

'Grenade attack aimed at making country unstable'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League rally was well-planned and aimed at making the country unstable, said Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer and Industry Minister Moulana Motiur RahmanNizami.

The attackers were the enemies of people, democracy and Islam, he said.

"They are neither friends of the ruling alliance nor the friends of the opposition," Nizami told a rally in the city.

He also called for a fair investigation into the incident.

The city Jamaat organised the rally to protest the grenade attack and violence in its wake.

US wants to see grenade attackers nabbed

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The United States yesterday restated its support for the government's efforts to bring to book the perpetrators of the grisly grenade attacks on Awami League rally on August 21.

"We will continue to support the government's efforts to bring an end to the August 21 issue and we are confident that the government will find the perpetrators," US Ambassador to Bangladesh, Harry K Thomas told reporters at his office yesterday afternoon following an hour-long meeting with Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan.

Asked if he was pushing the two

largest political parties to engage in dialogues to resolve the issue, Thomas retorted, "What I think does not matter."

Morshed said "The US wants to see democracy prosper and political stability continue in Bangladesh as it hopes to see them happen in the rest of the world."

He said the ambassador stressed the investigation into the grenade attacks should be carried out keeping it as the main agenda and not to be diverted by political motives.

Morshed also referred to the Ambassador's concern over jumping to conclusions on the incident.

Electrician stabbed, body of newborn recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Misceants stabbed an electrician and snatched away Tk 10,000 from him at Demra while police recovered the body of a new born boy from Ramna in the capital on Sunday.

Jahangir Hossain, 25, was going to Jatrabari in a rickshaw along with his wife when a gang of four muggers stopped him at Sayedabad Janapath crossing and demanded their belongings at 4:30pm.

On refusal, the gang stabbed Jahangir in his thigh, knee and hand and snatched away the money before fleeing the scene.

His wife rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he was undergoing treatment.

Meanwhile, on an information Ramna police recovered the body of a one-day-old boy abandoned in a field at Modhubagh.

Police sent the body to DMCH morgue for autopsy.



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Awami League lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor struggles to free a female activist from police at Motijheel during hartal hours yesterday.

Sramik Dal factions clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) attacked a procession of other faction in Motijheel injuring at least seven people on their way to join the BNP's protest rally at Muktangon yesterday.

Around 200 activists, led by DCC unit secretary SM Mosharraf Hossain Milon, brought out a procession from Nagar Bhaban at 3:30pm. When the procession reached in front of Biman office at Motijheel, some Sramik Dal activists, led by one Jahangir Hossain,

attacked the procession with sticks and bamboos.

The injured Ahmed Hossain, Faruq Sarkar, Koty Miah, Sohrab Hossain, Chand Miah, Nur Miah and Momenul Hoq were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where they were undergoing treatment.

Milon told the reporters that Jahangir along with several others were fired from the DCC for ransacking the room of a senior official.

Pro-govt lawyers to ignore bar decision

BSS, Dhaka

Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum yesterday decided to extend "all out cooperation" to run the Supreme Court activities ignoring the Bar Association's decision to boycott the court of chief justice protesting the appointment of new 19 judges on, what it said, "political consideration".

The Supreme Court unit of the Forum at an emergency meeting decided to carry on their practices and not to "tolerate any hindrances" in the way of delivering justice to the common people.

The meeting with Supreme Court unit president Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan MP, termed the decision to boycott the chief justice's court as "regrettable," expressing strong resentment against the Supreme Court Bar resolution, calling it a "unilateral decision of Awami lawyers".

The Forum alleged that the Supreme Court Bar Association decision was an attempt by "some Awami lawyers with vested interests who want to direct the politics in a wrong direction using Supreme Court premises as an office to carry out their political activities".

The Supreme Court Bar at a meeting decided to boycott the chief justice's court indefinitely and issued a warning that any lawyer, including the attorney general would be expelled if they defy the decision.

Forum leaders AHM Mushfiqur Rahman, Mohammad Firoz Shah,

Mohammad Toufique Hossain, Joynul Abedin Tuhin, Shawkatul Haque, Mohammad Abdullah, Mohammad Gias Uddin, Saad Ullah, MU Ahmed, ABM Waliur Rahman, Bahadur Shah Biplob, Nazmul Alam, Rezaul Kabir, Afzal Hossain and Mohammad Shahidul Islam addressed the meeting.

Meanwhile, human rights activists and lawyer Advocate Sigma Huda in a statement protested the Bar decision saying it was politically motivated and a large number of lawyers who were not biased to any party did not agree with the resolution.

Islamic Lawyers Council also condemned the decision of the SC Bar.

Court hours during vacation

UNB, Dhaka

The office time of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has been rescheduled for its 47 days of annual vacation, beginning September 4.

As per the schedule, the court hours will be from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm from Saturday to Wednesday and from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Thursday, said a handout.