



Poribesh Bachao Andolon (POBA) forms a human chain at Nimtoli in the city yesterday demanding eviction of chemical factories, godown and shops from the residential areas.

Remove chemical factories from city

Demand environmentalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmentalists yesterday demanded immediate eviction of chemical factories and storehouses from old Dhaka to avoid any incident of fire and explosion in future, said a press release.

They placed the demand at a human chain programme titled 'Evict chemical product factories, storehouses and shops from residential areas' organised by the Poribesh Bachao Andolon (POBA) at the Nimtoli inferno spot in the city.

They said a number of untoward incidents occurred due to lack of proper management of chemical products. The incidents include explosion at chemical storehouse at Mokimbazar in Bangshal, Apex tannery at Hazaribagh and finally at Nimtoli that claimed over a hundred lives.

They blamed negligence of duty of government and authorities concerned for those incidents.

The people do not want to see any repetition of such tragic incidents. Eviction of chemical factories and chemical storehouses from the residential areas has turned into the people's demand, they said.

Other demands include formulation of time-befitting laws for chemical material production, storing, handling and transferring the industry out of the city.

Poba Chairman Abu Naser Khan and Coordinator Gazi Lutful Kabir Sumon, Nabab Katra Welfare and Ponchayet President Mohammad Shaheed, Green Mind Society President Ameer Hossain and Green Belt Secretary General Jashim Katabi spoke at the human chain.

Buet classes resume

DU CORRESPONDENT

Classes at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) resumed yesterday after an unscheduled closure of 34 days following a student class over suspension of classes for watching the Football World Cup.

Acting Director of Students Welfare of Buet Prof Jibon Poddar said over 90 percent of students attended their classes and participated in other activities yesterday.

On June 19, Buet administration suspended all academic activities and closed the halls for an indefinite period following a clash among students over suspension of classes to watch world cup football 2010 matches that left several students injured.

Students returned to their dormitories on Thursday as per the decision of a meeting of the institution's Academic Council on July 20.

Prof Jibon said the one-month unscheduled closure has disturbed the institution's continuous education process. He hoped students would deter from any such incidents in the future considering their education and the institution's prestige.

War crimes trial to be completed within govt's tenure

Says law minister

BSS, DHAKA

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Shafique Ahmed yesterday sought cooperation of Islamic scholars for smooth holding of trials of crimes against humanity committed during the War of Liberation.

He was speaking at a discussion on 'Role of marriage registrars in prevention of child marriage', organised by Bangladesh Muslim Nikah Registrars Association at BMA auditorium in the city.

The law minister said there is no reason to exonerate those who were involved in killing, looting, arson, rape and other crimes against humanity during the War of Liberation.

He said the present government has started the process of their trial to fulfill its election pledge and the trial would be completed within the tenure of the present government.

State Minister for Law Advocate M

Qamrul Islam, Nikah Registrars Association Secretary General Maulana Iqbal Hossain and Joint Secretary General Maulana Shabbir Ahmed also spoke at the meeting. Bangladesh Muslim Nikah Registrars Association President Maulana M Khalilur Rahman Sardar presided over the meeting.

Barrister Shafique said after the killing of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975, the constitution was changed illegally through military declaration. Then the spirit of the War of Liberation was erased from the constitution.

Now spirit of the War of Liberation would be restored following the Supreme Court verdict annulling the fifth amendment, he added.

Referring to various demands raised by the marriage registrars, Barrister Shafique Ahmed said those would be considered after examination.

RECEPTION TO MUSA IBRAHIM Earlier, the law minister attended a reception accorded to first Bangladeshi

Everest conqueror Musa Ibrahim at Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban at Dhaka University.

Organised by Dhaka University Alumni Association, the function was presided over by the association President Syed Manjur Elahi. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddiqui, Everest conqueror Musa Ibrahim, his wife Saraban Tahura and DU Alumni Association General Secretary M Rakiuddin Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

The law minister said Musa Ibrahim has brightened the country's image in the world by conquering the Everest.

He said the achievement of Musa is another victory of the country after the great victory in War of Liberation and holding trial of the killers of Bangabandhu.

Musa Ibrahim narrated his experiences of Everest expedition and said it is possible to conquer the Everest, if anyone has the courage, patience and commitment.

