

VIOLENCE DISRUPTS CITY LIFE



1. Resident students of Dhaka University leave the campus yesterday after the authorities asked them to vacate the halls.

2. Dhaka University Teachers' Association takes out a procession on the campus.

3. Agitating students put up a barricade on North South Road in the city.

4. A man takes away a CI sheet after breaking into a shop during the violence at English Road in the city.

5. Agitating students hurl pieces of brick at the Sqaure Centre at Mohakali in the city.

6. Agitating students set fire to a jeep near the Jagannath University in the city.

7. School students run for cover during a clash between the police and students in New Market area.

PHOTO: STAR

40 hurt as students, transport workers clash in Gazipur

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

At least 40 people were injured and several vehicles were damaged as students and transport workers were locked into a fierce clash over the throwing out of a female student from a vehicle in front of Pubail Adarsha College in the district.

Witnesses said Susmita Das, a second year student, was thrown out of the vehicle in front of the college at around 8:00am leaving her seriously injured.

She was admitted to Tongi Government Hospital and later shifted to Apollo Hospitals in Dhaka.

The angry students set one bus and two motorbikes on fire and damaged several vehicles.

Traffic on Tongi-Kaliganj Road remained snarled for six hours.

The students also staged demonstration on Tongi-Kaliganj Road at

around 10:00am and beat up the workers.

Joydebpur and Tongi police rushed to the spot and brought back the agitating students to the college campus.

At that time, some 40 to 50 transport leaders and workers riding on bus and motorbikes attacked the students and vandalised the class and office rooms, leaving at least 25 students injured.

In retaliation, the students torched a bus and two motorcycles of the workers who were also injured in the attack.

They were sent to Gazipur Sadar Hospital and Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.

Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Joydebpur Police Station, said they arrested Qayum Master, 35, an official of Arabian Transport in this connection.

Warid donates 500 laptops to EC

Warid Telecom donated 500 laptop computers with scanners and printers to the Voter List and National ID Card Project undertaken by the Election Commission yesterday, says a press release.

The Voter List project will officially start from August 23 in Khulna.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda yesterday appreciated the donation in a view exchange meeting with the civil society and teams related to the project at Zia Hall in Khulna.

General Manager (Marketing & Sales) of Warid Telecom Naved Saeed said, "We believe this kind of basic registration will help the country towards a transparent future."

Commander of 88 Infantry Brigade Brig Gen Nazmul Hossain NDC also lauded Warid Telecom for extending support to the voter list project.

Presided over by District Commissioner of Khulna SM Firoz Alam, the meeting was also attended by Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman, Divisional Commissioner Yunusur Rahman and Col GS Nazmul Islam of DGFI.

Later, the CEC and Brig Gen Nazmul along with high officials of Warid Telecom visited Khulna Model School to see installation and demonstration of laptop computers at the registration booths.

through UNDP, the Chars Livelihoods Programme, and the ICDDR,B.

DFID Country Representative Chris Austin said the monsoon is not yet over here though water has receded in many places leading to a spread of waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea.

The government and non-government organisations such as ICDDR,B are doing a fantastic job to deal with the situation, he added.

The UK is glad to be helping, Austin said, adding, "But we are well aware of the possibility of further rain and resurgence in the flooding, and we stand ready to provide even further support if needed."

Every year, the UK contributes \$240 million (Tk 1646 crore) through DFID in support of Bangladesh's development efforts, making it the largest bilateral partner.

Up to 30 percent of these patients could die if they did not receive life-saving and immediate support that ICDDR,B provides.

Responding to recent floods in Bangladesh, the UK has now given \$4.2 million (Tk 28.8 crore) as immediate aid for providing food, water, shelter and lifesaving medicines to almost 1 million people in the worst-affected districts.

The assistance has been provided

'CARTOON AGAINST CORRUPTION' LAUNCHED Cartoon an effective tool to raise awareness about corruption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned cartoonists yesterday said the content of cartoons, which are published in daily newspapers, should be authentic so that the people are not misled.

Cartoon can be used as an effective tool to raise awareness about corruption, they said at a publication ceremony of a book titled 'Cartoon Against Corruption' at the National Press Club.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) published the book.

"The content of cartoons, drawn especially for newspapers, should be authentic. Cartoonists should be more conscious of the theme of their cartoons. People might be misled if the cartoon is not based on fact," said cartoonist Shishir Bhattacharya.

"Cartoon is not only a picture.

There are a lot of messages in the cartoon," he said.

He also said that popular cartoons should be published in different newspapers through news agency.

