

Anti-liberation forces behind rise of Islamist militants

Sector Commanders Forum leaders say in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Sector Commanders Forum leaders said here yesterday war criminals and anti-liberation forces are directly involved in the recent rise of Islamist militants and fundamentalist forces in the country.

The killing of Bangabandhu on August 15, 1975 and four national leaders on November 3 and August 21 grenade attack on Awami League rally in 2005 are all linked. These were part of the same plan to keep the nation away from democracy and help rise of fundamentalist forces, they said.

The war heroes said they have already realised that the present caretaker government can not try war criminals. But it should start the process so that the next elected political government can hold the trial, they said.

Forum leaders formally talked to leaders most of the political parties, who gave assurance that they will not make any electoral alliance with war criminals in the next national election.

If any of the parties make electoral alliance with war criminals, the Forum will campaign against it,

they said.

The war heroes were addressing at a view-exchange meeting with local journalists in Tangail Press Club auditorium.

With Freedom Fighter Alamgir Khan Menu in the chair, Air Vice Marshal (Rtd) AK Khandaker Bir Uttam addressed the meeting as chief guest.

Among others, Maj Gen (Rtd) KM Shafiqul Bir Uttam, Maj Gen. Jamil D Ahsan, Col (Rtd) Abu Osman Chowdhury and Lt Gen (Rtd) Harunur Rashid Bir Protik and member secretary of Peshajibi Samonay Parishad Dr Kamrul Hassan Khan addressed the meeting.

The Forum leaders later held another view-exchange meeting with the elite including freedom fighters, intellectuals, teachers, professionals, women leaders and human right activists at Tangail Public Library auditorium in the town.

They said war criminals could not be tried in 37 years after independence as none of governments wanted it.

They appreciated the positive remarks of the Chief Adviser and the Chief Election Commissioner



Air Vice Marshal (retd) AK Khandaker, convener of Sector Commanders Forum, speaking at a view exchange meeting with journalists at Tangail Press Club yesterday.

as regards war criminals' trial following demand and campaign by the Forum. But mere lip service will do nothing.

This caretaker government has done some good things like separation of the judiciary from the administration, reforming the Election Commission and the Public Service Commission. It should start the process for trial of

war criminals as this is a demand of the time now, they said.

At both the meetings, they called upon people of all walks of life to collect information on war crimes and sent those to the Forum.

Earlier, the war heroes placed wreaths at the Freedom Fighters Monument at Tangail Municipal Park.

Rajshahi govt college campus off limits to females after 4pm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Government College authorities have prohibited entry of female students and women on the campus after college hours ends at 4:00pm.

The college authorities said the move was taken to check increasing anti-social activities and movement of drug runners on the campus while students and NGO activists said the authority imposed the ban without any logical ground.

The decision has been implemented following a meeting of the Academic Council, college Principal Dr Ali Reza Abdul Mazid said, adding, "There are reports of abuse of female students and outsider women on the campus by their so-called friends or fiancés. The situation worsens in the evening when drug peddlers and users also become active. So, we took the action."

Terming the college authority's decision as an anti-women move, students said the decision will be harmful for the students who are engaged in private tuition.

The authority could prevent unfair activities on the campus with the help of police and vigilance teams, they said.

Advocate Dil Sitar Begum, Rajshahi divisional chief of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association, said, they are investigating the matter for taking legal action as the decision goes against women's rights.

Ex-PSC member Prof Mahfuzur Rahman loses BAU job

Syndicate expels one student for life, another for a year for assaulting teacher

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Syndicate at a meeting yesterday dismissed Prof Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman from service for long absence from work and took action against two students for attacking a teacher.

The decisions were taken at a Syndicate meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain in the chair.

Prof. Rahman, a former member of Public Service Commission (PSC), is on the run following filing of a case by Anti Corruption Commission for his alleged corruption while a PSC member during BNP government, sources said.

The sources said he was earlier served with a notice to explain his long absence within seven days. The action was taken yesterday as he failed to explain, the sources said.

The two students who were punished are activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, Dipak Kumar Paul, an MS student of Agronomy Department of Agriculture Faculty was expelled for life from the university and Biman Chandra Roy, another MS student of Animal Science Department of Animal Husbandry

Faculty, was expelled for a year. The Syndicate also declared them unwanted on the BAU campus.

The students assaulted Assistant Professor Md. Wakilur Rahman of Rural Sociology Department and house tutor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall in the early hours of August 29.

Protesting the assault, BAU Teachers Council demanded punishment of those involved in the attack. The teachers had also brought out a silent procession on the campus wearing black badges and 37 house tutors of BAU submitted their resignation letters to hall provosts protesting the incident.

