

JSD threatens to retaliate BNP attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) leaders yesterday threatened to retaliate any kind of attack by BNP men.

JSD Central Vice President Sharif Nurul Ambia said this while he was addressing a rally in protest against spreading propaganda about party chief Hasanul Haq Inu. JSD organised the rally at Mukhtangan in the city.

Referring to the High Court verdict on Col Taher's killing JSD leaders said truth came out through the verdict. BNP leaders and workers are now in tense situation, they said.

They mentioned that BNP leaders threatened to kill Inu and some female BNP workers termed JSD leader Moin Uddin Khan Badal drunkard.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

The photo taken at 5:00pm yesterday shows an ambulance being halted by a BNP rally at Moghbazar crossing in the city for about 15 minutes, risking the life of the patient. Later, the vehicle crossed the rally with the help of police. (Story on Page 3)

Blake's remarks on Prof Yunus disgraceful Say 58 eminent personalities

STAR CORRESPONDENT

A group of eminent personalities yesterday reacted against the recent comment of US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Robert O Blake on Grameen Bank and Dr Professor Muhammad Yunus.

The crisis surfacing in the professional life of Dr Yunus is merely an internal issue of Bangladesh, said a statement signed by MM Akash, a professor of Economics department of University of Dhaka.

Robert O Blake's comment on the present crisis between the government and Prof Yunus has severely disgraced dignity and sovereignty of Bangladesh, said the statement where 58 personalities signed. The statement is beyond diplomatic norms, it added.

Different opinions and debates are present among various quarters in society regarding steps taken by the government and Grameen Bank to resolve the issue. "Different internal efforts are active to resolve the crisis," the statement said.

The signatories think it is a moral responsibility of any self-dignified Bangladeshi to protest such attack on the dignity of Bangladesh and opined that Dr Yunus should also protest Blake's comment.

It is very important for the concerned political forces, in the interest of the country's independence and sovereignty, to come out from the culture of maintaining a submissive relation with a foreign force, it added.

Country's liberation not possible without Bangabandhu: Ershad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said people will respect Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the father of the nation for obvious reasons since Bangladesh could not be liberated without him.

The Jatiya Party chief was speaking at a discussion at his Banani office in the city.

Jatiya Party city North unit organised the discussion to mark country's 40th Independence Day.

Ershad said, "It is undoubted that Bangladesh would not have achieved independence if Bangabandhu was not born."

Call to ensure safe migration

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The commitment of high commissions, transparency and accountability of recruiting agencies and migration of skilled manpower abroad through legal channels can help ensure a safe passage abroad and repatriation during crisis periods.

This observation came at a workshop titled "Safe Migration Facilitation: Social Participation" at Barisal deputy commissioner's conference room yesterday.

The workshop was jointly organised by district employment and manpower office and human rights unit of Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (Brac) in collaboration with Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Rafikul Islam, assistant director of district

Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET), presided over the workshop, where ASM Arifur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Barisal, was present as the chief guest.

Dr Anil Chandra Datta, district civil surgeon; AJM Abdullahel Baki, additional deputy commissioner; Abdus Salam, additional police super; Shushanta Ghosh, president of Barisal Reporters Unity; and Al-Amin and Shah Alam, two expatriate from Libya; also addressed the programme.

According to BMET statistics, about 7.5 million people are working in about 100 countries across the world and 600,000 Bangladeshis migrating every year for jobs, said speakers at the workshop.

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Children perform brotachari (a traditional dance) at education and cultural festival in the port city of Chittagong yesterday. Samannita Shikkha Karjakram and Fulki organised the event.

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HC asks SC register for pending case list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Supreme Court registrar to submit a list of its pending criminal cases, for which paper books are yet to be prepared for hearing appeals, to it within eight weeks.

A paper book, which contains all relevant documents and information of a case including its first information report, charge sheet, statements of witnesses, and judgement of trial court, is necessary for the HC to hear and dispose of appeal against the trial court verdict on it.

In response to a writ petition, the HC also issued a rule upon the authorities to explain within four weeks why they should not be directed to set up a separate printing press to prepare the paper books of its pending criminal cases for ensuring justice by their quick disposals.

The HC bench of Justice Mohammad Anwarul Haque and Justice Akram Hossain Manju issued the rule following the petition filed as public interest litigation by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

The organisation yesterday filed the petition seeking directives from the HC on the authorities to set up a separate printing press for printing all the documents of SC including the paper books of criminal cases.

Petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star that since the SC authorities now prepare the paper books by the Bangladesh Government Press, they have to take much time for this job, and therefore delays take place in disposing the cases and justice in hampered.

Secretaries to the ministries of law, justice and parliamentary affairs, establishment, and finance, SC registrar and director general and controller of BG Press were made respondents to the rule.

Child drowns in bucket of water at Khilgaon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two and a half year old child drowned in a bucket of water at his Khilgaon residence in the city yesterday.

The child Mitul Hossain Zisan was rushed to a local clinic and then shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead around 3:00pm.

His mother Mukti Begum, resident of Bhuiya Para of Goran, said she filled a bucket of water in the bathroom to wash clothes and went to prepare food in the kitchen.

"I last saw Zisan playing in our bedroom before getting busy with cooking but could not find him after I finished," she said, adding that soon she found Zisan's body upside down in the bucket.

Zisan's father Delwar Hossain, owner of a tailor shop at Goran Bazar, was not present in the house, she added.



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