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BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia along with party leaders place wreaths at the mazar of late president Ziaur Rahman in the city yesterday on the occasion of the 73rd birth anniversary of the late president. (Story on Page 16)

BCL FACTIONAL CLASHES Feelings of insecurity grip JU students

A JU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) are suffering from feelings of insecurity in the wake of clashes between two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on campus.

They fear that BCL leaders and activists might be locked in clashes again over the control of dormitories.

On Saturday, at least 20 students were injured in a string of clashes between two groups of BCL men. At least 25 rounds of bullet were also fired during the clashes.

Following the clashes, many students left different halls, including Bangabandhu and Bhasani Hall, but are yet to return to their dormitories, sources said.

Students who are still residing at these two halls are also facing food crisis as owners of the canteens and other shops in the halls have left the halls amid fears.

Meanwhile, the central executive committee of BCL has suspended all organisational

activities of JU BCL until February 18.

BCL men from both the groups involved in the violence have blamed each other for the clashes.

The sources also said tension still prevails on the campus and that fresh clashes might take place at anytime.

Leaders and activists of JU BCL have been divided into two groups -- one led by some old leaders and present leaders and the other led by some new activists who got involved with BCL after 1/11.

BCL sources said internal conflict in the organisation started brewing after top two leaders -- JU BCL president Shohel Pervez and general secretary Mahmud Naser Johnny -- returned to the campus in the wake of landslide victory of Awami League-led grand alliance in the ninth parliamentary election.

The two leaders had left the campus last year after BNP's student wing JCD took control of the campus.

8th anniversary of Paltan blast tragedy today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 8th anniversary of Paltan blast tragedy.

On this day in 2001, a powerful bomb was exploded at a rally of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) at Paltan Maidan in the city, leaving five people killed and 25 others injured.

The dead are CPB activists Himangshu Mandal, Abdul Mazid, Abul Hossain Hashem, Bipradas and Mokhtar Hossain Badal.

On the occasion, CPB President Manzurul Ahsan Khan and Mujahidul Islam Selim in a statement said the then Awami League government could not arrest the culprits and punish them that encouraged the miscreants to explode more bombs and killed many people.

Many of the injured have been disabled.

On the occasion, different political parties, including CPB, will place wreaths at the temporary memorial at Paltan Maidan in the city between 11:00am and 12:00 noon. CPB will organise a meeting at its central office at 4:00pm today. CPB has asked its front organisations to observe the day in a befitting manner.

DEATH IN SEA

HR Commission concerned

METRO DESK

National Human Rights Commission expresses grave concern at the news that hundreds of people believed to be Bangladeshi and Myanmar nationals are feared dead at sea, says a press release yesterday.

The Thai Navy is reported to have detained these jobseekers heading towards Thailand and Indonesia on the Thai coast. Later, Thai Navy deserted them in sea.

This is clearly a breach of human rights conventions -- the right to life, putting people's lives at risk by towing them out to the ocean.



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Shahriar Kabir speaks at a press conference at the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday. On his right is Prof Mahfuza Khanam and on his left are Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Justice Golam Rabbani and Ferdousi Priyabhashini.

Jamaat biggest enemy of Islam: Shahriar Kabir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami is the biggest enemy of Islam in the country who have tarnished its image by killing people and raping women in the name of religion, said Shahriar Kabir, acting president of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, Forum for Secular Bangladesh and Trial of War Criminals, yesterday.

He said this at a press conference at the Liberation War Museum in the city.

The press conference was organised to mark the 17th founding anniversary of the committee and declare new programmes for the trial of war criminals.

"Secularism does not mean it goes against religion," he said, adding, "People are now aware that Jamaat have cheated them in the past in the name of Islam."

The Nirmul Committee would form two citizens' commission to help the government try the war criminals.

Justice Golam Rabbani and National Professor Kabir Chowdhury will head the commissions, which would prepare reports on war crimes based on evidences and information about war crimes in 1971. The reports would be submitted to the prime minister on March 27.

The Committee urged the government to form special tribunal and try the war criminals under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act 1973 and bring back photographic and filmic evidences of war crimes

stored in archives of India and Pakistan.

Justice Golam Rabbani said the country needs to go back to the original constitution of 1972, ruling out the claim of BNP leader Moudud Ahmed that it is not possible.

The Committee thanked countrymen for not casting their votes for the war criminals.

Threat to kill landowner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A landowner yesterday alleged that despite a court order some grabbers are filling his land as police are reluctant to take action against them.

At a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity, Nazrul Islam said he has the power of attorney for 81 decimal of land at 287 Shahidnagar under Lalbagh Police Station.

"This land had been owned by my predecessors since 1938," he added.

Nazrul said he had filed a case with a court against the grabbers who tried to fill the land on January 5, and the court allowed him to stay on his land peacefully.

But despite the court order, the grabbers are trying to occupy the land by using a dredger and police are not taking any steps to stop them, he added.

Nazrul said the land grab-

bers are carrying out their activities under the shelter of the local commissioner.

He also alleged that the miscreants Moahmed Alauddin, 40, Mosharruf Hossain, 40, Hafez Mohammed Azim, 50, Nur Mohammed, 45, and Masud, 35, set fire to his house on December 21 of last year.

Nazrul said he filed another case with Kamrangirchar Police Station under penal code 436, but police changed the record of his case.

"As a result I did not get any help from the police and later I lodged a complaint with the assistant police commissioner."

"The land grabbers are now threatening to kill me, my caretaker and the witnesses of the fire incident," he claimed.

Victim's lawyer Advocate Asadullah, Awlad Hossain, Nazimuddin Alam Jhantu, Shahidullah Bhuyan and Abul Hossain Sardar also addressed the press conference.

Delwar doubts free, fair UZ polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday expressed his doubts about the holding of upcoming upazila polls in a free, fair and neutral manner.

He also criticised the decision of the Election Commission (EC) to deploy army in the upazila election scheduled to be held on January 22.

"We are in confusion about the holding of upazila polls in a free and fair environment as we notice symptoms of elec-

tion rigging," said Khandaker while talking to reporters at a press briefing at BNP chairperson's Gulshan office.

He demanded of the EC and the administration to take necessary steps to hold the local body elections in an atmosphere free from all apprehensions.

About deployment of army during upazila elections, Delwar said the chief election commissioner earlier announced that army would not be deployed during the upazila polls.

"Never in the past troops were

deployed during upazila polls," he added.

Delwar also alleged that many of their candidates in different upazilas were compelled to stop their electioneering after getting 'threats' from the activists of Awami League and its associate organisations.

He also alleged that many BNP candidates and their supporters are being tortured by their rivals.

Delwar urged the authorities concerned to stop such 'terror incidents' across the country and demanded exemplary punishment to guilty persons.

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