

# Try war criminals, ban Jamaat-Shibir politics

## Demands Nirmul Committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, a forum for secular Bangladeshis and Trial of War Criminals of 1971, yesterday brought out a protest procession on the Dhaka University (DU) campus demanding the trial of war criminals.

Freedom fighters, students, cultural activists, civil society representatives and general people took part in the programme that also demanded punishment to Jamaat-Shibir cadres who assaulted freedom fighter Sheikh Muhammad Aman Ali at the Diploma Engineers' Institute in the city on July 11.

Starting from the Central Shaheed Minar, the procession paraded around Doyel Chatter, TSC and then returned to the Shaheed Minar.

Around 2000 people, who took part in the procession, chanted various slogans against the war criminals, Jamaat leaders and commanders of Al-

Badr, Al-Shams and Razakaars.

People standing on the roadside also expressed their solidarity with the processionists.

Earlier at a rally on the Shaheed Minar, Prof Muntasir Mamun read out a declaration on behalf of the Nirmul Committee.

The declaration demanded immediate trial of war criminals constituting a special tribunal, and ban on the so-called freedom fighters' organisation 'Jatiya Muktiyoddha Parishad' and the politics of Jamaat for its anti-liberation war role.

The Nirmul Committee also called for raising the honourarium of the freedom fighters to Tk 10000 instead of Tk 900 and their free treatment and their family members in all hospitals.

It also urged the political parties to boycott Jamaat and not to forge any alliance with it.

President of the advisory council of

the Committee Prof Kabir Chowdhury presided over the rally which was also addressed by Prof Anwar Hossain, Sector Commanders Maj Gen (ret) KM Shafiqullah, Lt Col (ret) Abu Osman Chowdhury and journalist Shahriar Kabir.

Kabir Chowdhury said the government must start the trial of the war criminals by constituting special tribunal, otherwise, the government would have to face publicity.

Gen Shafiqullah said though the chief adviser, army chief, chief election commissioner had told of the trial of the war criminals but there were no such steps.

Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Projanma Ekattor, Bangladesh Chhatra League, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, JSD-Chhatra League, Greater Mirpur Muktiyoddha Oikya Forum, Uttoradhihar Ekattor and other social and cultural organisations took part in the rally and the procession.

## Killing of 2 BDR men by BSF condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations yesterday protested the killing of two members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) by the Border Security Forces (BSF) of India on Thursday night.

A human rights research organisation Neeti Gobeshona Kendro (NGK) said the killing of Bangladeshis by the BSF men is becoming a routine affair.

Giving a statistics, the NGK said only in last six months at least 32 Bangladeshis were killed by the BSF.

The human rights organisation urged the government to protest the incident firmly and raise the matter in different forums like the Saarc and the UN.

Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh (RWPB) said the killing at a time when the secretary-level meeting between India and Bangladesh was going on is an indication of Indian hegemony over this country.

In a joint statement, RWPB President Khandaker Ali Abbas and General Secretary Saiful Haque urged India to prove that they are a friendly neighbour.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President Mainuddin Khan Badal, and General Secretary Syed Zafar Sazzad in a statement protested the killing of two BDR soldiers by the BSF men without any provocation.

They hoped that the Indian government would resolve the issue very soon so that bilateral relations and the Saarc spirit are not disturbed.

Islamic Constitution Movement (ICM) led by the Pir of Charnomal said India is showing its aggressive attitudes by killing Bangladeshis time and again.

In a joint statement ICM Amir Syed Muhammad Rezaul Karim and Secretary General Maulana Yunus Ahmad urged the government to take effective steps to stop such killings.

National People's Party a meeting at its office in the city also protested the killing of two BDR soldiers by BSF men, and urged the government to strengthen the border.



Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee stages a demonstration in front of the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding trial of the war criminals.

## Education

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others were grossly violated in the last ten years of political governments' rule, especially during the tenure of the BNP-Jamaat government. Many BNP and Jamaat legislators and politicians set up huge number of non-government institutions unnecessarily and named those after themselves, family members or senior politicians.

Most of the educational institutions were set up during this era on the basis of personal choice or political gain rather than necessity and were entitled to MPO.

These leaders and policymakers did not take any steps to establish around 3,000 institutions required especially in Dhaka and Sylhet divisions, according to a study of Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (Banbeis).

As many as 3,063 institutions -- 897 high schools, 57 colleges, 706 madrasas, 831 vocational institutions and 572 business management institutions -- are badly needed in the remote areas in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet.

But the Ministry of Education and the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE), popularly known as Shiksha Bhaban, approved excess 5,125 institutions including 3,035 non-government high schools, 671 colleges and 1,419 madrasas elsewhere and entitled those to MPO under political pressure.

The Banbeis study on 'Location of Educational Institutions as per Electoral Constituency' shows that most of these institutions are situated in Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions.

DSHE Director General Prof KM Aurangzeb said an expert committee of renowned educationists should be formed to identify the areas requiring new educational institutions.

