

BCL beats up two DU students for 'affiliation with Shibir'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Dhaka University's Surya Sen Hall unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League early yesterday beat up two DU students for their alleged affiliation with Islami Chhatra Shibir.

The injured students, Zahidul Islam of Islamic studies department and Mostafizur Rahman of Islamic history and culture, are receiving treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The BCL activists had also handed over a Bangla department student, Jamaluddin, to Shabbagh police with the same claim, police said, adding that they released Jamaluddin as they found no evidence of his affiliation with Shibir.

Witnesses said some BCL activists led by Arefin Siddique, secretary of BCL Surya Sen Hall unit, kept them in confinement at the hall's guest room and beat them with rods and sticks around 12:30am. "Hearing shouts, I rushed to the spot and later took the injured students to DMCH," said Prof Bahauddin, senior house tutor of Surya Sen hall.

400 BCL men protest new Ctg city committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Over 400 Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders and activists yesterday demanded dissolution of the recently-formed 24-member committee of BCL Chittagong city unit.

They rallied on the Jamal Khan road in the city blocking one side for about one hour and a half. They said the student body's constitution was violated due to induction of "married individuals, terrorists and extortionists" into the new committee.

The BCL constitution does not allow inclusion of non-students and married persons in the committee, said Mezba Uddin Morshed, a former city unit leader.

"In exchange of money, many accused in extortion cases have earned place in the committee," said Faruque Rana Bappi, assistant secretary of BCL, Government City University College. Many dedicated leaders have been denied posts, he claimed.

The protesters said they would continue their movement until dissolution of the committee formed on October 30.

On the other hand, the new president of the city BCL, SM Imran Ahmed Imu, said, "It's wrong to demonstrate for feeling deprived of posts." Still, there are 91 vacant posts in the committee which will be filled later, he added.

"All 24 members of the committee are students and aged below 29," said Nurul Azim Rony, newly made general secretary of the unit.

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Apart from agro-economics, it will also focus on prevention of malnutrition in farmers' households through ensuring yield of nutritious crops, said Leonard Zijlstra, the project's programme manager.

As a part of the project, Metal Seed and Ispahani Group signed two memorandums of understanding according to which the

organisations will provide quality seed varieties and pesticides respectively to the farmers for better crop yield.

However, the farmers will not receive any subsidies while buying the seeds and pesticides.

Fazle Rahim Khan, managing director of Aftab Bahumukhi Farms Ltd, and Dutch Ambassador Gerben de Jong, among others, spoke at the event.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 42nd death anniversary of former police sub-inspector Shiru Miah and his son Anwar Kamal.

On this day in 1971, the two were caught by Pakistani occupation army and were brutally killed in Brahmanbaria during the Liberation War, said a press release. A doa mahfil will be held at the capital's Chamelibagh mosque after Asr prayers.

7 Bangladeshis

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in Beirut is keeping touch with the injured, he added.

Lebanese Health Minister Ali Hassan Khalil said 23 people were killed and 143 injured. The foreign ministry said around one lakh Bangladeshis work in Lebanon.



Gonatantrik Bam Morcha, an alliance of left leaning parties, brings out a procession in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding justice in connection with the killing, what they say, in the hands of law enforcers in Gazipur. Two garment workers were killed and around 50 were injured, four of whom sustained bullet wounds, during a clash with police in Kashimpur of the district Monday afternoon. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Tribunal rejects Nizami's

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On Tuesday, his lawyers submitted the petition stating that the witnesses were in fear and reluctant to come without the summons.

The five are Abdul Gani, Nasiruddin Shah, Md Badrul Hoque, Md Ismail Talukder and Md Abdur Rahim, residents of Chittagong's Anwara upazila, some 25 kilometres from Chittagong city.

The prosecution argued that the petition was a ploy to delay the trial. The court adjourned proceedings till today. The cases, one for smuggling firearms and the other under the arms act, were filed the day seven truckloads of arms and ammunition were seized at a jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd in Chittagong city on April 2, 2004.

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government's August 12 appeal sought the death penalty.

On July 15, the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-1 jailed the 91-year-old former Jamaat-Islami ameer for masterminding crimes against humanity, genocide, and other offences during the 1971 Liberation War.

Meanwhile, the SC continued hearing for the

15th day the appeal filed by Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee challenging the February 28 ICT-1 death sentence given to him for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War. SM Shahjahan, representing the Jamaat nayebe-ameer, read statements the investigation officer made before the ICT-1. The SC fixed today for further hearing.

Locals urged to help police

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of Inter-District Bus Owners' Association, said miscreants were creating violence keeping the political issues in the forefront.

To prevent such destructive activities, the speakers put a host of recommendations including awareness raising among locals, increasing vigilance of both law enforcers and common people on

the highway, reducing frequent checking of vehicles by police which causes traffic halt and helps miscreants to attack, conducting mobile courts, and building public opinion against the attackers.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG-Chittagong Range) Md Nowsher Ali and Commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Md Shafiqul Islam also spoke.

