

7 youth bodies announce 21-point demand

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Jubo Sangram Parishad, comprising seven youth organisations of the opposition parties, has announced a 21-point demand including the resignation of the alliance government.

The organisations are Jubo League, Jubo Moitree, Jubo Gonoforum, Jubo Samity, Jatiya Jubo Oikya, Jatiya Jubo Jote and Jubo Mahila League.

The parishad announced the demands at a press conference at the Colonel Taher Auditorium in the capital on Monday.

The demands included inquiry into all killings in police custody and during Operation Clean Heart drive, repeal-

ing of all black laws including indemnity ordinance and special power act, cancellation of Rapid Action Battalion, separation of judiciary, immediate appointment of ombudsman and establishment of anti-corruption commission to bring book all state-level corruption, trial of liberation war criminals, and ban on communal politics.

An agitation programme was also announced at the press conference.

Jubo League Chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanok, Jubo League General Secretary Mirza Azam MP and Jatiya Jubo Jote Convenor Nazmul Haq Prodhan spoke at the conference.



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US Deputy Assistant Secretary for South Asia Torkel L Patterson called on Food and Disaster Management Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf in the city yesterday.

Power disruption hits Savar

JU plunges into darkness

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Academic and administrative activities of Jahangirnagar University (JU) came to an abrupt halt as power and telephone connections remained snapped for the last 48 hours until yesterday due to continuous incessant rain.

The university plunged into darkness after two transformers

went out of order on Monday night because of the gusty wind.

It may take one or two more days to restore power, sources said.

The students are also facing food crisis as inclement weather forced most hotels and shops on the university campus to keep the shutters down.

The power disruption also caused severe loss to business establishments in Savar. Production in different industries dropped to 50 percent as power remained snapped since Sunday night, leaving them dependent on electricity generators.

Most shops at Andha, Chourangi Super Market, Razzak

Plaza and other markets also kept their shutters down.

"We would not be able to operate our power houses until the rain stops as a power house in Manikganj was badly damaged on Sunday night," said an officer of Savar Palli Bidyut Samity.

Ahsania Mission raises fund of Tk 7cr for cancer hospital

With contributions pouring in, a fund of Tk 7 crore has been raised till Saturday for the construction of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital and Cancer Hospital, says a press release.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission made an appeal for donation for the 500-bed hospital to be built at Uttara in Dhaka.

Those who donated money during July-August are Rasheda Taleb - Tk 20 lakh; Motia Akhtar Khanom - Tk 6 lakh; Sheikh Razzak Ali, a unanimous lady and Kamrul Islam - Tk one lakh each; Nazma Islam, Golam Mustafa and Boby Islam - Tk 50,000 each; City University - Tk 30,000; Jorgina Ahmed and Nasrin Ahmed - Tk 25,000; teachers and students of Khanbadur Teachers' Training College - Tk 21,246; Rezina Hossain, Dr Ifat Ara, ABM Farukh, Pubali Bank Ltd. and Capt. Ashraf Hossain - Tk 10,000 each; and Anita Azmei - Tk 7,000.

Jamaluddin Choudhury has pledged Tk 45 lakh in donation and Rumman Rahim and Moyna Rahim have pledged Tk 10 lakh.

Also, Tk 95,957 has been collected from donation boxes set up at Zia International Airport.

DU exams postponed

UNB, Dhaka

All the examinations of Dhaka University under its annual course system, except the first year BSC examinations of Home Economics Colleges under its course system,

have been postponed till September 25 due to inclement weather.

Fresh dates of the examinations will be announced soon, says a DU press release yesterday.



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Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Advisor Prof Muzaffer Ahmed briefs journalists about a report titled 'The National Integrity Systems TI Country Study Report 2003' at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 12)