

KILLING OF JCD LEADER SUST expels 13 JCD activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The syndicate of Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (SUST) yesterday decided to expel 13 JCD activists from the university for different periods for their link to the killing of a JCD leader.

Of them, three -- SUST JCD Vice-President Moyeen Al Din Bin Nasir, Md Jasim Uddin and Bidhan Das -- will be expelled for life, three others -- Md Shakhawat Hossain, Md Murshedul Alam and Md Nasir Uddin -- for two years and seven others -- Quazi Naimul Huda, Md Emran Hossain Bhuiyan, Md Amirul Islam (Bipul), Md Ershad, Kausar Ahmed, Md Abul Kalam Azad, and Shah Mohammad Muhibullah -- for one year.

The syndicate at an emergency meeting last night approved the punitive measures on the basis of the probe report

on the killing of JCD leader Rafiqul Islam Patwary.

Patwary was killed by the activists of a faction of the JCD, student wing of the ruling party, in the early hours of July 14.

A seven-member probe committee, headed by Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Nazmul Islam, a member of the syndicate, submitted its report to the vice-chancellor on Monday night.

The probe report was also discussed at a meeting of the disciplinary committee yesterday afternoon.

The syndicate decided that the expelled students will not be allowed to enter the campus during the term of their expulsion.

It also decided that the ban imposed earlier by the proctorial committee on all types of processions, rallies and human chains will remain in force for six months.

SHAMSUR RAHMAN MURDER Proceedings against Farazi stayed

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed the proceedings against Farazi Azmal Hossain in journalist Shamsur Rahman murder case.

After hearing a petition filed by Farazi Azmal Hossain, a High Court bench comprising Justice Abdur Rashid and Justice Fazlur Rahman also issued a rule upon the government to show cause why the charge framed by the trial court on June 15, 2005 against the petitioner should not be cancelled.

Shamsur Rahman, Jessore correspondent of the daily Janakantha, was killed in 2000 by unidentified assailants. The case is now pending with a speedy trial tribunal.

A supplementary charge-sheet was framed against 17 accused, including Farazi Azmal Hossain, a reporter of the daily Ittefaq.

Advocate Mahbubey Alam moved for the petitioner, while Deputy Attorney General ABM Waliur Rahman stood for the state.

10-yr-old bus helper dies in road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 10-year-old bus helper died in a road crash as two buses raced each other for more passengers at Sayedabad in the city yesterday morning.

A Mirpur-bound bus knocked down the victim, Saddam Hossain, when he was helping passengers get into his bus at about 9:00am.

The killer bus suddenly moved closer to the other bus to intercept the passengers but they managed to get into the vehicle hurriedly.

"But Saddam, who was behind all the passengers, was hit by the

bus and suffered serious head injuries," said his elder brother Mohammad Bachchu, who is the conductor of the same bus on which Saddam worked.

He said they had not been aware of the fatal accident until the driver reached the next stop. "As I went back to the previous stop to bring Saddam, I found him lying on the road in a critical state," Bachchu said.

The boy was rushed to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries at about 12:30pm.

Reckless driving and competition among bus drivers, according to traffic officials, are mainly responsible for road crashes which claim many lives each year, but the phenomenon is still going on unchecked.

When contacted last evening, Demra police could not give any information about the accident.

'Execute verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case immediately'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of people wearing black badges and carrying banners, festoons and placards came out on the street yesterday demanding immediate execution of the verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case.

They also formed a human chain in front of the Supreme Court in the city from 11:00am to 12:00 noon with a call to execute the verdict in order to ensure the rule of law in the country.

Sechhasebak League, a youth wing of the main opposition Awami League (AL), organised the programme to mark the 30th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Speaking at the programme, its President Bahauddin Nasim said the name of Bangabandhu can never be erased from the history and the new generation will "surely find out their roots."

General Secretary Pankaj Debnath called on the people to come forward to foil all the conspiracies against the execution of the verdict in the case.

The organisation will stage a token hunger strike at Muktagong in the capital on August 6 to press for its demand.

The Awami League has also taken up a month-long programme to mourn the deaths of Bangabandhu and his family members who were killed on August 15 in 1975.

Fifteen former army officers were awarded death penalty by the trial court in the Bangabandhu Murder Case on November 8 in 1998.

Later, the High Court upheld the death sentence on 12 accused. The appeal petition is still pending with the Supreme Court.

FAZILATUNNESA HALL Students protest probe body report

DU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall of Dhaka University yesterday brought out a procession on the campus protesting the report of the six-member probe committee which recommended punitive measures against the students for their July 17 agitation.

The probe body found some of the students and at least two house tutors responsible for the incident. The students said the authorities have no right to take action against them as they have been pressing for their legitimate demands for around four years.

They demanded an impartial investigation into their agitation that prompted the resignation of all of the house tutors of the female dormitory.

The protesting students threatened to leave the dormitory. Sources said one student has threatened to kill herself if the authorities take any action against them. But Prof Siddiqur Rahman, member secretary of the probe committee, said they did not know about such threat.

RU MUNNUJAN HALL Provost, six house tutors resign

RU CORRESPONDENT

Provost and six house tutors of Munnujan Hall of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday resigned from their posts in protest against the censure by a probe committee blaming them responsible for July 31 incident.

They said the committee in its report had made unjustified criticism and aspersion on their ability to control student demonstration in the hall.

Those who resigned included Provost Prof Irain Ara Lucy, and House Tutors Prof Rabiul Islam, Mustafizur Rahman, Anisur Rahman, Zakia Sultana, Salma Sultana and Umme Kulsum Mini.

Female leaders of Munnujan Hall unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Sunday went berserk in the hall rampaging office rooms and keeping four teachers including a

house tutor and two hall superintendents confined for almost 11 hours.

Meanwhile, Progressive Teachers' Association (PTA) and other student bodies have urged the university authorities to ensure the security of hall students saying the dormitory has been running without any administration.



Teachers and students of Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Dhaka University take out a procession on the campus yesterday to mark the 43rd anniversary of the department.



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