

RU teachers, student bodies condemn Shibir attack on VC

Punishment demanded: Probe body to be formed

RU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers and different student organisations of Rajshahi University yesterday condemned the assault on RU acting Vice Chancellor Prof Mamunul Keramat by activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir on the campus on Friday.

They demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the persons responsible for the heinous attack on the acting VC when he went to persuade Shibir activists to withdraw a road barricade on the campus.

The acting VC yesterday said the university authorities would form a probe committee and take action against the persons responsible for Friday's incident.

Protesting the incident, Rajshahi University Teachers Association (Ruta) President Prof Zillur Rahman said, "The incident is very shameful."

"It is a rare incident that students assaulted their teacher as he (VC) requested them not to stage

demonstration.

"I strongly protest the attack on RU acting VC by some unruly students," he told The Daily Star.

Prof Zillur also demanded a neutral investigation into the incident and exemplary punishment of the culprits.

"If attackers are not punished then there will be more such incident on the campus," he said.

Rajshahi University Student Advisor Prof Faridul Islam Pintu said, "The incident is very regrettable and we (teachers community) express our deep concern."

"We cannot believe that students physically assaulted the VC. It is very shameful for us," he said.

Prof Faridul Islam demanded investigation and punishment of the unruly students who assaulted the acting VC.

Former RU Syndicate member Prof Fayekuzzaman termed the incident 'inhuman'.

The incident is not acceptable in an institution like Rajshahi University. "It is an attack on teachers community," he said.

"We will face the same situation if the culprits are not punished," he said.

Noted dramatist Prof Moly Kumar Bhoomik also termed the assault an attack on the teachers community.

He blamed the former BNP-Jamaat administration and said they are responsible for the incident as they always patronised Shibir cadres on the campus.

The present caretaker government also patronises Jamaat-Shibir, he alleged. "The incident proves that there is no security for teachers and students on the campus," he said.

He said the university proctor and the assistant proctor failed to control the situation and arrange a settlement between Shibir and local businessmen on Thursday.

He also demanded a neutral investigation and punishment of the persons responsible.

RU Proctor Prof Enamul Haque, who was also assaulted by Shibir cadres on Friday, said, "I can only seek such steps by the univer-

sity administration and the government so that such incidents do not take place any more."

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) and pro JSD Chhatra League (JCL) units at RU in separate statements also strongly protested Friday's incident and demanded punishment of the culprits.

They also urged general students to resist unruly activities by Shibir activists on all educational institutions.

On Friday, Shibir cadres assaulted Prof Keramat and some other teachers as they tried to persuade Shibir activists to lift the road barricades on Dhaka-Rajshahi highway across RU campus.

Several hundred stick-wielding Shibir men, led by its RU unit president Delwar Hossain Saidee and secretary Abdullah al-Nomani, chased the teachers, threw stones at them and hurled abuses at the proctor alleging that the university administration failed to ensure their security on the campus.

ACC sues KCC chief engineer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) office here has filed a case with Sadar Police Station accusing Khulna City Corporation (KCC) suspended chief engineer Liakat Ali Sharif and Municipal Services Project procurement officer SM Hafizur Rahman for allegedly misappropriating Tk 44 lakh 56,000 through forgery.

ACC assistant director Md Aminur Rahman filed the case on Thursday under Section 5(2) of Anti Corruption Act.

The government allocated the money for implementation of Municipal Services Project. The money was deposited with Krishi Bank. Later, the accused withdrew the money through forgery. The money was allegedly misappropriated through 38 cheques by misusing official power within a period from July 26, 2003 till November 19, 2006.

'Set up CNG station in Pabna'

Chamber leaders demand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Pabna Chamber of Commerce and Industries leaders, at a press conference held at the Press Club auditorium here Friday night, demanded of the Western Gas Company authorities to give permission for establishing CNG stations in the district town.

The Chamber leaders lamented saying although there is gas supply in Pabna but no CNG station was established here due to negligence of the gas company.

They said earlier four companies got permission to set up CNG stations here, but the gas company cancelled their permissions due to unknown reasons.

They demanded of the authorities concerned to reconsider their decision.

