

'Join movement to save country from fanatics'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers Party of Bangladesh (WPB) yesterday called on all to join the movement to dislodge the BNP-led four-party alliance government.

It also urged the Awami League, 11-party alliance, and the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal to launch an anti-government agitation together to save the country from the fundamentalist forces.

If the government was not toppled immediately, the fanatics would seize the power gradually as the Jamaat-e-Islami, a partner of the ruling alliance, was now controlling everything from the back seat, said WPB President Rashed Khan Menon at a press conference.

The Islamist zealots were moving freely even after killing progressive people, including AL leader Ahasanullah Master, journalists Manik Saha and Humayn Kabir Balu and WPB leader Babulal Shil, but the government did not take any action against them, said general secretary Bimal

Biswas.

According to police report, about 16 extremist outfits had been operating in the country, he said, adding that but the government remained indifferent.

The government also turned a blind eye when the fanatics burnt the copies of the daily Prothom Alo and vandalised the billboards of the Prothom Alo-The Daily Star-GrameenPhone news service, he said.

Seminar today

An open seminar on 'Studies in the UK' for prospective law students will be held at Sheraton Hotel in the city from 1.30pm to 3.00pm today, says a press release.

Professor Phil Thomas, director of Overseas Recruitment, Cardiff University, UK, will be present at the seminar.

Spot admission to undergraduate and postgraduate law courses at Cardiff University will also take place.

Hoax bomb threat at 2 DU halls

DU CORRESPONDENT

A hoax bomb threat by an anonymous caller panicked students, teachers, officials and employees of two women's halls of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday.

The caller told a hall staff at 11.45am that a powerful bomb would be thrown into the middle of Rokeya and Shamsunnahar halls.

Rokeya Hall authorities immediately put the hall students and officials on alert.

On receiving information, police searched the halls and surrounding areas but found nothing.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

The body of Zaheer Ishaq Ahmed (Bappi), son of late Nazir Ahmed, chief of BBC Bengali service, will arrive here from London today.

Zaheer died of a heart attack in London on August 13.