

Police club BNP rivals in Sirajganj: 27 hurt

UNB, Sirajganj

At least 27 people were injured in Enayetpur area of Sirajganj yesterday when police clubbed the supporters of two rival factions of the ruling BNP.

Earlier, the local administration had imposed Section 144 in the area as the two rival groups convened meetings at the same venue at same time, triggering tension.

Later, BNP activists belonging to district convenor Shajahan shifted their meeting venue to Rupasi Madrasa field where supporters of Monjur Kader MP allegedly attacked them at about 3:00pm.

Police rushed to the spot, clubbed the supporters of the two factions and fired rubber bullets to bring the situation under control.

AUGUST 21 GRENADE ATTACK BNP urges AL not to spread misleading info

BSS, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday urged the Awami League (AL) to cooperate with the national and international investigation agencies by "refraining from spreading any misleading information" on the August 21 grenade attacks on its rally.

Because AL's such a behaviour "naturally gives rise to a question in the public mind as to what its leaders really want the trial of the killers or go to power taking the advantage of the incident," Bhuiyan said.

In a statement, he said his party always believed that those who carried out the attacks on the August 21 rally, and the earlier attacks on different rallies, cultural functions, religious institutions and cinemas are enemies of the country, people and democracy.

"The August 21 attacks (on the Awami League rally) was the deadliest among all the attacks," he said.

Bhuiyan, also the LGRD and Cooperatives Minister, said immediately after the attack the government had engaged the country's all intelligence agencies, launched a judicial

New courses at British Council

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The British Council has announced the new dates and registration times for its 6/04 term.

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JCD cadres beat Eden College student

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five days after she was beaten up by the JCD cadres, a panic-stricken student of Eden College was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Sunday night.

Tamanna Islam, a first year post-graduate student of zoology department, fell very sick after the JCD cadres beat her up, tore her hair out and tried to strangle her on the night of August 31 at her room in Razia Hall.

She was so frightened that she did not go out of the college and even did not take any food in the last five days, Tamanna told the reporters.

She alleged that Acting Convener of Eden College JCD Selina Sultana Nishita and her supporters made the attack on her as she refused to take part in a JCD procession on the day.

They also threatened to unleash Lalbagh JCD cadres on her if she complains about the incident, she said.

As her condition worsened on Sunday night, Nishita and some other students rushed her to the DMCH and also warned her not to disclose the incident to anybody.

Fearing further assault, Tamanna left the DMCH yesterday morning.

When contacted, Nishita denied the allegation, saying that the rival faction are spreading propaganda against her.

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Left parties oppose FBI activities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A number of left-leaning political parties yesterday condemned what they termed detective activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Bangladesh on the pretext of probing the August 21 grenade attack on Awami League rally.

They also expressed concern over the visit of Joseph Cofer Black, US State Department's coordinator for counter-terrorism.

Speaking at a rally, central leaders of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal said the activities of the FBI are unacceptable before an internal probe into the grisly grenade attack.

The US bodies failed to ensure security of their own country and are accused of waging a war in Iraq providing wrong and concocted information, said the BSD leader Abdullah Sarkar and Bazlur Rashid.

Bangladesh Workers Party leaders Rashed Khan Menon and Bimal Biswas, in a statement, opposed the Black's visit and his proposal for a working group with the US to combat terrorism.

Leaders of Left Democratic Front Mujahidul Islam Selim, Ruhin Hossain, Saifur Rahman and Tofazzal Hossain called upon the people to resist, what they said, the attempt to turn the country into a ground of imperialism.

Convener of New Democratic People's Forum Shibli Kaiyum condemned Black's visit and his efforts to make an anti-terrorism pact between the US and Bangladesh.

Citing the war in Iraq, leaders of Gonoatantrik Karmi Shibir said CIA and FBI are responsible for preparing the ground for US aggression in different countries by making false and fabricated reports.

In a reaction, Badaruddin Umar and Faizul Hakim of Jatiya Mukti Council expressed their disapproval of the former CIA official Black's visit to Bangladesh.

The presence of Interpol, FBI and Cofer Black is indicative of a plan to establish US military base in the country, said the leaders of Gonosanghati Andolon.

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