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The Ekattarer Ghatak Dalal Nirml Committee launched a 'White Paper on Minority Repression' at the WVA Auditorium in the city yesterday. From left are writer Shahriar Kabir, Advisor to the Nirml Committee Binod Bihari Chowdhury, Prof Kabir Chowdhury and CPB President Monzurul Ahsan Khan.

Unite to oust govt

CPB urges people

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Leaders of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday urged the people to unite to oust the government and make the October 16 sit-in programme a success.

The one-hour sit-in programme will be held on the streets across the country with the slogan 'Resist munga, reduce prices of essentials and save lives'.

The leaders demanded sufficient relief to the munga- and flood-hit people at a meeting held at the Party Central Office in the city.

The economic and social policy of the alliance government led to the price hike, bomb blast, murder, terrorism, corruption and damage of industry and agriculture throughout the country, they said.

The leaders also demanded judicial probe and exemplary punishment to the perpetrators of countrywide bomb blasts.

CPB General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim said during the four-year rule of four-party alliance, government's misrule has been established.

"Imperialism and communalism is the main force of the activities of the government and we have to make the country free from these evil activities," he added.

CPB leaders Ruhin Hossain Prince, Sazzad Zahir Chandan, Ahsan Habib Lavlu and Joly Talukdar also spoke at the meeting.

'4-party govt brings country to brink of ruin'

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The BNP-led four-party alliance government has pushed the country to the brink of ruin through widespread corruption, politicisation, religious

extremism and terrorism in its four-year rule, said Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) leaders yesterday.

Democracy, independence, the constitution and general people are not safe today because of the misrule of the government, they said at a rally.

The JSD organised the rally in front of its central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city to observe the fourth anniversary of the ruling alliance as a 'Black Day'.

The leaders said the ruling party has miserably failed to fulfil its election pledges.

The four-year rule of the alliance government is marked by violations of the constitution, terrorism, politicisation and corruption, said Syed Zafar Sajjad, general secretary of JSD.

While the general people are reeling under poverty, salaries of ministers and parliament members have increased, he said.

Moinuddin Khan Badal, executive president of the JSD, said the government has failed to keep the prices of essentials under control, ensure security and curb corruption in all sectors.

He said the countrymen no longer want to see the BNP-Jamaat alliance in power as its misrule made their lives miserable.

City JSD President Mir Hossain Akter said the government is now preparing a blueprint for manipulation of next general election in its favour.

He urged the pro-liberation parties to unitedly launch a tougher movement against the government for the greater interest of the nation.

Mili rape and murder case stayed for two months

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The Women and Children Repression Prevention Court yesterday stayed the proceedings in the Mili rape and murder case for two months after the father of the victim filed a time petition.

Judge AKM Sirajul Islam issued the stay order as Mansur Rahman, father of Mili, seeks to transfer the case to another court.

During the period, Mansur will file a petition with the High Court for transferring the case to another court for fair justice.

Earlier, he also filed a Naraji (no-confidence) petition after the investigating authority submitted a final report recommending the release of the three accused.

Meanwhile, the city dwellers held a rally on the court premises, demanding punishment to the culprits. Mili's mother Hasina Begum presided over the rally.