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BCL suspends activities of its RU unit
A RU CORRESPONDENT

The central executive committee of ruling Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday suspended the activities of its Rajshahi University unit following a factional clash on the campus the day before.

The clash left 10 activists injured including two with bullets.

A press release, signed by BCL President Mahmud Hasan Ripon and General Secretary Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Roton, confirmed the decision.

The clash erupted over establishing factional supremacy on the campus.

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Extortion, control of halls lead to clashes

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Leadership crisis and disputes over extortion money and "seat business" at student dormitories led to frequent clashes between Bangladesh Chhatra League factions at Rajshahi University since January this year.

After RU unit BCL President Awal Kabir Joy and General Secretary Majedul Islam Opu had assumed the posts in late January, their followers were locked in factional clashes over 10 times.

Both the factions gathered huge caches of weapons, including around 40 firearms, in their bids to establish supremacy on the campus.

With the authorities and law enforcers turning a blind eye, the BCL men do not even spare the teachers. They assaulted the proctor, a number of provosts and house tutors and a police official.

Speaking anonymously, a provost said

around 700 students were forced to leave their dormitories recently as the armed cadres collect toll between Tk 200 and Tk 1,200 from each resident student and beat them up for refusal.

Sources say Joy group has full control over Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haque, Nawab Abdul Latif, Sayed Amir Ali and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman halls, while Opu group controls Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardi, Shaheed Habibur Rahman and Ziaur Rahman halls.

Moreover, both the groups jointly control four other halls on the campus.

The BCL men occupy 50 to 100 seats at every hall and turn some rooms into their political offices. They "rent" other occupied rooms out to students at Tk 100 to Tk 1,200 per month.

Joy, despite being a resident of Sayed Amir Ali Hall, has been illegally occupying the room no 233 at Bangabandhu Hall since mid-March after driving out the real residents.

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HC RULE ON GOVT ACC asked to explain case against Tarique
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the government and ACC to explain as to why the proceedings of money laundering case against Tarique Rahman should not be quashed.

It also asked the government and ACC to explain as to why the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2009, under which the case was filed, should not be declared illegal and unconstitutional.

The HC bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam and Justice SM Emdadul Hoque came up with the orders following a writ

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USE OF NGO FUNDS Matia for central monitoring body
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A strong, central body should be formed to monitor the non-government organisations (NGOs) to bring transparency and accountability in their activities, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury said yesterday.

"The NGOs get funds from donor agencies for socio-economic development of the country's marginal communities. But there is no strong monitoring of their activities. There should be a central body to keep vigilance on what they do," she said.

She observed that a section of NGO officials do not spend the donation money properly. "They [officials] seem more interested in changing their lifestyle rather than changing the fate of the underprivileged."

The minister made the comments while speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a conference on good governance and human rights. Manusher Jonno Foundation and its partners organised the conference at the BIAM Foundation in the city.

NGO officials change the model of their cars at the expense of

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JS SPECIAL BODY Constitution review starts August 24
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The special parliamentary committee on constitutional amendment will start reviewing the constitution in full swing from August 24.

The committee made the decision at a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday after receiving separate study reports of the law ministry and the law commission.

The reports elaborated on

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Burnt Bilashi loses 3-day fight for life
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bilashi Khatun, the mother who torched her two children while trying to commit suicide, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Distraught by her husband's second marriage, the 28-year-old had poured kerosene on herself and her two children--Rajani Akhter, 8, and Abu Raihan, 4--and set them on fire on the roof of their Kamalapur home

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON!!! Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) eviction team uses tugboat Agrani to knock down a tiny structure on the river Buriganga in Laibagh Beribadh area in the capital yesterday. The team was scheduled to demolish a salt factory encroaching 100 feet into the river but aborted the drive following law enforcers' refusal to arrange security force. Now it puts on the show of evicting a grabber.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Buriganga drive stalled for lack of security force
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The scheduled eviction drive against an encroacher of the river Buriganga at Kamrangirchar in the capital was aborted yesterday following police authorities' refusal to deploy security force.

The BIWTA along with Dhaka district administration undertook the drive to evict Hayat Salt Factory at Kamalbagh of Kamrangirchar under Chakbazar Model

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Bigots vandalise, loot Ahmadiyya houses in Tangail
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Religious bigots vandalised and looted at least 10 houses of the Ahmadiyyas in Chandtara village of the district's Ghatail upazila early yesterday.

In the move to build an Ahmadiyya mosque in the area, they attacked the houses at around 2:00am and continued pillaging till 6:00am in the morning, local sources said.

Earlier on Saturday, 10 Ahmadiyyas were injured in an attack while returning from the foundation-laying ceremony of the mosque.

Abu Taher Akhand, a member of the Ahmadiyya community, told The Daily Star that paddy, furniture, livestock and household items worth around Tk 10 lakh were looted from his house.

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Prayer Timing		
August 9		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-20	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-47	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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2 students killed as lorry hits rickshaw in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two graduate students were killed in a hit-and-run road accident while they were travelling by a rickshaw at Uttar Badda in the capital yesterday.

The dead are Nasiruddin, 28, a master's student of English Department at Government Titumeer College, and Yasmin Akhter Ria, 20, a BBA student of Northern University at Banani.

A lorry hit the rickshaw carrying the two near Uttar Badda link road while they were on the way to Yasmin's residence at Shahzadpur at around 4:15pm, said Shahjahan Bhuiyan, sub-inspector of Badda Police Station.

Yasmin's father Idris Ali said Yasmin along with her private tutor Nasiruddin was returning home after an exam at the university.

The two died of bleeding as they were left on the road for more than 15 minutes after the accident, said the relatives of the deceased.

Police later took Yasmin to Badda General Hospital where the doctors declared her dead. Nasiruddin died on the way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Nasiruddin lived with his friends at Uttar Badda, said his uncle Zakir Hossain.

Yasmin was buried at her family graveyard at Shahzadpur last night. Nasiruddin's body was kept at a DMCH mortuary for autopsy.

A case was filed with the Badda Police Station in connection with the incident.

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Yasmin Akhter Ria

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