

Jubo League threatens to lay siege to PM's residence

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Leaders of Awami Jubo League, the youth front of the main opposition Awami League, yesterday threatened to lay siege to cantonment residence of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia if BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) does not withdraw its programme to lay siege to Sudha Sadan, the residence of the opposition leader Sheikh Hasina.

"Thousands of Jubo League activists will surround the cantonment residence of Khaleda until she leaves it", said Jubo League Chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanok at a press conference at its office in the city yesterday morning.

Party General Secretary Mirza

Azam MP was present on the occasion.

The JCD, which declared the Sudha Sadan siege programme as a retaliatory measure against the Hawa Bhaban siege plan by AL front organisations, withdrew its programme yesterday afternoon.

The Jubo League organised the press conference to protest the attack on its top leaders including Nanak and Azam in Rajshahi town on April 18 while returning to the capital after attending a local unit council of the organisation.

Both the leaders alleged that the ruling BNP-backed criminals opened fire and hurled bombs at their vehicles near Rajshahi University on that day.

Reception to women FFs

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Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday called upon all freedom fighters to come under one umbrella for the restoration of the spirit of the liberation war.

"Various governments in the past have distorted the history of the liberation war for their own interest and now the young generation do not know the real history of the country," said Inu at a reception to women freedom fighters at the National Press Club yesterday.

Fifty women freedom fighters from across the country received crests and certificates on the occasion.