On contact, Prof. Dr. Monjurul Alam, Secretary of BAU Teachers' Council, told this correspondent that the actions against ten two students were taken as per recommendations of a three-member probe committee.

Despite repeated attempts, neither VC Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtar Hossain nor Register Nazibur Rahman could be contacted for details.

Following the probe body report, the authorities served show cause notices on Dipak Kumar Paul and Biman Chandra Roy on August 2 as their involvement in the incident was primarily proved.

Pirates abduct 4 fishermen in Sundarbans

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Privates yesterday abducted four fishermen from Jhikebaria and Khasitana areas in the Sundarbans and demanded a ransom of Tk two lakh for their release.

The victims are Shafiqul Islam, Mostafa Kamal, Nazmul Hasan, and Rabiul Islam of Harinagar village in Shyamnagar upazila.

Quoting victims' relatives, police said the pirates gave a seven-day deadline for payment of ransom.

University student's body recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Divers of Fire Brigade yesterday recovered the body of missing university student Al Fatah Md Shahi from the ditch of Madhabkunda waterfall in Baralekha upazila of Moulvibazar district.

Shahi, 24, a final year student of Department of Law of Stamford University, went missing after he fell into the ditch of Madhabkunda waterfall on Friday noon. Shahi had gone to visit Madhabkunda waterfall along with his five classmates.

Fire brigade divers from Dhaka went to Madhabkunda waterfall yesterday and recovered the body. The body has been handed over to his relatives.

Shahi was son of Abdul Motin, a resident of Goran in Dhaka city.

'Implement Rangpur University project'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Leaders of different professional groups and civil society members at a view exchange meeting at Rangpur Lawyers Association office yesterday demanded implementation of Rangpur University project immediately.

Rangpur University Implementation Council organised the meeting.

They said neither the project director nor the vice-chancellor has yet been appointed despite the Chief Adviser's announcement about setting up of the university in Rangpur.

The Chief Adviser had declared that classes of six subjects would be started in the university this year. A Cabinet meeting also decided to start classes at a rented building.

50 hurt in clash over high price of vegetable

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

At least 50 people were injured and 30 shops damaged in a clash over high price of red amaranth at Anandabazar in the district town yesterday.

Police arrested five persons from the spot.

According to eye witness and police sources, buyer Shah Alam was locked in an altercation with seller Babul Mia over high rate of red amaranth at a kitchen market in the town.

This drew their men who swooped on each other, some with lethal weapons. The clash spread to Anandabazar, Sarak Bazar, Newmarket and K Das Road areas involving more people on both sides. Intermittent clashes continued for about two hours.

On information, a police team headed by Assistant Police Superintendent (Sadar Circle) Nazmul Hasan rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Twelve of the injured were admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital.



Savagery for service

RAJAT KANTI GOSWAMI, Moulvibazar

Torture of a three-year-old elephant to tame and make it work in Moulvibazar forests has drawn attention of many people in the area.

Its mother has been kept confined so that she does not turn crazy to see her child's plight.

After being trained by experts for three months, the child

elephant named 'Fulmala' will work with other elephants in the forest, said its owner Shahabuddin Ahmed Lemon, chairman of Goalbari union parishad under Juri upazila in Moulvibazar district.

Over one hundred trained elephants are engaged in transporting trees and plants from forest and hilly areas to plain land in Moulvibazar district.

DEMAND FOR ARREAR DUES

Khulna jute workers resume agitation tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Workers of seven state-owned jute mills of Khulna-Jessore industrial belt will go on movement from tomorrow to realise their eight-point demand including payment of arrear dues.

This decision was taken in a meeting of state-owned Jute Mill Workers' Development Committee held on August 28 at Alim Jute Mill Workers Union office in Atraj Industrial Area in Khulna city.

Leaders of the Workers' Development Committee gave an ultimatum to BJMC to meet their demand by today (Sunday) to avoid a tough movement.

The eight-point demand includes payment of all dues, non-privatisation of state-owned jute mills, allocation of sufficient fund to purchase raw materials and regularisation of casual workers job.

The programmes for movement taken in the meeting include road and railway blockade for indefinite period that would be followed by self-immolation by workers if authorities do not meet the demands.

Sohrab Hossain, convener of State-owned Jute Mill Workers'

Development Committee, said workers would paralyse Khulna city by launching a non-stop movement in case of further delay by BJMC to meet their demand.

When contacted, BJMC zonal coordinator Abu Taher said he did not get any fund to pay all the dues of about 15,000 workers of seven state-owned jute mills.