Armed Forces Day today

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Liberation War.

Army Chief General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan, Navy Chief Vice Admiral M Farid Habib and Air Force Chief Air Marshal Muhammad Enamul Bari will follow suit, said a press release.

The trio will then make a courtesy call on the president at Bangabhaban and the prime minister, also the defence minister, at the Armed Forces Division in Dhaka Cantonment.

The prime minister will host a reception there and meet family members of freedom fighters who received the gallantry awards.

In the afternoon, she will offer a reception at "Sena Kurnja" in Dhaka Cantonment.

The Speaker, chief justice, former presidents, the oppo-

sition leader, ministers, High Court and Supreme Court judges, chief election commissioner, election commissioners, foreign envoys, high civil and military officials, intellectuals, journalists and civil society members will attend it.

The navy chief will accord a reception to the freedom fighters at BNS Haji Mohsin in Dhaka Cantonment.

Similar receptions will be organised with due solemnity and enthusiasm at Savar, Bogra, Ghatail, Chittagong, Comilla, Sylhet, Jessore, Rangpur, Khulna and Rajshadak cantonments.

Special prayers will be offered after Fazr prayer in host mosques inside cantonments and naval and air force bases seeking divine blessings for the nation's wellbeing and the armed forces' prosperity and

progress.

Various programmes have also been chalked out at army garrisons, naval ships, installations and bases of the air force outside Dhaka.

Bangladesh Navy will put on display warships at Dhaka's Sadarghat Launch Terminal from 1:00pm to 4:30pm, BIWTA Jetty Malta Ghat in Narayanganj, Naval Jetty, Newmooring in Chittagong, BIWTA Rocket Ghat in Khulna and BIWTA Jetty in Barisal.

BTV will provide live coverage of the Sena Kurnja programme and air a special "Anirban" programme after the Bangla news bulletin at 8:00pm.

Bangladesh Betar will broadcast a special "Durbar" programme at 7:30pm and national dailies will bring out special supplements.

Man held at Ctg airport

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aircraft to start a search before any passenger left, said Md Mosear Rahman, an assistant commissioner (AC) of airport customs.

As Jamal was behaving

suspiciously, customs officials searched him and found the bars weighing around 8.75 kilograms in a bag he was carrying, he added.

During primary interro-

gation, Jamal, an expatriate living in Dubai, said he was carrying the gold bars for someone else.

Mosear Rahman said they will hand over Jamal to Potenga police.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANGLADESH
Deadline to submit proposals: January 6, 2014

The **Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA)** supports civil society and governments to work together to solve critical governance challenges in developing countries. To achieve this objective, the GPSA provides strategic and sustained support to CSOs' social accountability initiatives aimed at strengthening transparency and accountability. It builds on the World Bank's direct and ongoing engagement with public sector actors, as well as a network of Global Partner organizations, to create an enabling environment in which *citizen feedback is used to solve fundamental problems in service delivery and to strengthen the performance of public institutions*. Through a country-tailored approach, GPSA-supported activities are implemented in sectors where the World Bank has a strong involvement and can help governments respond to citizen feedback.

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An Orientation Session for CSOs who may be interested in submitting GPSA proposal will be arranged on **Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 10 AM** at the **World Bank Office, Dhaka** (Plot # E-32, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207). For information on the Orientation Session, please contact: mahbab@worldbank.org

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Freedom fighter and Awami League leader Mohammad Joydul Abedin, popularly known as Santosh Chairman, died at his Gopalpur village home in Shanthia upazila of Pabna on Tuesday. He was 70.

He suffered a major brain stroke last month. Santosh Chairman left behind his wife, three sons, three daughters and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

Santosh Chairman was the longest serving chair of Kashinathpur Union Parishad for 20 years and Shanthia Thana Development Committee.

He was given state honour and buried at his Gopalpur family graveyard after namaz-e-janaza Tuesday evening.

Saiful Bari

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saiful Bari, a journalist, breathed his last at a hospital in the capital early yesterday. He was 77.

Saiful, who was chief adviser to ATN Bangla, started his career from AP in 1957. He worked in Radio Pakistan from 1963 to 1969.

He also worked in Bangladesh Betar, National Broadcasting Authority, foreign ministry, and Bangladesh Television.

Different organisations yesterday expressed their deep shock at the death.

Jitendra Devnath

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur



Jitendra Devnath, former associate professor of Govt Rajendra College in

Faridpur, died of old age complications at a hospital in the town yesterday. He was 69.

He left behind many relatives and well-wishers. Jitendra's colleagues, students and admirers paid tributes to his body on the college premises at noon.

Later, he was cremated at Ambikapur crematorium in the town.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) ANNOUNCEMENT

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