At present there is a CNG station at Pakshey in Ishwardi upazila, 30 kilometre off of the district town, they said adding, the lone CNG station cannot cope with the demand of the entire district.

Pabna Chamber of Commerce acting president Mahbubul Alam Mukul addressed the conference.



A colourful rally in Rangamati town marking International Day of the World's Indigenous People yesterday.

INT'L INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY OBSERVED IN DIST'S 'Ensure indigenous people's social, constitutional rights'

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Speakers at discussions on International Day of the World's Indigenous People yesterday demanded constitutional recognition of the indigenous people and ensuring their rights as citizens of the country.

Adibasi Students Association of Rajshahi University (ASARU) yesterday brought out a colourful procession on the campus on the occasion of World Indigenous Peoples Day observed with the theme 'Indigenous People's Economic and Social Rights', reports our RU correspondent.

At a meeting on the central library premises, Adibasi students urged the government to give constitutional recognition to the indigenous people.

They demanded formation of a separate land commission and a separate ministry for indigenous peoples to deal with their problems.

Prof Dulal Chandra Biswas was present at the meeting as the main speaker.

ASARU met RU acting vice chancellor Prof Manunul Keramat at his office and submitted a memorandum with 12-point demand including more quota for indigenous students at RU.

ASARU leaders called upon the government to enact laws to protect

rights of the indigenous people and their traditional culture and language.

At a discussion and cultural programme at Rajshahi Shishu Academy auditorium, indigenous leaders demanded ensuring democratic, social, economic and cultural rights for indigenous people and ethnic minorities.

Our Tangail Correspondent reports: Indigenous people at a discussion at Bhasani Hall in Tangail town yesterday reiterated the demand for ensuring their land rights and protecting their culture.

Earlier about one thousand indigenous people including Garo (Mandi) and Koach people of Modhupur, Sakhipur and Ghatail upazilas brought out a colourful procession in the town.

Indigenous leaders at a discussion at Mymensingh town yesterday said the government should take proper steps to protect the rights of the indigenous people.

Tribal Welfare Association, Karitas and Bangladesh Garo Chhatra Sangathan jointly organized the programme.

Our Khagrachhari correspondent reports: Speakers in a discussion yesterday demanded constitutional recognition to the indigenous people of the country.

Facing discrimination both from outsiders and by administra-

tion, indigenous people are losing lands, orchard and properties, they said at a discussion organized by 'Adhivashi Dibas Udjapon Committee' at Tribal Cultural Institute to mark the International Indigenous Peoples Day.

Nomita Chakma, chairperson of NGO Pajuriko presided over the discussion while Khagrachhari Hill District Council Chairman Monindra Lal Tripura was present as chief guest.

Speakers suggested establishment of tribal cultural institutes, appointment of indigenous language-speaking teachers in primary schools to ensure schooling based on mother tongue, introducing teachers training on indigenous languages in Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban.

They urged ensuring indigenous women's equal rights to property.

In Rangamati, different local non-government organisations (NGOs) yesterday arranged different programmes to observe the International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

Indigenous people from far flung areas gathered on the premises of Hill District Council in the morning and held a meeting where speakers urged the government to ensure constitutional recognition to the indigenous people.

Marmas allege discrimination

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Bangladesh Marma Oikya Parishad, a body of indigenous Marma community, yesterday alleged that they are facing discrimination due to a particular ethnic community.

They expressed the view at a discussion meeting held at the Oikya Parishad office at Golabari in Khagrachhari Sadar upazila.

Speakers there claimed that students of Chakma community got most of the scholarships given by a foreign donor agency in June this year. No Marma student got any chance, they alleged.

They also pointed that none of the chairmen of three hill district councils, Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council and Refugee Affairs Taskforce are from Marma community.

They put forward a six-point demand including quota for Marma people in government jobs,

Land issue main problem in hills

CHT commission says in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

The Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission (CHTC), now on a five-day visit to the hill districts, held discussions with leaders of indigenous and Bangalee communities in Rangamati on their problems yesterday and the night before.

