

Comilla University closed as BCL, Shibir men clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Authorities yesterday closed Comilla University until October 15 after clashes between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir left at least 25 students injured in the morning.

The students were also asked to vacate their dormitories yesterday noon.

Both BCL and Shibir brought out separate processions on the campus demanding resignation of Vice Chancellor Dr Zihadul Karim but activists of the two rival organisations got clashed in a clash at one stage of their demonstrations.

They attacked each other with sticks and stones, leaving 25 students injured.

Eleven seriously injured ones were admitted to hospitals.

Among the injured are Shovon, Ruhul Amin,

Iman Hossain, Shahidul Islam, Saiful Islam, Sariful Bari and Abu Musa of BCL and Sojib, Tofayel, Mahabub Miazee, Habibur Rahman, Anwar and Shahadat of Shibir.

The agitated students also ransacked several classrooms and office rooms and damaged windowpanes, doors, furniture and computers.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Following an emergency meeting of the university Syndicate, authorities announced the decision to suspend all the classes and examinations until October 15.

However, the university offices will remain open.

A large number of police have been deployed to stave off further violence as a tense situation is prevailing in the area.

12 get life for BCL leader murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Additional district and sessions judge Ekramul Haque Chowdhury yesterday sentenced 12 people to life term imprisonment and fined Tk 30,000 each, in default to suffer one more year in jail for killing a local BCL leader.

The convicts are Rupont Mia, Poulash, Mukhlesur Rahaman, Sadek Mia, Abul Kashem, Bazlur Rahman, Jahan, Saiful Islam, Rial, Milon, Jamaluddin and Nayan Mia of village Mukti Bazar under

Netrakona Sadar upazila.

According to the prosecution story, on February 21 in 2004, the aforesaid people killed BCL leader Sujon, son of Ali Haider of the same village with sharp weapons.

Kulsuma Akhter, mother of Sujon filed a killing case with Netrakona Sadar police station accusing 12 people.

On investigation, police submitted charge sheet against all the accused.

The judge after examining the witnesses and evidences, found them guilty and pronounced the verdict.

Jubo League leader held while making false ID card

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Police arrested a local Jubo League leader and a Myanmar citizen in Ali Kadam upazila of Bandarban district on charge of preparing a false national identity card for the foreign national.

The arrestees, local Jubo League leader Samar Ranjan Barua and Myanmar citizen Mohammad Fazal Karim Yusuf, a Rohingya, were held when Barua was laminating the false ID card after preparing it at his computer shop on Sunday night, police said.

Police also seized a camera and computer from Barua.

Barua, however, said he took order for laminating the card brought by Yusuf but was not involved in preparing it.

Ali Kadam upazila Awami League leader Nasirul Alam alleged that police filed a false case against Saman Ranjan Barua after staging an 'ID card drama' and arrested the Jubo leader to harass him.

On the other hand, Bandarban district Awami League Organising Secretary Laxmipada Das said, "Samar was once a Chhatra League worker but now he is not involved in any political activity."

Tornado lashes ten Gaibandha villages

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Tornado yesterday morning lashed 10 villages of three upazilas in the district damaging a large number of dwelling houses and a few educational institutes.

At least 35 people were injured as houses collapsed and uprooted trees fell on many. Power supply remained snapped in the affected areas.

The most affected areas are Balatta, Nandir vita, Supereer

vita, Beradanga, Boali Khamar Boali, Schooler Bazar under Gaibandha Sadar upazila, Gopalcharon, Nayan Sukh under Sunderganj upazila and Paschim Salua under Fulchhuri upazila.

According to a preliminary estimate, the tornado destroyed or damaged around 290 dwelling houses in the affected areas.

Volunteers have rescued many injured villagers and took them to local health complex.

Diarrhoea situation in Pabna alarming

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Around a hundred diarrhoea patients were admitted to Pabna General Hospital from Tuesday to Wednesday noon as the water-borne disease sees alarming spread in the district, especially Pabna Sadar upazila.

Over 800 diarrhoea patients were admitted to Pabna General Hospital in last 15 days, hospital sources said, adding that accommodation problem coupled with shortage of doctors and nurses in the diarrhoea ward is hampering treatment.

"We have admitted 92 diarrhoea patients in last 24 hours. Some 20 more patients are waiting," Shefali Khatun, senior nurse in the diarrhoea ward of Pabna General Hospital said yesterday noon.

"Only two nurses working in the diarrhoea ward are struggling to tackle the patients," she said.

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