

Police raid DU hall

Six JCD activists, outsiders held

DU CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested three activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and three outsiders from the Haji Mohammad Mohsin Hall of Dhaka University in a raid after a group of JCD activists beat up a fellow worker over factional feud yesterday afternoon.

The JCD activists Sohel Hossain Tutul, Qamrul and Maruf and the outsiders Shariful Islam, Emdadul and Sabuj were taken to the Ramna Police station for interrogation, but no cases were filed.

Police raided the hall on a tip-off that the leaders of the rival factions of the JCD have been calling in outsiders to increase their strength to establish supremacy at the hall, said a police official.

JCD sources, however, said a factional clash of the JCD prompted the police to conduct the raid.

They said a group of JCD activists -- Qamrul, Halim, Maruf, Rashed and Tutul -- beat up Mokhlesur Rahman Masum, a first year resident student, in a factional feud.

Masum was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with severe injuries in his head and hands but he later fled the hospital

fearing arrest.

Campus sources said leaders of the JCD factions at Zahirul Haque Hall and Sir AF Rahman Hall have called in outsiders equipped with firearms to establish supremacy and rule over their rivals.

Members of the intelligence agencies deployed on the campus said that some outsiders were staying at the halls and they have brought in lethal weapons such as machetes, knives and hockey sticks.

DU dev studies admission test

DU CORRESPONDENT

Admission test for the postgraduate course in development studies at Dhaka University (DU) will be held at the Lecture Theater building from 4:00pm to 5:30pm on Friday.

The seat plan is as follows: Roll No. 1 to 175 at room No. Ba-3 and 176 to 339 at room No. Ba-4.

Candidates have been requested to take their seats by 3:30pm.

Meanwhile, the DU authorities have postponed all examinations scheduled for today and tomorrow due to countrywide shutdown called by the opposition Awami League.

BMA programme to identify arsenic victims in 27 dists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) yesterday launched a special programme to identify and manage the arsenic victims yesterday.

More than 300 doctors and over 11,000 health and family workers will be trained to identify the arsenicosis patients in 53 worst affected upazilas under 27 districts.

The six-month programme will be carried out in collaboration with Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project and the field level activities are likely to begin in mid-May, said Dr Syed Akram Hossain, project director, at the launching ceremony in the city.

Health Minister Khondoker Mosharaf Hossain attended the ceremony as chief guest and State Minister for Health Mizanur Rahman Sinha, Health Secretary AFM Sarwar Kamal and DC of Health Services Prof. Mizanur Rahman were present as special guests.

Dr A Z M Zahid Hossain, secretary general of BMA, was also present.



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(Top) Police stand guard after putting up a barricade on the road to Awami League's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday and prevented the activists from joining a pro-hartal rally in front of the AL office yesterday. (Bottom) AL MP Mohammad Nasim and Opposition Chief Whip Abdus Shahid try to cross over the barricade to join the rally.

Portray beauty of life

Tariqul tells photo journalists

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Tariqul Islam yesterday called upon the photo journalists to portray the beauty of life through their photographs.

He said morbid and dreadful pictures push the people towards frustration and anarchy.

He was speaking as chief guest at the Press Institute of Bangladesh at PIB-Sohel Samad Smriti Purushkar distribution ceremony in the city.

He gave a cheque of Tk 40 thousand and a crest to photo journalist Shamsul Islam Alami who has been suffering from incurable parkinsons disease.

Presided over by Director General of PIB Dr Rezwan Siddiki, the function was attended by Anwara Samad, mother of late Sohel Samad, and president of Photo Journalist Association Rafiqur Rahman.

The minister said photographs always tell the facts of history and it is possible to highlight the dreams of people through photographs.

He reminded that the prime objective of the photo journalists is to depict the reflection of human life in a positive way.

Tariqul lauded the works and professional skill of Shamsul Islam Alami.

BCL demands resignation of coalition govt

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of the opposition Awami League (AL), yesterday demanded immediate resignation of the BNP-led coalition government for its failure to ensure public security and uphold constitutional rights of the people.

Addressing a rally on the Dhaka University campus, the BCL leaders said the government has no moral right to stay in power as it could not stop downside of law and order, price-hike of essentials and widespread corruption.

They said the government has turned the country into a prison through wholesale arrests of innocent people.

They also demanded immediate release of all recent arrestees including its Senior Vice-President Marufa Akter Popi.

The BCL organised the rally to express its support for AL-called two-day shutdown beginning from today. Earlier, it brought out a procession on the campus.

Presided over by BCL President Liaqat Sikder, the rally was addressed by its General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu, Ashraful Azim Rubon, Rafiqul Islam Kotowal, Delwar Hossain and Hemayet Uddin Khan Himu.

CU student stabbed to death

CU CORRESPONDENT

A student of Chittagong University (CU) was stabbed to death by miscreants in the city on Monday.

He was identified as Mezbah Uddin Bappi, first year honours student of Statistics department.

Sources said a gang of three to four unknown miscreants swooped on Bappi while he was walking at Sarson road at around 5.00pm and stabbed on his left chest and hands mercilessly.

Local people rushed him to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at around 8.00pm.

Hailed from Haidgoan of Patia upazila, Bappi was the eldest son of Md Mohiuddin, a freedom fighter.

A case was filed with Kotwali police station in this connection.

Police, however, could neither find out any clue of the murder nor arrest anybody till filing of this report at 7.00pm yesterday.

JCD attack on SUST students condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

cadre in sexual abuse of a student.

The JCD activists beat the students and three photojournalists, fired blank shots and ransacked some rooms of the building.

Of the injured, 15 were admitted to Sylhet M A G Osmany Medical College Hospital.

Our DU Correspondent adds: Jatiya Chhatra Dhara also condemned the JCD attack on demonstrating students, teachers and journalists at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology on April 26.

In a statement yesterday, President Mahfuz Akram and acting General Secretary Md Rashed of chhatra dhara demanded immediate punishment of the JCD cadres for the attack.

Jatiya Chhatra Dhara, student wing of the Gono Forum, also demanded of the SUST authorities to ensure students' security on the campus.