

Bomb attack on Ashura function in Moulavibazar condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday condemned the bomb attack on an Ashura programme at Pritimpasha village under Kulaura upazila in Moulavibazar district on February 20.

In a statement, CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim said the attack was a part of the series of bomb blasts across the country.

The Moulavibazar district unit of the Workers Party of Bangladesh also condemned the attack.

District Secretary Abdul Ahad, in a press release, said although none was killed in the attack, it was targeted for mass killing.

Both the parties also demanded immediate trial of the criminals involved in all the bomb and grenade attacks in the country.

'Unite to eliminate anti-liberation forces'

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Muktijoddha Oikya Parishad, a forum of freedom fighters, yesterday called upon all pro-liberation forces to be united to eliminate anti-liberation forces.

The parishad, in a press release, expressed deep concern at the recent spate of bomb attacks on opposition parties, cultural personalities and NGO offices.

The parishad leaders blamed the BNP-led ruling coalition and fundamentalist militant groups for the attacks.

They said the freedom fighters made supreme sacrifices in the liberation war not to see a situation that is prevailing in the country at present.

The statement was issued, among others, by parishad Convenor Mahbubuddin Ahmad Bir Bikram, Chairman of Muktijoddha Samonnoy Parishad Abeer Ahad, Commander of ninth sector Major Alam Sonet.

(retd) Ziauddin and Chairman of Muktijoddha Oikya Jote F Zakir Khan.

Attack on four KU reporters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Four university correspondents of local dailies were severely injured in an attack by some unruly students at Gallamari under Sonadanga thana on Friday.

The injured were identified as President of Khulna University Press Club (KUPC) Noor Alam Siddiqui, Treasurer Raquibul Hasan, and Executive Committee Members Masum Mia and Noor Alam Sonet.

The attack on the journalists came when they were returning home at 12.00midnight after protesting the ragging incidents in residential halls.

Six win Bangla Academy Literary Award

UNB, Dhaka

Six litterateurs, researchers and translators have been selected for the Bangla Academy Literary Award 2004 for their outstanding contribution to their respective field.

The awardees are Amzad Hossain and Mozzamel Hossain Mintu (poetry, novel and short story), Md Zafar Iqbal and Md Asaddar Ali (research, essay and science), and Zafar Alam and Faridur Reza Sagar (translation, drama and child literature).

They will receive the awards at a function on February 27.

Injured JCD leader dies

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A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader shot by muggers on February 12 died at Chittagong Medical College Hospital on Sunday.

Kafil Uddin, former vice-president of Chittagong University JCD, received bullets in his right leg and chest when the muggers shot him in the GEC intersection area, sources said.

Critically injured Kafil was rushed to the hospital where he died eight days later.