



Jubilant students of Rajuk Uttara Model School and College yesterday. The institution came in third under the Dhaka board on the basis of outstanding results in SSC examinations this year.

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Kamaruzzaman's death penalty hailed

METRO DESK

Five hundred Dhaka University teachers and different organisations in separate statements yesterday welcomed the verdict that sentenced Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman to death for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The teachers in a joint statement said the verdict proves that justice has been served. They hoped for immediate execution of the verdict.

The signatories to the statement include Prof SM Imamul Haque, Dr Shafiul Alam Bhuiyan, Dr ASM Maksud Kamal, Prof Md Yousuf Ali Mollah and Prof Gulshan Ara Latifa.

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 sentenced Kamaruzzaman to death yesterday as five out of seven charges against him were proved.

Other organisations that expressed satisfaction over the verdict include Mukti Joddha Sangsad, Amra Mukti Joddhar Shontan and Shamprodaikota-Jongibad Birodhi Mancha.

Meanwhile, people of Chittagong city brought out jubilant processions to celebrate the verdict against Kamaruzzaman,

adds our Chittagong correspondent.

Gonojagoron Mancha of Chittagong brought out a procession that began in front of the city's press club and ended on the Chittagong Central Shaheed Minar premises.

Chittagong city Awami League brought out a procession that paraded throughout the city.

Shomprodaikota Birodhi Torun Udyog placed floral wreaths in Chittagong Central Shaheed Minar to pay homage to the martyrs of the Liberation War.

Sharif Chauhan, convener of the organisation, told The Daily Star that they showed their gratitude to the martyrs after hearing the news of Kamaruzzaman's death penalty.

Different political and cultural organisations also held rallies in different upazilas to celebrate the verdict.

Meantime, law enforcers patrolled the city and upazilas to thwart any untoward situation. Extra forces were deployed in the upazilas considered to be vulnerable to violence.

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) men were deployed in four upazilas -- Satkania, Lohagara, Banskhali and Patiya --, said Mohammad Iluttmish, additional superintendent of police (Chittagong south district zone).

BUS TORCHING Alal on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Jubo Dal President Moazzem Hossain Alal on a four-day remand in a case filed for making an attempt to kill a driver and a conductor of a bus by torching it on March 17.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Hasibul Haque passed the order after Sub-Inspector KM Aziz of Motijheel Police Station and also the investigation officer of the case, produced Alal before it with a 10-day remand prayer.

Alal was shown arrested in the case. His name was not included in the first information report of the case.

Detective Branch (DB) of police on Wednesday arrested Alal immediately after he was released from Kashimpur jail on bail in eight cases filed on March 2 and 6 in connection with vandalism, assaulting police and preventing law enforcers from discharging their duties.

Alal was sent to jail on April 7 in the eight cases after he surrendered before a Dhaka court.

Obituary

RU CORRESPONDENT

M Mohshin Ali, professor of the economics department of Rajshahi University (RU), died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on Wednesday night. He was 61.

He left behind his wife and two sons to mourn his death.

He was buried at Tikapara graveyard in Rajshahi city following his namaz-e-janaza on the university central mosque premises after Asr prayers.

RU Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin and Pro-VC Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan condoled his death.

HAFAJAT'S HAVOC TIB demands judicial probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman yesterday demanded that the government form a judicial probe committee and publish a whitepaper about the violence; and loss of property and lives during the recent rally of Hafajat-e-Islam.

In a statement, he said the whitepaper would ensure the accountability and transparency of Sunday's late night operation by law enforcers at Shapla Chattar in the capital's Motijheel.

Urging the country's two main political parties to start dialogues, he said there is no alternative to a consensus for sake of the democracy and good governance.

GENERAL ELECTION US still hopeful of dialogue

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador Dan Mozena yesterday expressed hope that political parties in Bangladesh would hold constructive dialogues that would lead to the next free, fair and credible general election.

Talking to journalists after a meeting with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, he said they talked about the Savar building collapse which till date claimed over 900 workers' lives.

"We talked about the GSP review which is underway. It is coming to a closure very soon," he added.

The ambassador informed that Dipu Moni would hold a meeting with US Secretary of State John Kerry in Washington on May 17 to strengthen bilateral relations.

"They have a lot to talk about and most importantly they will assess the relationship between our two countries which is broader, deeper and stronger than any time since 1972 in 41 years," he said.

Besides, they will be talking about a partnership dialogue to be held in Dhaka at the end of this month when US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Wendy R Sherman will lead a delegation, including members of the private sector.

Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque would also pay a visit to Washington to discuss with US officials, buyers and other stakeholders over the continuation of GSP facilities for Bangladesh.



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