

**INTERVIEW DELAYED**  
**Job seekers**  
**vandalise ASA**  
**office, 5 hurt**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several thousand job seekers vandalised ASA Tower at the city's Shyamoli yesterday as the non-government organisation, ASA, was delaying in starting a scheduled job interview.

The agitators also clashed with ASA employees and students of ASA University, leaving five security guards injured.

For the demonstration, traffic movement on the Mirpur Road got halted several times from 10:30am till 2:30pm when the situation came under police control.

As the ASA authorities postponed the interview, the job seekers alleged that the organisation deceived them by collecting registration fees and not holding the interview later.

Fayjur Rahman, an official of ASA, said the interview was delayed as the number of candidates exceeded their expectation.

He said the authorities thought some 4000-5000 persons would arrive for the interview.

Mahmudul Islam, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, said around 20,000 applicants thronged Ananda School, located behind ASA Tower, to appear at the test.

The interview for the post of loan officer was scheduled for 10:00am, but the authorities sent some applicants to ASA Tower due to accommodation problem at the school, he said.

As the authorities delayed in starting the interview at ASA Tower, the job seekers started throwing masonry at the building around 10:30am.

"Most of the job seekers came to attend the interview from distant places in accordance with an advertisement published in newspapers", said the OC.

"The ASA authorities took Tk 50 from each of the candidates for registration. As the venue was shifted, the candidates thought that ASA deceived them and will postpone the exam".

ASA official Fayjur claimed that the authorities postponed the interview for the candidates' unruly act. ASA did not take any extra fee from the applicants, he added.

The authorities will hold the interview at division levels from March 16 to April 13, he said.

A colourful procession was brought out on the Dhaka University campus yesterday in celebration of the 41st anniversary of first hoisting of the country's national flag. Inset, Awami League leader Tofail Ahmed and Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon hoisting the flag on the campus to mark the day.

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**Anniversary**  
**of flag hoisting**  
**celebrated**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A colourful procession was brought out on the Dhaka University campus yesterday, in celebration of the 41st year of hoisting of the country's national flag for the first time.

DU students, teachers, staffers and former leaders of Dhaka University Central Student Union (DUCSU) took part in the procession marching from Shikha Chirantan at Suhraward Udyan to Aparajeyo Bangla.

DUCSU leaders hoisted the country's national flag on the west gate of the Arts Building of the university for the first time on March 2, 1971.

Marking the occasion, Awami League leader Tofail Ahmed, also former vice president (VP) of DUCSU, hoisted a national flag at the same place yesterday.

A discussion was also held at Aparajeyo Bangla where Workers Party president Rashed Khan Menon said students should take the responsibility to keep the national flag ever hoisted in the world map.

At the programme, Tofail Ahmed urged the authorities to hold election to DUCSU to create a democratic atmosphere on the campus.

Joydhani Sangskritik Sangathan, a cultural organisation, which organised the programme, honoured six people, including freedom fighters and former DUCSU leaders, with lifetime recognition yesterday.

University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Dr AK Azad Chowdhury and DU Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Harun-or-Rashid spoke on the occasion among others.

**Some parties still on**  
**Pakistani ideologies**

Says CPB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The leaders of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday alleged that some political parties, still holding Pakistani ideologies, were spreading communalism and creating anarchy in the country opposing the war crimes trial.

This section has been enforcing different activities to destroy the bases of the spirit of secularism, democracy, and liberation, they said at a two-day central committee meeting, which began at the party's office yesterday, says a press release.

They urged the left leaning parties to get united for creating an alternative stream of politics against the two major parties to rule the country for the salvation of the people.

CPB president Manzurul Ahsan Khan chaired the meeting while general secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim placed the central report.

**BNP campaign wins**  
**favour for caretaker**

Believe party policymakers

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The BNP policymakers believe the massive campaign led by party chief Khaleda Zia has formed public opinion in favour of caretaker government and created an anti-government sentiment.

They expressed the hope the outcome of Khaleda's series of mass contact programmes will be reflected on March 12 and the capital will be flooded by party supporters from across the country.

Khaleda, also leader of the opposition, started her campaign by leading a road march towards Sylhet on October 10 and concluded it by attending a rally in bordering district of Lalmonirhat on Sunday.

"The March 12 rally will prove the success of the chairperson's programmes. From there the country's politics will take a new turn," said Khandaker Mosharruf Hossain, a senior member of the BNP standing committee.

Speaking to The Daily Star, the former minister said the government's "absolute" failure to run the country and the chairperson's countrywide visits have inspired the people to come with BNP.

Rafiqul Islam Mia, another member of the party standing committee, said people have accepted the chairperson's stance on caretaker government system.

"Even the allies of the ruling party have

started talking in favour of our demand which has proved that a common opinion has been created among all thanks to our efforts to ensure free and fair elections," he told The Daily Star.

Khaleda led four road marches towards Sylhet, Khulna, Chapainawabganj and Chittagong and also addressed rallies separately in Bogra, Feni, Mymensingh, Chandpur, Laxmipur and Lalmonirhat over the last five months.

To garner public support for restoration of caretaker system, she also addressed over 50 wayside rallies across the country during the road marches.

Moreover, she led a huge procession in the capital on January 30, while her party also brought out processions at district levels on January 29.

Khaleda declared these programmes from a huge rally held in the capital on September 27 aiming to mount pressure on the government to restore the non-party neutral government system.

The system, popularly known as the caretaker government, was scrapped from the Constitution through the Fifteenth Amendment last year. But BNP says it will not take part in the next general election if it is not held under a non-party government.

Khaleda has already said she would declare more programmes at the March 12 rally to force the government to meet their demand.



Bharatia Parishad forms a human chain before Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding enforcement of The House Rent Control Act, 1991.

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**Boy electrocuted**  
**just 5hrs after**  
**joining factory**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ending an eight-hour-long struggle for life, a 13-year-old boy succumbed to his burn injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) last night.

The deceased Mohammad Sohel, a resident of Kalapani in the city's Pallabi, had around 96 percent of his body burnt when he accidentally came in contact with a power cable at his workplace around 1:15pm yesterday.

Sohel had joined the garment factory, Remon Tex Limited, near Mirpur-10 roundabout, as a helper only five hours prior to the accident.

The factory is in a six-storied building. A clothing store takes up the ground and first floors while the factory is housed on the remaining four floors, erected on a part of the first floor roof.

Sohel had just come down a fire escape connecting the roof of the first floor and the fifth floor to have lunch with colleagues when he came in contact with the high-voltage electricity supply wire.

His colleagues said they heard a loud bang and saw Sohel go up in flames.

Firefighters rescued and admitted him to the Burn Unit of DMCH, where he died at around 9:00pm.

Officer-in-Charge of Mirpur Police Station, Kazi Wazed Ali, said he found the overhanging unprotected wire at a height of five feet from the roof of the first floor.

He said the factory authorities closed the building and fled.

Sohel's father, Imam Hossain, said he had no idea that his son, a student of class I in a local school, took up a job in the factory.

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COMING OUT TOMORROW  
**LINKING YOUNG MINDS**

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