

Attack on B Chy condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Socio-political organisations strongly condemned the attack on former president Badruddoza Chowdhury and his supporters in and around the capital.

Alleged ruling party activists aided by police attacked Chowdhury and his supporters on Thursday, injuring over 300 people and ruining his rally where he was due to launch his alternative political stream.

In separate statements yesterday, the organisations said people have every right to hold rallies and processions as this right was enshrined in the constitution.

But such attacks allegedly led by the BNP men will not bring any good to the government, they added.

Those who condemned the attack are Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, Sammilito Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad, Bangladesh Kindergarten and Public School Association, Bangladesh National Awami Party, Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League, Jatiya Mukti Council, Bangladesh Gono-Azadi League, Bangladesh Juba Moitree,

Bangladesh Swadhinata Party, Bangladesh Krishak Federation, Bangladesh Bhasman Nari Sramik Union and Gonochhaya Sangskritik Kendra and Jatiya Chhatra Dhara.

The Bastuhara Kalyan Parishad, meanwhile, dismissed the newspaper reports that said its men were responsible for ruining the rally organised by Badruddoza Chowdhury.

In a statement yesterday, its President Noyeem Mashreki and General Secretary M A Awal said they protested the attack and said they had no link with the attackers.

Housewife raped

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A housewife was raped at Begunbari in Tejgaon in the city on Thursday night.

The victim, wife of a rickshawpuller, was alone at her residence when one Hasan, a local of the area, tried to seduce her.

Being refused, he forcibly violated her and fled the area.

Police took her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for medical test yesterday after she lodged a case.

Former footballer chopped to death

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Armed miscreants chopped veteran footballer and former president of Sylhet Referee Kalyan Samity Fokhrul Islam Chowdhury to death at Boroikandi village in South Surma early hours yesterday.

Fifty-three-year old Fokhrul was returning home by a motorcycle at around 12 midnight when he came under attack by about 4 miscreants near his house.

They chopped him with sharp weapons and left him severely injured. Fokhrul, however, managed to reach home and fell on the ground unconscious.

He was rushed to a private clinic where the doctors declared him dead. Police handed over the body to his family after autopsy at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Previous enmity over land property might have been the motive behind the murder, sources said.

Hasan is one of the five persons arrested so far in connection with

Banskhali carnage

Accused placed on 2-day remand

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Md Hasan alias Army Hasan, a prime accused in Banskhali carnage, was placed on a two-day remand instead of recording his confessional statement at the magistrate's court at Banskhali on Thursday.

Hasan was expected to make the statement under section 164, but it could not be recorded as he was produced before the court at late hours, sources said.

Additional Police Super Clarence Gomez, who is the investigating officer (IO) of the case, was not available for comment while the on-duty officer of Banskhali Police Station expressed his ignorance about the latest development of Hasan's interrogation.

Hasan is one of the five persons arrested so far in connection with

Banskhali arson in which eleven people were burnt alive at Sadhanpur Shilpara on November 18 last year.

Over 1,365 held, nine firearms recovered

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,365 people during their ongoing countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

They also recovered nine firearms, two other weapons and 25 bullets and filed five cases against 14 people under the Arms Act, said a police press release.