The 11-member commission led by its Co-Chairman Lord Eric Avebury arrived Rangamati from Khagrachhari Friday evening and soon after started meetings with community leaders. It also held talks with army and civil administration officials.

The team, divided into two groups, met with leaders of indigenous and Bangalee communities separately in Rangamati town Friday evening. Yesterday Lord Eric Avebury met with Brigade

Commander Brigadier General Abu Sohail and Deputy Commissioner Md. Nurul Amin separately.

At the meetings, indigenous leaders alleged that their communities were being subjected to human rights violation and they are still being evicted from their lands in hills to settle Bangla speaking people from plainlands.

The indigenous leaders demanded immediate functioning of the Land Commission (LC) to resolve all land disputes, saying land issue is the main problem in CHT.

Leaders of Somo Odhikar Andolan (SOA), a platform of Bangalee communities, at meetings with the commission, alleged that indigenous communities get better opportunities and facilities in development programmes funded by foreign donors. They

demanded equal treatment.

SOA leaders said Bangalee community should be equally represented in the three hill district councils (HDCs) and in CHT Regional Council.

Replying to journalists' questions, Lord Eric Avebury said there should be better relations between indigenous and Bangalee communities and better co-ordination among army, civil administration and all NGOs and UN organisations for greater interests of all living in the hills.

"There are so many problems including the land issue in the region and their solution will take a long time. We are just collecting opinions from all sections of people and we will make recommendations to the government," Avebury added.



Locked Sultan Memorial Museum at Masimpur village in Narail. The photo was taken on Friday.

Sultan Museum still locked

A CORRESPONDENT, Narail

Four years after formal inauguration, Sultan Smriti Sangrahalaya (memorial museum) at the famous artist's birthplace Masimpur on the outskirts of Narail town is yet to be ready for display for public as the authorities have failed to employ sufficient manpower.

On August 10 in 2003, the then information minister M Tarikul Islam inaugurated the Sangrahalaya.

The museum for collection and display of SM Sultan's memorabilia was established at Sultan's birthplace Masimpur at a cost of Tk 1.62 crore, PWD office sources said.

In June 2003, 10 people were appointed to administer the centre but they later left the workplace due to non-payment of their salaries, district administration sources said.

On February 24 this year, the adviser of caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury said the centre would be open soon.

The art gallery contains 41 pieces of Sultan's paintings including 13 original and 28 digital print works. There is a 41 feet long masterpiece of Sultan's painting titled 'Evaluation of Civilisation'. Some of his dresses, books and musical instruments are also kept there, DC office sources said.

A number of viewers including of artists, litterateurs and intellectuals come to visit the place but they get disappointed to see the museum closed, said Sultan's adopted daughter Nihar Bala.

Sultan Ustab begins in Narail town

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A six-day Sultan Ustab started at Narail Victoria Government College ground yesterday marking 85th birth anniversary of famous artist SM Sultan.

The programmes include discussion on SM Sultan, cultural function, art competition and boat race.

Narail Deputy Commissioner Md Abdul Kayum inaugurated the celebration in the afternoon. On the occasion a discussion meeting was held.

He was born on August 10 in 1923 at Masimpur village on the bank of Chitra River in Narail town, SM Sultan struggled hard at various stages of life. His works were displayed in different capitals across the world. He got several national and international awards.



Fakhar Uddin Ali Ahmed, vice president of Chittagong Stock Exchange inaugurating garments showroom of Smartex at Uposhahar in Sylhet on Thursday.

মানিকগঞ্জ পৌরসভা কার্যালয়

মানিকগঞ্জ

স্মারক নং-মাপৌস/প্রকৌঃ-২০০৮/৩৫৯ তারিখঃ ২৯/০৭/২০০৮

দরপত্র সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি (৩য়)

মানিকগঞ্জ পৌরসভার আওতাধীনে ৪৮ প্যাকেজের জন্য স্মারক নং-মাপৌস/প্রকৌঃ-২০০৮/২৮২ তারিখ-০৫/০৬/২০০৮ইং (দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০২/০৭-০৮) মাধ্যমে যে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হইয়াছিল তাতে অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নিম্নবর্ণিত সংশোধনসমূহ করা হয়।

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