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Awami League leaders hold up their hands together at the Sylhet city AL conference at Hafiz Complex yesterday.

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Leaders tell Sylhet city AL confce

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Central leaders of the main opposition Awami League (AL) yesterday called upon the four-party alliance to accept the reform proposals on caretaker government and Election Commission (EC) for the greater interest of the country.

They said November 22 grand rally in the capital has shaken the coalition government which has now expressed its willingness to sit for a dialogue with the oppositions.

The central leaders were addressing the inaugural session of the first triennial conference of Sylhet city Awami League at Hafiz Complex in the afternoon.

Sylhet city AL Chief and city Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran was in the chair.

Speaking as chief guest Abdur Razzaque MP said the government is now adopting new tactics in the name of dialogue.

He said the demand for proposed reforms of the EC and caretaker government must be accepted first before any dialogue.

He also demanded removal of sitting and partisan chief election commissioner (CEC) to ensure fair polls.

Razzaque said the 4-year rule of the present government is a total failure.

He said the fundamentalist groups with the help of the government have made the country a nation of bombers.

There is no doubt that the government itself is behind the August 17 series of bomb blast across the country, he alleged.

Presidium member Suranjit Sengupta MP called for sinking all petty differences to forge a greater unity to topple the government.

He said the fall of alliance government is just a matter of time.

AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil said the people had said 'No' to the government from the grand rally of November 22.

"We would hold such rallies in other divisional headquarters soon," he added.

Jalil said before sitting for a dialogue, all the detainees must be freed and a congenial atmosphere will have to be created.

Laying emphasis on unity he said an organised workforce is a major tool for winning the battle against the misrule of the ruling alliance.

The conference was also addressed by party's presidium member Dewan Farid Gazi MP, advisory body member AMAMuhit, Sylhet district AL President ANM Shafigue and General Secretary Iftekhar Hossain Shamim, central Organising Secretaries Abdur Rahman and Sultan Mohammad Mansur and Moulvibazar district AL President Syed Mohsin Ali.

The meeting was conducted by Sylhet city unit General Secretary Misbahuddin Ahmed Siraj.

TEACHER ON HUNGER STRIKE JU academic council meet postponed

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The academic council meeting of Jahangirnagar University (JU) scheduled for yesterday was postponed in the wake of hunger strike by a teacher of Bangla department.

The decision to postpone the meeting came after assistant Prof Golam Mustafa began fast unto death at 10:00am at the administrative building demanding academic council's approval of the research paper submitted for his PhD degree. A significant number of students of the department thronged there to accompany their teacher. Later, Prof Mustafa broke his fast at around 2:00pm when

Pro-VC Prof Enamul Huq Khan requested him after the decision of the postponement came.

The university authorities, however, claimed to have postponed the meeting due to the admission test scheduled to begin from November 30.

The university authorities on Thursday dropped the 10th no agenda of the meeting regarding his research paper, which was supposed to be discussed in the meeting, following a request from the higher examination committee (HEC) of Bangla department. The HEC made the request after Examination Office (EO) in a letter to the committee mentioned that an additional approval of HEC is required for the report to be approved as it was examined by an external professor, who was selected without any approval of HEC.

Though the examination office, earlier, allowed the research paper to be included in the agenda of academic council meeting without any objections, it suddenly found the research paper was not prepared in proper procedure.

"It was dropped due to mean political interest of some teachers and intra-departmental conflict," said Mustafa.

"A meeting has been convened today to look into the issue," said assistant Prof Anirodhya Kahali, member of HEC.

"The research paper was not completed through proper procedure," said Prof Mirza Mofizuddin, director of examination office.

Asst Prof Mustafa has been conducting research for nine and half years on the subject titled "Literature of Akhtaruzzaman Ilias: Life and Society" and submitted the completed report two months ago which immediately received the approval of vice chancellor. He also appeared in viva-voce examination two-month ago without any complication.

Convocation of Trinity University Professional MBA

The fourth convocation ceremony of Trinity University Professional MBA was held under the auspices of Asian Centre for Management and Information Technology at the Spectra Convention Centre in the city recently, says a press release.

USAID Mission Director Gene V George was present as the chief guest. Prof Arthur Randall Gocke, vice-president of Trinity University, Dr Amiya Bhaumik, international director, Judith Marion Parks, head of International Admissions, London School of Commerce, and A Gafur, executive director of American Chamber of Commerce, were also present.

A total of 50 students received awards from the Faculty of Business Administration.

