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JS body to probe DU unrest during emergency

Asks for all probe reports, documents; may summon intelligence officials

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary panel yesterday decided to probe the violence involving some army personnel and students on Dhaka University campus in August 2007.

The standing committee on the education ministry took the decision at a meeting presided by its Chairman Rashed Khan Menon.

It asked the home ministry for a dossier of intelligence reports on the DU unrest that broke out on August 20 and

went on for a couple of days during the state of emergency.

Condemning military actions against teachers and students at that time, the committee asked the home ministry to turn in a full report of the judicial enquiry by retired judge Habibur Rahman.

Briefing newsmen at the Jatiya Sangsads media centre, Menon, also Workers Party president, said they would interview the teachers and students who underwent military brutality.

"If necessary, intelligence officials

involved in the violence will be summoned before the committee," he said.

Incensed at beatings of three students, thousands of DU students fought pitched battles with police on August 20.

They staged fierce demonstrations for withdrawal of the on-campus army camp and an apology from the troops.

It all began when some army men beat up three students and humiliated a teacher over a trivial matter during a soccer match on the university gymnasium ground.

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Tipaimukh team returns home today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh parliamentary delegation led by Abdur Razzak returns here today after failing to visit Tipaimukh dam site in India in two consecutive attempts as the helicopter carrying them could not land due to heavy rain.

"Weather was a little bit sunny before yesterday [Friday]. We went closer to the site Saturday than on Friday, but rainfall occurred suddenly compelling us to return," Razzak told TV channels over phone.

He said they could not see

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Sacked dist judges to be reinstated

Law minister admits 'procedural errors' in sending them into retirement after demonstration at secretariat

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The government yesterday decided to reinstate two district judges, Md Abdul Gafur and Md Shahjahan, just three days after sending them into forced retirement.

On July 30 the government sent the two judges into retirement following the July 27 incident of demonstration by Bangladesh Judicial Service Association (BJSAs) members led by them at Bangladesh Secretariat.

Abdul Gafur is a judge of a district and sessions court in Dhaka and the president of BJSAs.

Shahjahan is a judge of the women and children repression prevention tribunal in

Gazipur and the general secretary of the association.

Sources said the government's reversal of the decision came following threats of work abstention and a legal fight from BJSAs representing about 1,400 judicial officials.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday however said procedural errors were made in sending the two judges into forced retirement, adding that the decision was wrong.

A gazette notification will be issued at any time reversing the order, the minister told reporters in his ministry.

"The procedural error occurred because the

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Transport strike in SW region called off

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The Bus-Truck Owners' Association in six southwestern districts called off their indefinite transport strike yesterday after a meeting with Khulna divisional police.

The agitating transport owners went on the indefinite strike on Friday demanding an

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Proshika staff seek govt help

Want protection from further attack by ex-chief's men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officials and staff of Proshika yesterday urged the government to protect the NGO and its employees from the wrath of expelled chairman Qazi Faruque Ahmed and his men.

After losing the legal battles in three cases, he is now trying to take control of the office, they alleged at a briefing at the Dhaka Reporters Unity in the capital.

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Faisal Morshed sent to jail on surrender

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Faisal Morshed Khan, son of former foreign minister M. Morshed Khan, to jail in a corruption case in which he was earlier sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in absentia.

Acting Judge AK Roy of the Special Judge Court-10 passed the order after he surrendered

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Hunt for new militant outfit with JMB link

'Boma' Mizan discloses name during interrogation

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Intelligence agencies have come to know about covert activities of an Islamist organisation in the country and its close link with the banned outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh.

Officials said they have only learnt the name of the new outfit, Jamaat-e-Muslimeen, and its "dawati" (invitational) activities.

JMB's explosives expert Zahidul Islam Sumon alias "Boma" Mizan disclosed the name

and the limited activities of Jamaat-e-Muslimeen to law enforcers during his interrogation at the task force for intelligence cell, they said.

Mizan told them that a member of JMB's highest decision-making body Majlishe Shura and the outfit's IT wing chief Sayem maintain contact with Jamaat-e-Muslimeen.

He also revealed that a few members of the new outfit joined the JMB recently.

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Another BDR jawan dies

Death toll 35

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) jawan 'died of chest pain' yesterday at the BDR hospital of the Pilkhana headquarters, raising the death toll to 35 since the BDR mutiny on February 25-26.

New Market police recovered the body of havildar Mohammad Shahid Ullah, 47, from BDR hospital in the afternoon and sent it to Dhaka

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