"Shiksha Bhaban spends Tk 3,043 crore annually on MPO. Yes, some additional institutions were entitled to MPO violating the rules. But Shiksha Bhaban brought those institutions under MPO as per the direction of the education ministry," Prof Aurangzeb told The Daily Star.

At least nine teachers and two employees are working at each MPO-enlisted institution and the government has to spend Tk 90,000 to Tk 1.3 lakh every month for each of these institutions, sources at DSHE say.

Dinajpur tops the list of districts having additional non-government educational institutions with highest 427. Jessore has second highest 372 and Rajshahi has 344 institutions.

On the other hand, 211 non-government institutions including 102 schools are required in Habiganj, but no initiatives have been taken to set up any, Banbeis sources say.

Besides, according to rules, 57 institutions including 31 schools should be entitled to MPO but only 36 got it. Academicians say the government's target to take education to every door won't be successful without removing the discrimination in setting up schools, colleges and madrasas and allowing MPO.

"Many people are still deprived of education as there is no educational institutions near them. On the other hand, huge public fund is being wasted as many schools, colleges and madrasas were enlisted in senior politicians' areas in spite of having sufficient institutions within eight kilometres," said a top official of the ministry.

In Rajshahi division, nearly 9,000 institutions were enlisted which is about one-third of the country's MPO-enlisted institutions.

Ministry sources say many senior leaders of BNP and Jamaat set up institutions in their respective areas although there were enough institutions. For this reason, additional 1,689 schools, 457 colleges and 692 madrasas were enlisted only in Rajshahi division violating MPO rules.

On the other hand, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and some other areas need 897 schools, 57 colleges and 706 madrasas where students are being deprived of education.

## BCL factions clash at JNU: 15 injured

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least 15 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of Awami League, and a policeman were injured in a factional clash on Jagannath University (JNU) campus yesterday.

The police also picked up three BCL activists -- Anwar Rahman, Sumon and Jasim Uddin -- for their involvement in the clash.

Of the injured, Shrabon, a fourth year student of political science, was admitted to nearby Sumona Clinic.

The injured policeman was identified as Akbar Ali.

Campus sources said the clash occurred over Thursday's incident of altercation between the supporters of JNU BCL President Kamrul Hasan Ripon and General Secretary Gazi Abu Sayeed.

Equipped with wooden sticks and bricks, both the groups attacked each other in front of the arts building at noon yesterday.

They also chased each other for about an hour in two phases.

Later, the police baton-charged the activists to bring the situation under control.

Sources said BCL activists are now virtually divided in two groups -- Kamrul group and Sayeed group. They have been carrying out organisational activities on the campus

separately.

Talking to The Daily Star, BCL President Mahmud Hasan Ripon said they would investigate the incident and take action against the persons responsible.

## ORDN ON PVT PLOT, FLAT Call to form citizens' body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) yesterday urged the government to form citizens' committee to ensure proper implementation of the Management Ordinance for Sale and Purchase of Private Plot and Flat.

Bapa also called for including representatives from different professional bodies, consumers and entrepreneurs in the proposed committee.

The Bapa call came at a discussion meeting held at its Lalmita office in the city, says a press release.

Presided over by Syed ANM Wahed, the meeting was addressed by Iqbal Habib, Mohiuddin Haq Khan, JK Boral, Sharif Jamal, Dr Mahbubur Rahman, Dr Nuruddin and Dr Mahbub Hossain.



Awami League Acting President Zillur Rahman addresses a group of hunger strikers at Dhanmondi office of the party in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)



## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over all the six divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy rainfalls are also likely at places, Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 32.6 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Srimongal and lowest 23.8 degrees Celsius at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:47pm today and rises at 5:23am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.4	26.7	85	79
Chittagong	29.7	25.2	97	85
Rajshahi	32.4	26.5	89	83
Khulna	28.8	25.4	100	92
Barisal	29.3	25.6	97	91
Sylhet	31.7	25.7	92	95
Cox's Bazar	31.0	23.8	79	96

## Female police informant burnt to death by 'rapist'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young girl, who died on Friday morning due to severe burn injuries, was identified as an informant of police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

Swapna Begum, 22, who hailed from Jessore, had been residing alone at a separate room of the house of one Uzzal at Kathaldia in Tongi.

Abdus Salam, officer-in-charge of Tongi Police Station, told The Daily Star, "Uzzal's neighbour taxicab driver Monir Hossain raped her early Friday. When she threatened to disclose it, he set fire to her body by pouring kerosene."

"Then she ran out of her room and shouted saying that she was raped and set fire to her body by the rapist", the OCS said.

Uzzal rushed Swapna to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at about 9:30am where she died at about 10:30am.

## 'Implement nat'l women dev policy'

RU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Ayesha Khanam yesterday urged the government to implement the National Women Development Policy-2008 for establishing rights of women.

She was addressing a discussion titled, 'Women's Movement in Bangladesh: Perspective National Women Development Policy-2008' at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium in Rajshahi.

