



PHOTO: STAR
Poor women stage a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding rights to land. Bhumi Odhikar Dibash Udjapan Parishad city unit and Jatiya Garhasthya Nari Sramik Union organised the event.

Unite to get rid of crime, corruption: B Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said crime and corruption have crippled the country, and there is no way to get rid of them unless the people are united.

"We hate the politics of killings and conflicts as we want peaceful politics for building the nation," he said at a rally organised by Bikalpa Sramik Dhara, labour wing of BDB, in front of its central office at Segun Bagicha in the city to protest the

attack on BDB rally in Thakurgaon on June 3.

"Attacks on BDB men by BNP-Jamaat cadres at different parts of the country could not provoke the BDB to retaliate, and this proves that we do not believe in the politics of conflicts," Chowdhury said.

He condemned the attack on the rally and assault on its leaders and activists in Thakurgaon, and demanded withdrawal of 'false cases' filed against 17 party men.

BDB Organising Secretary Mahi B Chowdhury MP said no threats or attacks could stop the advance of

their party.

"With the mandate of the people, we want to form a government which will work to curb crime, corruption and establish peace in the country," he said.

He also read out a letter, which has threatened to kill Badruddoza Chowdhury, Mahi B Chowdhury and Dr Kamal Hossain.

The letter, that reached Chowdhury's Baridhara House yesterday with the name and address of one Mahbub and others of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Badda thana, said, "If you do not give Tk 30 lakh within next seven days, you have to leave the country in next one month."

The letter also stated that the traitors like them would not be allowed to do politics in the country.

"We will not spare those who try to damage the politics of BNP," it stated.

Mahi said they got a similar letter in the last week of May.

Organisers of Bikalpa Krishak Dhara Enamul Haque and Saidur Rahman, BDB Senior Joint Secretary General Firoze Hasan, and other leaders MA Halim, and Moral Amjad Hossain also spoke.

BDB also held a milad mahfil commemorating the first death anniversary of its activist Aminul Islam Masum.

He was killed in an attack by the BNP men on June 7 last year when a victory rally was brought out at Srinagar after the victory of Mahi B Chowdhury in the by-election.

JS panel of chairmen

UNB, Dhaka

The Speaker yesterday nominated a 5-member panel of chairmen to conduct proceedings of the current session in absence of the Speaker

and the Deputy Speaker.

They are Adv. Harunor Rashid (BNP), Maulana Abdus Sobhan (Jamaat), Joynul Abedin Faruq (BNP), Prof. Dr Amanullah (AL) and Hafizuddin Ahmed (BNP).

1,538 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,538 people on various charges during their country-wide drive in the last 24 hours as of 6:00am yesterday.

During the period, the law enforcers also recovered 16 firearms and 35 bullets and 13 explosives.

Stop anarchy on campus

NFTE leaders urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE) leaders at a protest rally yesterday condemned the recent repression on Dhaka University students and teachers.

The government should stop any further anarchy on the campuses, urged the NFTE leaders at the rally held in front of the High Court premises in the city.

They also demanded that they government meet their eight point demands that include increasing their salaries and providing medical allowances.

Expressing solidarity with the rally, Dhaka University Teachers Association President Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said some 30 heads of different educational institutions in the City were sacked during the regime of the alliance government.

He urged all teachers to be united in protest of all kinds of politicisation and nepotism.

Chief Coordinator and Convenor of the front Principal Kazi Faruque Ahmed alleged due to politicisation and nepotism, about 2000 teachers lost their jobs and some 1.5 lakh teachers and employees are under threats of losing their jobs.

DU VIOLENCE Committee begins probe

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The six-member probe committee of the Dhaka University formed to investigate the violent incidents of the university last week began its inquiry yesterday, said the committee chief and treasurer of university Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan.

The committee, after getting clearance from the legal advisor of the university, held its second meeting yesterday.

The committee invited information from media and people regarding the police attack on the Institute of Fine Arts (IFA), vandalism at proctor's office, crude bomb blast in front of arts building and other violent incidents of the campus following the death of Shammee Akhter Happy in a road accident on May 28.

With full name and address, information will have to be sent by June 13 to Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan, member secretary of the probe committee and Assistant Proctor of the university, Prof Hasan said.

Prof Hasan assured that the identity of the information providers would not be disclosed.