Meanwhile, vice chancellor of Khulna University Dr Mohammad Saifuddin Shah at a seminar yesterday said the government, workers and trade unions have equal responsibility to save jute industry from ruin.

He was addressing as chief guest the inaugural session of the daylong seminar on 'Globalisation and economic reforms and its impact on industry and labour marked' at Purbanchal Dialogue Centre.

He stressed the need for protecting rights of workers. Senior Research Fellow of Centre for policy Dialogue (CPD) Dr. Khandaker Golam Moazzem presented the keynote paper in the seminar jointly organised by Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies and Bangladesh Enterprise Institute.

Withdraw cases against leaders

Khulna 4-party demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Four-party alliance leaders in Khulna have demanded withdrawal of a case filed against 15 of their colleagues with Khulna Sadar Police Station on August 17.

"We demand immediate withdrawal of the case for the sake of maintaining peace," Abul Kalam Azad, acting member-secretary of Khulna city unit of four-party alliance, and general secretary of Khulna city unit of Jamaat-e-Islami, said in a press conference held at Khulna Press Club yesterday.

They would submit memorandum to police commissioner today (Sunday) and hold protest rallies in the city and upazilas of the district demanding withdrawal of the case, he said.

Meanwhile, intra-party squabbles in Khulna BNP continues between two factions one led by

ex-lawmaker M Nurul Islam Dadu and ex-general secretary of city committee Nazrul Islam Manju and the other loyal to convicted former lawmaker Ali Asgar Lobi.

Pro-Lobi leaders led by Martuza have openly accused leaders of the other faction of attacking police during observance of human chain programme in the city on August 27 in demand of unconditional release of Begum Khaleda Zia and better treatment of Tarique Rahman by sending him abroad.

Nurul Islam Dadu denied allegation of attacking police by his workers and said Martuza as a 'reformist' is brokering for the government to damage the image of mainstream BNP.

Ten of the 15 leaders sued for violating emergency power rules belong to the BNP faction loyal to Nurul Islam Dadu while three others belong to Jamaat.

Ratify CEDAW charter

Rajshahi workshop told

RU Correspondent

Speakers at a discussion held in Rajshahi yesterday urged the government to fully ratify and implement the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Borandra Unnayan Forum of Rajshahi organised the discussion at Rajshahi Public Library auditorium to mark the CEDAW Day. Speakers said Bangladesh is a signatory to the charter but it is yet to be fully ratified and implemented. Bangladesh played a commendable role in framing the CEDAW Charter and committed to fully implement it, they said.

Immediate past government did not give legal effect to Section 2 and Part 1 (F) of Section 16 of the charter, they alleged. They demanded of the caretaker

government to fully ratify the charter for removing gender discrimination.

Among others, Borandra Unnayan Forum president Hasinul Islam, Social Welfare Department deputy director Khoda Bux, former deputy director Mozammel Haque, Rajshahi City Corporation councillor Bilkis Banu, Shariful Islam Babu, BLAST Rajshahi coordinator Advocate Abdus Samad, BUF secretary Faizullah Chowdhury, NGO representative SK Lalon and Sayed Salauddin addressed.

Civil society members including teachers, local government representatives, government officials, NGO representatives, different professional bodies and media professionals attended.

Earlier, a colorful procession was brought out in the city to mark the CEDAW Day. Processionists paraded different streets carrying colourful banners and posters.



Students of dental unit of Chittagong Medical College stage a sit-in in front of the administrative building yesterday to press home their demand for turning the unit into a full-fledged college.



Students of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College in Bogra leaving hostel as the authorities closed the institution yesterday following clashes between Islami Chhatra Shibir and Chhatra League.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয়।			
২।	প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও ঠিকানা	বাংলাদেশ পাট গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (বিজোয়ারআই), মানিক মিয়া এ্যাভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১২০৭।			
৩।	কাজের স্থান	ঢাকা।			
৪।	কাজের নাম	বিজোয়ারআই মহাপরিদপ্তরে AC Split Type সংগ্রহ।			
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৬।	তারিখ	২৮-০৮-২০০৮ইং।			
৭।	কাজের পদ্ধতি	উদ্ভুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি।			
৮।	প্রকল্প/বাজেটের উৎস	জিওবি।			
৯।	প্রকল্পের নাম	"পাট উৎপাদন এবং পাট জাতীয় দ্রব্যের বহুমুখী ব্যবহার ও সম্প্রসারণ প্রকল্প"।			
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১১।	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম	বিজোয়ারআই মহাপরিদপ্তরে AC Split Type সংগ্রহ।			
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১৩।	দরপত্র বাস্তবায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	১৮-০৯-২০০৮ইং বেলা ২.৩০ ঘটিকায়।			
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