

Police action on AL leaders protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of different political parties, in separate statements yesterday, condemned the police action on Awami League (AL) activists during the hartal and protested the attack on the house of Advocate Rahmat Ali MP allegedly by the ruling party cadres at Sreepur upazila in Gazipur.

AL President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina demanded punishment to the persons responsible for the attack on the house of Rahmat Ali.

She said the coalition government had let loose its party cadres to eliminate the AL.

Dr Kamal Hossain, chief advisor to Oikya Prochesta, condemned the police action on the opposition leaders and activists during hartal.

In a democracy, every party has the right to demonstrate and arrange different programmes including hartal, he added.

Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon and General Secretary

SR Osmani joins Petrobangla as chairman



S R Osmani joined Petrobangla as its chairman on February 12, says a press release.

Prior to his new assignment, he was director (finance) and acting chairman of Petrobangla.

A fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh, Osmani joined Petrobangla in 1976 as senior accounts officer.

He served in many positions, including managing director of Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd and managing director of Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company.

Bimol Biswas condemned the police action on AL presidium member Matia Chowdhury, Akhtaruzzaman and Jubo League leader Jahangir Kabir Nanok.

Comrade Khalequzzaman, coordinator of 11 Party central steering council, expressed concern over the police action.

He accused the alliance government of instigating the police to attack the opposition activists during hartal.

Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association President Barrister Rokon Uddin Mahmood and Secretary M Mahbub Ali condemned the attack on the residence of Rahmat Ali.

They demanded immediate arrest and punitive measures against the persons responsible for the attack.

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), Bangladesh Jubo Moitry and Bangladesh Awami Olama League also condemned the police action.

JU authorities, villagers resolve standoff

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities and the local leaders of Gerua village under Pathalia Union have reached a consensus to resolve the standoff between the students and the villagers.

Tension was running high after a group of villagers beat up a students on Thursday. And in retaliation the angry students vandalised shops and houses in Gerua Bazaar area.

The two sides reached the consensus at a meeting on Friday with Proctor Prof Moshir Rahman in the chair.

Registrar Kazi Mohiuddin, Chairman of Pathalia Union Azgar Ali, and other members of the union parishad were present.

The meeting decided that action will be taken against the attackers.

It also decided that the injured students will be given treatment cost and the shopowners will be compensated for the damage.



Sgt Zahurul Haque's death anniversary today

Today is the 35th death anniversary of Shaheed Sergeant Zahurul Haque, says a press release.

Wreaths will be placed at his graveyard at Azimpur in the morning.

The Liberation War Museum will hold a drawing competition for the children on its premises at 10.00am on February 20 to mark the death anniversary.

Anwarul Islam Bobby



Today is the 10th death anniversary of Anwarul Islam Bobby, editor of the now-defunct Morning Sun, says a press release.

He was also the founder-editor of Chittagong-based The Daily Life and The Pulse, a medical journal.

Distribution of food among the destitute has been arranged to mark the day.

Friends, relatives and well-wishers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.