'Fix minimum wage for RMG workers by July 28'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of All Party Garment Worker Oikya yesterday demanded fixation of Tk 5,000 as minimum wage for garment workers by July 28 said a press release.

The leaders made the warning at a rally organised by the organisation at city's Muktangan area.

They also warned of greater movements including strike if their demands are not fulfilled.

The leaders demanded owners to provide accommodation facilities, introduction of rationing system, medical allowance and provident funds for the workers.

The government is yet to announce the minimum wage as promised within this month, they said adding that factory owners are creating pressure and hatching a plot to annul the initiation.

Earlier, garment leaders and workers observed a one-minute's silence to pay tribute to garments worker Beauty and demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for her death.

An adviser of Garments Worker Trade Union Kendra Montu Ghosh presided over the rally where President of Textile Garments Workers Federation Mahbubur Rahman Ismail, President of Samannito Garments Sramik Federation Rafiqul Islam Pothik spoke.

CPB road march from August 1

UNB, Dhaka

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) has announced a weeklong road march programme from August 1 on three issues.

The issues include immediate arrest of war criminals and expediting their trials, resolving the crises affecting people's life and restoring the basic principles of the 1972 constitution.

In a press release jointly signed by CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, said from August 1 the party will hold road march in all districts including Dhaka city and upazilas involving the mass people. The local leaders will deliver their speeches over the course of the march.

They urged all pro-liberation political parties, social, cultural organisations and groups, and people from all walks of life to join the march from their respective sides.



University teachers stage a demonstration in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday demanding war crimes trial.

Call to speed up war crimes trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A section of public university teachers yesterday demanded the government to speed up the trial of war criminals and finish it within this year.

They made the demand at a rally organised by 'Bishwabidyalya Swadhinata Shikkhak Parishad', at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city. They also organised a human chain in front of the National Press Club on this issue.

The leaders of the teachers called upon the government to impose ban on politics of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir. They said Jamat, Shibir committed the worst crime against humanity during the War of Liberation.

"They killed and aided in the killing of 30 lakh people and tortured and humiliated two lakh women during the War of Liberation", said Prof Munaz Ahmed, general secretary of Buet's teachers' association.

"No nation has faced history of killing such a large number of people with the help of local collaborators in the War of Liberation", he added.

Speakers warned the government for troublemaker who are spreading propaganda against the trial in

home and abroad.

"Some anti-liberation groups including war criminals become active and forming platforms to hatch conspiracies to foil the trial process", said Saidul Haque Chowdhury, convener of the organisation, adding that a powerful quarter even within the state apparatus was doing many destructive activities to spoil the move.

The teachers' leaders called upon mass people to come forward and raise a mass movement against the conspiracies with spirit of the War of Liberation.

Mohammad Anowarul Islam, president of teachers association of National University of Bangladesh, Prof Mohammad Arzu Mia, general secretary of Jahangirnagar University teachers association, Prof Saifuddin, general secretary of Jagannath University teachers association, Prof Anwar Hossain, a syndicate member of University of Dhaka, Abul Mannan, Vice-Chancellor of Agricultural University, Bangladesh, Prof Dr Mohammad Alauddin, Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University, general secretary of teachers association of University of Dhaka Prof Dr Khandakar Bazul Haque spoke on the occasion while Prof. Dr M Ahiduzzaman was in the chair.

OBITUARY

Janab Syed Manzur Quader, former General Manager and Head of UK branches of Sonali Bank and Finance Director of Islamic Cultural Centre at London, UK passed away at Fajr-time on Friday, 23rd July 2010 at United Hospital, Dhaka. (Innalillaha... rajjuin). He was 87. He left behind five sons, a daughter and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren, relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death. His Qulkhani will be held after Asr prayer on **Monday, 26th July 2010** at his residence in **House No- 62, Block- B, Road-21, Banani, Dhaka.** Family Members of Deceased

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Ctg sweater factory gutted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire injured 15 people and damaged goods worth around Tk 1 crore in a sweater factory at city's Bayezid Bostami area on Friday.

Sources said the fire broke at Golden Horizon Limited, a sweater factory owned by Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh Secretary General Abdul Mannan, around 7:30pm.

The fire gutted sweaters and machineries on the first floor of the seven-storey building before being extinguished at around 10:00pm, said Fire Service and Civil Defence Deputy Director (DD) Ruhul Amin, Chittagong Headquarters.

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