

Mob beats 8 'mistaking' them as robbers

UNB, Gazipur

A mob beat up eight people suspecting them as robbers at Nuhash Palli in Gazipur on Wednesday midnight.

The injured are Sultan Uddin, 40, his wife Jakia Sultana, 35, Imon, 13, Rubel Mia, 25, Rezaul Karim, 25, Sakib, 20, Tamim, 18, and Rony, 23. They hailed from Sreepur upazila in Gazipur.

Hotapara Police Camp In-charge Rafiqul Islam said Sultan, an industry owner, along with the other seven, went there to light candles at late writer Humayun Ahmed's grave.

Being obstructed by a security guard at the main gate of the Palli, they entered the gravesite jumping over the Palli's boundary wall.

Later, the employees there cried for help saying that robbers entered the place, said Rafiqul.

Locals rushed to the spot and beat up the eight severely.

They were undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Sylhet BCL president expelled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet district unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) President Pankaj Purkayostha has been expelled from the organisation on various allegations.

Rahat Tarafder, president of Sylhet city unit of the pro-Awami League student body, confirmed the action against Pankaj.

On Wednesday, BCL Central Committee Office Secretary Sheikh Russell sent a letter to the BCL unit in this regard, he said.

Rahat said the decision of expulsion came after an inquiry into the allegations against Pankaj.

The allegations include opening fire on BCL activists who belong to his rival factions, extortion, tender looting, torching MC College and Sylhet Sarkari College dormitories and involvement in murder of BCL activist Udayendu Sinha Polash.

Despite several attempts over cellphone, Pankaj could not be contacted as his cellphone was found switched off.



2 JCD activists injured in BCL attack at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Two activists of Jahangirnagar University (JU) unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were injured in an attack by activists of the JU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on the campus yesterday.

A group of pro-Awami League BCL activists chased some pro-BNP JCD activists and forced them out of the campus when they went to pay tribute to language martyrs at the JU Central Shaheed Minar around 12:30am.

JCD activists Khaled Syfulla of Geological Science and Md Mohiuddin of Law departments were injured in the incident.

With injuries in their heads and legs, they were admitted to Enam Medical College and Hospital in Savar.

JU unit of JCD President Md Jakir Hossain claimed that they went to the Shaheed Minar upon assurance of ensuring security from the JU vice-chancellor and proctor.

Amar Ekushey fuels Ctg Gonojagoron Mancha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

With the day being International Mother Language Day, the number of people thronging the sit-in, "Gonojagoron Mancha", before Chittagong Press Club for the 16th day yesterday seemed to swell.

Since morning, people from all walks of life, irrespective of age, sex, class and profession, converged at the venue to express solidarity with the demand for death penalty for war criminals, including Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah.

The demonstration, from 3:00pm to 11:00pm, was abuzz with slogans, patriotic and protest songs, poetry recitations and street dramas paying tribute to Amar Ekushey and over the capital punishment demand.

Initiated by "Samprodoyikota Birodhi Torun Udjog, Chittagong" (anti-communal youth initiative), the sit-in paid homage to the Language Movement martyrs and reiterated their resolve to continue the movement till the demand was met.

SHAHBAGH ON AMAR EKUSHEY

1) Recitations from the holy Quran being made at the start of yesterday's grand rally at Shahbagh in the capital around 4:00pm. It was followed by reading of texts from the Bible, Bhagavad Gita and Tripitaka. 2) A portrait of Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam, mother of a martyred freedom fighter and the first to initiate the movement for trial of war criminals, looks over the demonstrators at Shahbagh. 3) The first flag of independent Bangladesh adorns the street with flower petals inscribing the words "we want war criminals to be hanged" on it. 4) Females made up a large portion of the demonstrators as shown in this picture of women freedom fighters singing patriotic songs at the venue. 5) Some of the many pious Muslims who regularly take part in the Shahbagh demonstration with black ribbons pinned to their clothes. 6) Imran H Sarker, convener of the Bloggers and Online Activists Network, winds up the nonstop 17-day demonstrations at Shahbagh and reads out the programmes to be observed till March 7.

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