

Scrap decision or face movement
Threaten some eminent persons

OUR CORRESPONDENTS, Ctg

Some distinguished personalities in the port city yesterday threatened to launch a massive movement if the government does not overturn its decision to remove Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus from Grameen Bank.

Noted physician Dr Mainul Islam Mahmud said people of Chittagong will bring the port city to a standstill protesting the government's decision if necessary.

In the chair, Mainul was addressing the seminar "Chatgan Bhasha" arranged by Chatgan Bhasha Parishad (Chittagong Language Council) at Chittagong Zilla Parishad auditorium.

Hossain Zillur Rahman, former adviser to a caretaker government, was the chief guest.

Salauddin Kashem Khan, trustee secretary of AK Khan Foundation; Saifuzzaman Chowdhury Javed, president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI); MA Salam, former senior vice president of CCCI; Chittagong Club President SM Abu Taiyab; Prof Jamal Nazrul Islam; and Chatgan Bhasha Parishad vice-president Rana Das Gupta also spoke on the occasion.

In another programme in the port city, Professor Emeritus Jamal Nazrul Islam said Dr Yunus deserves more respect from the nation as well as the government for his contribution to the country.

Prof Islam was addressing a roundtable on "Grameen Bank, Microcredit, and Dr Muhammad Yunus" organised by pro-BNP organisation Chattagram Unnayan Andolan at CCCI yesterday.

Chittagong city BNP president and former minister Ameer Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury was the chief guest at the event chaired by Prof Dr Mahabub Ullah, vice chancellor of International Islamic University of Chittagong (IIUC).

Ameer Khasru said Yunus removed all the discredits of Bangladesh through microcredit. He termed the Nobel winner "brand ambassador" of the country.

Removal of Prof Yunus dishonours 20m women

Say distinguished citizens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty distinguished female personalities in a statement yesterday said Prof Muhammad Yunus' removal brings dishonour to the 20 million poor women who were empowered by Grameen Bank.

They demanded an end to this situation through a proper and respectable solution to the matter, says the statement.

"We, the undersigned, have been observing with great concern the harassment of Nobel laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus, who has contributed to the empowerment of the poor, especially poor rural women through alleviation of their poverty," it reads.

"Today nearly 20 million poor women of Bangladesh have been empowered through microcredit and contributed to the development of the country."

"It should be understood by all concerned that showing disrespect to the proponent of microcredit is tantamount to disrespecting the 20 million women," says the statement.

The signatories are Dr Hamida Hossain, Salma Ali, Rasheda K Chowdhury, Farida Akhter, Tahrunessa Abdullah, Prof Amena Mohsin, Salma Khan, Dr Maleka Begum, Prof Rounaq Jahan, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Shaheen

Anam, Shireen Huq, Mahera Khatun, Prof Ferdous Azim, Prof Najma Siddiqui, Prof Nashid Kamal, Dr Tasnim Azim, Simeen Mahmud, Prof Parween Hasan, and Prof Mahmuda Islam.

Meanwhile, The employees of Grameen Bank yesterday urged all to voice against termination of Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus from the bank by the government 'illegally'.

The man, who had brought the nation honour through his life-long hard work, has been much dishonoured, said a statement of Grameen Bank Karmochari Samity.

"We have a workforce of 26,000 people, three lakh members, and their family members. Above all the people are beside us. Please come with us to protest the illegal termination and recover the nation's dignity," read the statement.

The people and the Grameen Bank employees are shamed, shocked, and agitated because of the harassment of Dr Yunus, it said.

According to the statement, the microcredit pioneer has created opportunity for 30 lakh women to be self-reliant.

Despite those contributions, Dr Yunus has been dishonoured vindictively through termination from the bank while he deserves much honour, it said.

Last chance for war crimes trial: Ashraf

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday said this is the last chance to try war criminals.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at a grand rally of the freedom fighters organised by Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad, Chittagong district unit in the port city.

Syed Ashraf said unity of the freedom fighters is very important to expedite the trial of the war criminals.

"If the freedom fighters were not divided after 1971, we would not have to wait till 40 years for the trial of war criminals."

The trial is a lengthy process and no one should think that it will be completed within a day magically, said the minister. "We shall have to traverse an uneven path for completion of the war crimes trial."

It will not be possible to finish off the trial within the tenure of five years of the present government, said Ashraf.

"Would those, who gave the national flag to Nizami, Muzahidi, continue the war crimes trial if they come to the power?" Syed Ashraf put the question.

He urged the freedom fighters to keep vigil like sentinels.

State Minister for Liberation Affairs, Capt (ret) AB Tazul Islam; Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) lawmaker Main Uddin Khan Badal; former mayor of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury; and freedom fighters' commander of Chittagong city during the liberation war, Eng Afsar Uddin Ahmed; were present as the special guests.

Maj Gen (ret) Helal Murshed Khan, chairman of central command council of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad, was present as the key speaker at the meeting.

Khan said two lakh freedom fighters will be awarded with certificates as recognition to them by the state.

Tajul Islam said a memorial of liberation war will be established in the port city on the premises of Kalurghat Betar Kendra.



Mirza Shoeli Parveen, a survivor of Libyan unrest, breaks into tears embracing her brother Mirza Hye who came to Shahjalal International Airport to receive her yesterday.

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Everest hero Musa Ibrahim inaugurates "the vote for the Sundarbans campaign" at the 28th anniversary programme of Udayan Shishu Biddaloy in Chandpur yesterday and expressed his hope to conquer the six highest peaks of the remaining six continents by 2013. Musa also hoped to swim from Dhaka to Chandpur if the people of that area cooperate with him. The school's principal Kamruzzaman Chowdhury and its managing committee president Jahangir Akhand Selim were present at the ceremony.

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Ensure specialised eye care for rural people

Says president

BSS, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday emphasised on the need for measures to ensure specialised eye care for the rural people, easily and at a reasonable cost.

"Presently, specialised eye care system is urban based, from which we have to come out," he said.

He said this after inaugurating the 10th biennial conference of Saarc Academy of Ophthalmology and the 38th annual conference of Ophthalmological Society of Bangladesh (OSB) at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city.

OSB President Prof Ava Hossain presided over the inaugural session while Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr AFM Ruhul Huq, prime minister's Adviser Dr Syed Modasser Ali, the academy President Prof Daud Khan, its Secretary General Prof Rajbarhan Azad and OSB Secretary General Prof Sarfuddin Ahmed also spoke.

"Though OSB members have been significantly contributing in curing blindness, rural population and low income people are deprived of specialised eye care."

After the inaugural session, Ava was selected as president of the academy, making her the first Bangladeshi in the post.





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