Rajshahi University (RU) unit of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organised the discussion with BMP president Shahana Hossain in the chair.

War criminals and fundamentalists have made the proposed policy an issue and created violence across the country to resist its implementation, she said. She criticised the caretaker government for not taking stern action against them for violating the state of emergency. Stressing on the need for a consensus on women's issues, she said women's advancement is not possible if the mainstream progressive forces do not get united.

Prof Hassan Azizul Haque criticised the government for taking side of war criminals.

Prof Sanad Kumar Saha urged the progressive forces to be united for implementation of the women's policy.

Former vice chancellor Prof Abdul Khaleque, Advocate Golam Arif Tipu, language veteran Abdul Hossain, Mosharraf Hossain, BMP general secretary Dr Mahbub Khan Keya and joint secretary Advocate Masuda Rahman also spoke at the discussion.



Winners of the 'Mutual Trust Bank-The Daily Star Debate Contest 2008' pose for photograph with the guests at its prize giving ceremony at the Theatre Institute auditorium in Chittagong yesterday.

## MTB-DAILY STAR DEBATE CONTEST

# CU, Ispahani school, Ctg high school clinch titles

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Ispahani Public School and College, Chittagong Govt High School and Chittagong University (CU) yesterday emerged as champions in the 'Mutual Trust Bank-The Daily Star Debate Contest 2008'.

Ispahani school clinched the title in the category of 1st child debate, Chittagong high school in 16th inter-school debate and the CU in 5th university debate.

Drishy Chittagong, an educational and cultural organisation, arranged the contest in association with Chittagong Development Authority (CDA).

The final rounds of the contest and prize giving ceremony were held at Theatre Institute auditorium in the port city yesterday, with noted economist Prof Dr Mainul Islam Chowdhury as the chief guest.

First Vice-President of BGMEA MA Salam, Mutual Trust Bank Executive Vice-President Md Nurul Islam, Editor of the Star Campus, a weekly supplement of The Daily Star, Shahnoor Wahid, Assistant Professor Asrar Chowdhury of Jahangirnagar University, Mutual Trust Bank Assistant Vice-President Ahsan Ullah Khan and Sunshine Grammar School Principal Safia Gazi Rahman were present as the special guests.

Speaking at the prize giving ceremony, they stressed the need for science and technology-based education for everyone in order to ensure proper development of the country.

The huge population of the country can be turned into human resources through ensuring such education, which helps develop a scientific habit of mind, they added.

Drishy President Masud Bakul presided over the ceremony moderated by its General Secretary Saif Chowdhury.

Agarabadi Girls School became the runner-up of the 1st child debate. And the motion of the final debate was 'Merit cannot be judged properly through existing examination system'.

Eleven schools took part in the child debate. Taohida Jahan Usra, a student of class six of Ispahani school, was adjudged the best debater.

Chittagong Collegiate School became the runner-up in the inter-school debate held in parliamentary style. The motion of the final debate was 'Economic shortcoming is the main reason for our lagging behind'.

Mottakin Chowdhury of Chittagong High School was selected as the best debater.

Premier University got defeated in the final round of the university

debate. The motion of the debate was 'It is possible to send poverty to the museum'.

Jewel Chowdhury of Chittagong University was adjudged the best debater.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mainul Islam urged the students to prepare themselves as future leaders by acquiring vast knowledge so that they could lead the country in the right direction.

Such debate contests are a platform for developing merit, he added.

Md Nurul Islam of Mutual Trust Bank said students could develop their personality and other skills by taking part in extra-curricular activities such as debate, which would help them achieve success in their lives.

He also said that his bank would continue to patronise such debate programmes as part of its corporate social responsibility.

Poet Jinnah Chowdhury, former debater Dr Masud Rana, lecturer of University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC) Irfan Jaman Nur, Assistant Headmistress of Kapashgola High School, Mobasshira Begum, and Israt Jahan of St Placid's High School were the judges of the debate.

Radio Forti was the media partner of the event.

## Protest against attack on freedom fighter continues

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) unit of Pro-JSD Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and 'Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan', a platform of children of freedom fighters, yesterday staged a demonstration on the campus protesting the attack on freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali Aman by the Shibir cadres.

The BCL leaders and activists brought out a procession that marched different streets on the campus and held a rally at the foot of Aparajeyo Bangla.

Speakers at the rally demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the Shibir cadres responsible for assault on Aman. They also urged the caretaker government to take measures to try the war criminals.

Meanwhile children of the freedom fighters also brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus demanding exemplary punishment to the Shibir cadres responsible for the attack and trial of the war criminals and Razakars (collaborators of the Pakistani army during the War of Liberation in 1971).

Aman was assaulted by a group of Shibir cadres at a programme of Jatiya Muktiyoddha Parishad in the city on July 11.



Newly appointed World Bank Vice President for South Asia Region Isabel Guerrero makes a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at the CA's 'Jamuna' official residence at Hare Road in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 16)



## MANAGING DIRECTOR, MARIE STOPES

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