anti-government movement by initiating discussions with other political parties including Awami League (AL), left-leaning 11 party and Gono Forum to make the agitation successful," said the party President Hasanul Haq Inu at a press conference in the city.

The JSD is also proposing a national dialogue to be participated by all political parties to ensure neutrality in election commission, administration, caretaker government and army through reforms as question raised over the impartiality of these institutions in parliament election during the last 12 years, he added.

Replying to a question, Inu said

from now on they would gear up their negotiations with the AL and other political parties in phases for the said platform to rescue the country from the misrule of the government.

The JSD also announced a series of action programmes including procession at upazila and districts on February 16 to mark the fifth death anniversary of JSD leader Kazi Aref Ahmed, and a 'Resistance Week' from February 24 to March 1.

As per the programme, a procession wearing black badges will march towards the Prime Minister's Office on March 1.

On March 8, the JSD will take out processions at upazila and district levels demanding 64 reserved seats for women-one for each district.

Besides, a 'Freedom fighters demand day' will be observed across the country on March 23.

A mass procession will be brought out on March 31.

Indian air chief calls on president

UNB, Dhaka

The Indian air chief Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy paid a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

During the meeting, the president mentioned that existing military training cooperation between Bangladesh and India is beneficial to both the countries.

Indian High Commissioner Veena Sikri, Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Fakhrul Azam and other high officials were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, S Krishnaswamy visited Shikha Anirban (the Eternal Flame) at Dhaka Cantonment and placed wreaths at the memorial to pay homage to the members of Armed Forces martyred during the Liberation War.

The Indian air chief also called on Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Fakhrul Azam at Air Headquarters and Defence Secretary KM Ehsanul Haq at the Defence Ministry.

E-W University convocation

UNB, Dhaka

The East West University will hold its convocation for 2004 at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre tomorrow.

President Iajuddin Ahmed, also Chancellor of the university, will be the chief guest. Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk will attend as special guest.