

ATTACK ON RU BCL LEADERS Case filed against 21 Shibir men

RU CORRESPONDENT

Twenty one leaders and activists of Rajshahi University (RU) unit pro-Jamaat Islami Chhatra Shibir, including its president and general secretary, were sued yesterday on charge of attacking two RU unit BCL leaders on August 22.

Meanwhile, a press release signed by the Shibir president, Ashrafur Alam Emon, and general secretary, Saifuddin Yahia, claimed that the case was fabricated.

The injured RU unit Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) social affairs Secretary Shawan Sarker, shot in the right hand, filed the case with Motihar Police Station.

The other victim, General Secretary Tawhid Al Hossain Tuhin, whose tendons in the left hand and right leg were cut, is now undergoing treatment in the capital's National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation.

The police station Officer-in-Charge SM Abdus Sobhan refused to disclose names of the other accused, stating it might prompt them to go into hiding.

So far 16 Shibir activists have been arrested on suspicion.

Eight jailed for preparing fake certificates in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday sentenced eight people to one-year imprisonment in the capital's Nilkhet market for preparing fake certificates of HSC and SSC exams.

A Rab team caught the eight red-handed with 10 certificates from five shops, said Rab-2 officials. The mobile court, led by Executive Magistrate Anisur Rahman, gave the punishment under the Public Exam Act-1980.



Dhaka University students try to push-start a BRTC bus, Chaitali, that carries them on the Mirpur route. Despite repeated requests for long, the authorities have not repaired it, said the driver and students. The photo was taken near Doyel Chatter on the campus yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

CU 'BCL men' attack Shibir member

CU CORRESPONDENT

A Chittagong University (CU) unit Islami Chhatra Shibir activist was attacked allegedly by some Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists, who also halted a CU shuttle train for half an hour yesterday.

Mohammad Arif, a 3rd year economics student undergoing treatment at the CU medical centre, was attacked before the arts faculty around 12:30pm following an altercation over a trivial matter, said a Shibir leader.

However, a BCL leader said Shibir activists attacked first, triggering a fight. The train was halted in protest of the incident, said CU sources.

CU Proctor Anwar Chowdhury said the CU authorities would take steps if the injured files a complaint.

Korea eager to help disaster-prone people

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Korean government is keen on cooperating with Bangladesh for the development of disaster-prone and vulnerable populations of the country, said Korean Ambassador Lee Yun-Young during his recent visit to Patharghata of Barguna.

Resident Representative of Korea International Cooperation Agency Kim Bok-hee, Managing Director of the LG Electronics, Bangladesh Branch Song Changkeun and United Nations World Food Programme Representative to Bangladesh Christa Räder accompanied the ambassador on his visit on August 21.

Lee Yun-Young said KOICA and WFP have taken up a three-year project with a budget of US\$3 million to facilitate access to food and enable the poor to take advantage of development opportunities.

AL to go for decentralisation of power if elected again

Says Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said if her party returned to power, they would launch a new plan of decentralisation of power, which would allow the central government only to formulate policy, ensure monitoring, and allocate budgets.

"We will have to make a plan to decentralise power by keeping only policy, monitoring and budget allocation in the hands of the central government, while the local administrations will take care of the law and order, health, and education, among others," she told a meeting with all district parishad administrators at her Gono Bhavan residence.

Hasina, also president of the Awami League, said they would also implement development projects based on the needs of each district. "We have already started implementing this plan. We are giving university licences only to those districts where there is no university."

The prime minister reminded all that the district administrations had vast responsibilities to implement these decentralisation and development plans.

Referring to opposition leader Khaleda Zia's recent remarks that she would form a new style of government if the BNP assumed power, Hasina said the BNP chairperson would start a new fashion of corruption, killing, grenade attack, and money laundering. "BNP has two qualities—resorting to corruption and killing people," she said.

The prime minister reiterated that the next parliamentary elections would be held like those in other democracies of the world. She strongly said her government would hold the election in a free, fair and neutral manner the way it had held 5,725 elections during her present tenure.

"We have proved that we can hold free and fair elections and we have that courage to hold the next poll in a free and fair manner." The Election Commission has been strengthened and the home, public administration and LGRD ministries will operate under the EC during the poll period, she said.

BCL men attacked in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two activists of a faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League, Sylhet MC College unit were stabbed allegedly by members of a rival faction while another activist was attacked allegedly by Islami Chhatra Shibir men on Sunday evening.

BCL activists Maruf and Saimon, supporters of acting president of BCL, MC College unit Hiron Mahmud Nipu, came under attack in Tilagarh area of the city. The attackers stabbed the two and fled the scene.

Maruf and Saimon claimed that supporters of Pankaj Purkayostha, former president of the BCL unit, attacked them.

Pankaj Purkayostha, who is now expelled from the organisation, could not be reached over phone. However, Rahul Talukder, president of the organisation, said he heard about the incident and will investigate it.

Meanwhile, another BCL activist, Mostafizur Rob, was stabbed indiscriminately by four unidentified men in the city's Sobhanighat area. He received treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Rob alleged that he was attacked in the presence of Yasin, former president of MC College unit of Shibir.

However, Nazrul Islam, president of MC College unit of Shibir, denied the allegation and said it was an internal clash of BCL. Md Akhtar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Shahporan Police Station, said when police reached the spot all the attackers had fled the scene.



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RMG workers protest building cracks, sacking in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Workers of a garment factory yesterday observed work abstention after they discovered cracks on two floors of the factory building in Gazipur.

Workers of SQ Crystal Garment Factory in Telipara area found cracks on the sixth and 10th floor of the 10-storied building on Sunday.

The workers yesterday demonstrated before the factory gate, said police.

The authorities closed the factory for two days -- yesterday and today.

Meanwhile, workers of GL Fashion Ltd demonstrated protesting the sacking of five of their co-workers.

Police said when workers came to work yesterday morning they found out about the incident. The workers demonstrated before the factory gate.

The authorities closed the factory for the day and the workers left the area, they added.

Mosaraf Hossain, additional superintendent of Gazipur Industrial Police, said authorities of SQ Crystal Garment Factory will examine the cracks and will resume operation only if their engineers give the green signal.

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