

ATTACKS ON GAZA Put sanctions on Israel

Protesters in Dhaka urge international community

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Different cultural and student organisations yesterday called on the global community to step forward to immediately stop Israel's "genocidal atrocities" in Gaza.

Under the banner of "Gono-Adhikar Sangram Committee", activists of the organisations brought out a procession before the capital's National Museum and were headed towards the US embassy, but police resisted them at Shahbagh intersection.

The protesters then held a rally there, in which Jahid Hasan Mahmud, a professor of applied physics at Dhaka University, said, "Israel has been committing war crimes and has grossly violated international laws. The masterminds behind the atrocities should be tried in an international court."

The US is backing the "genocide" through continuous military and economic support for its "imperial ambitions" in the energy-rich regions of the Middle East, he added.

The ongoing "genocide" proves that it is not a war against Hamas; in fact it is against all Palestinian citizens, Jahid asserted.

Masud Khan, a leader of Gonotantrik Gonomancha, said, "Silence is a war crime too. The world leaders should impose tough sanctions against Israel."

Demanding that the Bangladeshi government take immediate diplomatic steps to halt the brutal attacks, he urged all progressive forces to stage demonstrations against Israel.

The protesters also burnt effigies of US President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

4 more to be buried there

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Nine Bangladeshis were killed after being caught up in clashes in Tripoli and Benghazi between June 21 and August 6.

Last month, the bodies of two brothers Swapan Miah, 34, and Milon Sayal, 32, of Shariatpur, were sent back. No decision has yet been made regarding the other body, he added.



Activists of different cultural and student organisations burn effigies of US President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Shahbagh intersection in the capital yesterday.

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Quality education still

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University organised the seminar, "Global Maritime Challenges and Role of Maritime Higher Education in Bangladesh", where its website www.bsmrmu.edu.bd was launched.

The university will start its academic session in next January. The area for building its campus has not been fixed yet.

Nahid said there were only 12 universities in the world like this one.

Bangladesh has achieved vast swathes of areas and huge resources in the Bay of Bengal after winning two verdicts—one against India and the other against Myanmar—in international courts but the country has to use the resources properly, he said.

"We have to boost our knowledge, skills and ramp up research on this. This university has opened a window of opportunities for all this," he said.

Real Admiral ASM Abdul Baten, the vice chancellor of BSMRMU, said the university was now at its formative stage, and they would gradually build it into a centre for excellence of maritime education.

The specialised institution will run both graduate and postgraduate programmes across a wide range of disciplines, he said.

The proposed areas of study include maritime governance and policy, shipping administration, earth and ocean science, maritime engineering and technology, and maritime business administration.

DU admission forms made

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like last year's. A total of 1,640 students will be admitted under Ka unit (science faculty), 2,221 under Kha unit (arts and social sciences), 1,170 under Ga unit (business stud-

ies), and 1,416 under Gha unit (arts, social sciences, and business studies) and 135 students under Cha unit (fine arts faculty). For applying, candidates are asked to visit www.admission.eis.du.ac.bd.

Obituary

CITY DESK



Karam Ali Ahmed, former principal of the Institute of Leather

Engineering and Technology, died yesterday in the capital's Square Hospital, aged 75.

He left behind his wife, a daughter, and two sons, says a press release.

After getting his master's degree from Dhaka University and a PhD from Leeds University, UK, he joined the institute as the principal in 1973.

He was also a project consultant for many government organisations, UNDP and World Bank.

Elaborate programmes

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of his family members, on August 15, 1975.

The president and the prime minister will place wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu in front of Bangabandhu Bhaban around 6:30am, and later the prime minister will visit Banani graveyard and lay wreaths at the graves of her family members.

She will also visit Tungipara, the birthplace of Bangabandhu, and will lay a wreath at his mausoleum there. The three armed forces will form a guard of honour there.

On the occasion, the AL will hold a discussion at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre tomorrow. It will also organise a poetry recitation session, a painting competition for children, and a photo exhibition.

Different ministries, including the liberation war affairs, cultural affairs, and religious affairs, and other government agencies will also hold programmes to mark the day.

BCL men beat up

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Rinnet, a second-year student of management and information studies, passed lewd remarks to the two female students when they were sitting with Ifi at Media Chatter around 3:30pm.

They beat up Ifi with scrapped wood before some of his friends rescued him and took him to Rajshahi University Medical Centre, they said.

He was shifted to RMCH, as the wounds were severe.

One of the two female students, who are juniors at Ifi's department, told The Daily Star that four to five men harassed them, and when Ifi protested, he was attacked.

Both Shusmoy and Rinnet denied the allegations of the harassment and attack.

RU unit BCL president Mizanur Rahman Rana, however, said he would take action against the BCL men responsible.

Govt to probe profits

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Intelligence personnel will also intensify their vigilance in Chittagong Hill Tracts, as some NGOs in the name of Islam are carrying out suspicious activities there, the state minister said.

The national committee will also launch a campaign against militancy involving eminent media personalities, said Asaduzzaman, adding that the government would intensify its monitoring on social media like Facebook.

Among others, the chiefs of intelligence wings, Rapid Action Battalion and high officials of the home ministry were present in the meeting.

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