Artist Rafiqun Nabi said any restrictions on the publication of cartoons should be withdrawn as cartoon does not directly cause harm to anybody, but it can point out irregularities in society.

Sharier Khan, cartoonist and city editor of The Daily Star, said reporters sometimes cannot publish their reports on corruption due to lack of proper documents, but a cartoonist can disseminate the same message through cartoons against corruption.

Cartoon has now become a popular medium and it can play a vital role in the fight against corruption as even illiterate people can get the message from a cartoon, he said.

Fresh schedule will be announced later.



PHOTO: STAR
Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) launched a book titled 'Cartoon Against Corruption' at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. From left are Sharier Khan, Shishir Bhattacharya, Rafiqun Nabi, Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam, Ahsan Habib, Dr Iftekharuzzaman and Asif Huda.

More donation, relief for flood victims

STAR REPORT

Different government and non-government bodies, political parties and social organisations continue to distribute relief materials among the flood victims yesterday.

Besides, foreign countries have provided succour for the flood-affected people.

GERMANY

Germany donates further Tk 1.3 crore for the flood victims. The German Foreign Office allocated further Euro 91,600 (Tk 84 lakh) to Care International on Monday. Care will support 8,300 worst-hit families with non-food items like medicines and building materials in Kurigram, Gaibandha and Sirajganj.

The German Embassy agreed to donate additional Euro 50,000 (Tk 46 lakh) to the Aerzte fuer die Dritte Welt Organisation. They will distribute foods, clothes and medicines among the flood-affected people in Sirajganj and Dhaka.

KUWAIT

The government of the State of Kuwait sanctioned \$1 million on a priority basis for the flood victims.

The amount has been provided to Kuwait Red Crescent Society for carrying out emergency relief and rehabilitation work in the worst affected areas of the country.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Cultural Centre, Hong Kong, (BCC, HK), a cultural organisation of Bangladesh Community in Hong Kong, volunteered to collect \$5,000 and donated the sum to Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund.

Bangladesh Scouts in assistance with UNDP started preparing oral saline at its headquarters in Kakrail in the city. They will prepare 10 lakh packets of oral saline at five centres.

Besides, Rover Scouts will also distribute fast growing vegetable seeds among the distressed farmers.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad started distributing relief materials among the flood-affected people in different districts.

Maulana Bhashani Medical College and Hospital organises free medical camps for rendering services to the flood victims in Dhaka and its adjoining areas. As many as 179 flood victims received treatment and medicines at the camps free of cost.

A 25-member medical team of Institute of Child and Mother Health has started providing free healthcare services among the flood victims at Amulia village at Demra from August 18.

The team provided 650 children and 400 mothers with treatment and medicines.

Dhaka Community Hospital also started providing free healthcare services among the flood-affected people of Jamalpur, Tangail, Sirajganj, Bogra, Gaibandha and Kurigram.

Kaliganj Upazila Scouts Unit

distributed 2 kg rice, 1 kg potato and 200 grams lentil among 101 flood-stricken families yesterday in front of Naldanga Bhusan Pilot Secondary School in Kaligonj.

Demra-Shyampur-Pani Bidyut Aday Sangram Committee distributed 1000 handmade breads among the flood-hit people of Shahid Nagar on Tuesday.

Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank has also donated to the Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund recently.

Certificate award ceremony of BAF Junior Command, Staff Course held

The certificate award ceremony of No 75 Junior Command and Staff Course of Bangladesh Air Force was held at the BAF Command and Staff Training Institute (CSTI) at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman attended the ceremony as the chief guest and distributed certificates among the graduating officers. Squadron Leader Deepankar Nautiyal of Indian Air Force was awarded the 'Chief of Air Staff's Trophy' for his best performance in the course.

Ten officers from Bangladesh Air Force, four officers from Royal Saudi Air Force, one each from Bangladesh Navy, Indian Air Force and Sri Lanka Air Force attended the course.

Addressing the student-officers on the occasion, Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman said, "You have acquired substantial knowledge on command, leadership and management and this knowledge will be rewarding to your organisation once you will apply in your future appointment." He further said that there is no substitute for effective training.

Referring to the overseas student-officers' participation in the course, he said that such participation definitely enriched the standard of training by adding a wide variety of experience and knowledge.

Earlier in the welcome address, the Officer Commanding of the Institute Group Captain AB Siddique gave a brief resume on the different courses conducted by CSTI.

Principal Staff Officers of Air Headquarters, senior BAF officers and diplomats of participating countries were present on the occasion.