

CPB against alliance with AL

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The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim in a statement yesterday said they

want simultaneous movement with the main opposition Awami League (AL) not any alliance.

"CPB is committed to strengthen simultaneous movement of the opposition AL, left 11-Party Alliance, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) and National Awami Party (NAP) against the government keeping its separate political identity," they said.

CPB will continue its movement against the misrule and misdeeds of the present government, they added. CPB will not support any proposal of forming three-tier unity movement, election and formation of government, they said.

The leftist leaders said we have some differences with the AL proposals for reforms in election system.

"One of the main demands of the left parties (11-party alliance) is to introduce proportional representation in the election instead of the existing one, but the AL in its draft omitted the issue," they said.

The CPB leaders urged the AL, 11-party alliance, JSD and NAP to launch vigorous anti-government movement to eliminate all communal forces in the country as well as to oust the BNP-led four-party alliance for safeguarding the country and people.

They also urged all progressive, left leaning, liberal, patriotic and intellectuals to be united to forge an alternative political force against the backdrop of BNP and AL bipolar politics in the country.

1629 more held

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Police arrested 1,629 people on various charges during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours as of 6:00am yesterday.

During the period, the law enforcers also recovered four firearms, two other weapons, one bullet and five explosives.



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Family members of slain former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and other people line up on a road at Dhanmondi yesterday during a protest programme titled 'Blue for Peace', demanding that the killers be brought to book.

'People's support a must to end killing culture'

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Dr Reza Kibria, son of slain former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria, yesterday stressed the need for people's spontaneous participation in the peaceful movement to put an end to the killing culture.

"We have just started an international movement to bring my father's killers to justice, but it is the general people whose support is most vital in this regard," he said.

Dr Reza was addressing a protest programme arranged under

the 'Blue for Peace' initiated by Asma Kibria, wife of the slain former minister, at Dhanmondi yesterday.

"It will not be possible to protect the country from the evil forces if general people remain inactive," he said.

Referring to the recent 'attempt on the lives' of Awami League leaders Tofail Ahmed and Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Dr Reza said the evil forces are now trying to kill the colleagues of his father.

"To build a sustainable movement to stop the political killings, we

will soon arrange our peaceful programme 'Blue for Peace' at the divisional headquarters and district towns in phases," he said.

Asma Kibria said that she would soon launch a fresh programme to create awareness among the people in order to put an end to political killings.

Wearing blue dress, other family members and common people spontaneously joined the programme.

DCC to demolish old vulnerable buildings

Abbas tells JS

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has taken steps to demolish old vulnerable buildings in Dhaka city. Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

In a written reply to SA Sultan (Chandpur-4), Mirza Abbas said that DCC and Rajuk separately identified the risky dilapidated buildings.

Answering to Golam Mohammad Kader (Rangpur-3), he told the House that the government has no plan to shift the Bangladesh Secretariat from its present location. He also informed him that the present government had sold 17 abandoned houses in city.

Responding to a query of M Alamgir Haider Khan, Mirza Abbas said drives were on to demolish the unauthorised structures and bazars in the capital city.



Qulkhwani of Dr Sitara today

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Qulkhwani of Dr Sitara Parvin, a professor of mass communication and journalism department at Dhaka University, will be held at her father's residence at House # 14, Road # 124, Gulshan # 1, after Asr prayers today.

Sitara, daughter of former president Shahabuddin Ahmed and wife of DU journalism professor Dr Ahaduzzaman Mohammad Ali, died in a tragic road crash in the USA on Friday. She was buried at Banani Graveyard on Wednesday.

Colleagues, students, well-wishers, admirers and relatives have been requested to attend the qulkhwani.