

DEMAND FOR REOPENING TWO CU DORMS

'Shibir' terror continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Islami Chhatra Shibir activists of Chittagong University, who were demanding reopening of two dormitories, allegedly vandalised a teachers' bus in nearby Chowdhury Hat area yesterday, a day after they reportedly exploded crude bombs at two rail stations.

Nobody was hurt in the attack, made around 7:30am, when the bus was headed for the port city to bring teachers to the campus, said Proctor Siraj-ud-Daula. Some windowpanes were broken, he said.

Police arrested four suspected students. "We're verifying whether they were involved in the vandalism," said Inspector Main Uddin, in-charge of CU Police Outpost.

Under the banner of general students, Shibir men enforced an indefinite strike on Sunday, demanding reopening of Suhrawardy and Shah Amanat halls, which were declared temporarily closed on August 24 following a gunfight between Shibir and

Bangladesh Chhatra League.

The two dormitories are reportedly dominated by Shibir, and house more than a thousand students.

As part of their strike, Shibir men allegedly exploded eight cocktails on Monday at Sholoshahar and Chowdhury Hat rail stations between the city and CU, and set fire to rail tracks.

The proctor said all the scheduled examinations and classes were held but the presence of students on the campus was less than normal.

Amid the fear of violence, 10 policemen escorted each of the shuttle train trips, said Yasin Faruk, officer-in-charge of General Railway Police, Chittagong.

Shibir CU unit President Mostafizur Rahman said they had given moral support to the "logical demonstration of general students" but denied their activists' link to any attack or violence. "The resident students have the right to stay in dormitories,"

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DHAKA ALIA MADRASA

BCL factional clash leaves five injured

In Gazipur city, activists demand release of the unit president held for violence

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At least five students were injured in a factional clash of Bangladesh Chhatra League over establishing supremacy at Allama Kashgari hall of Dhaka Alia Madrasa in the capital yesterday.

The injured were treated in Dhaka Medical College Hospital and a local clinic.

The two factions of BCL activists with hockey sticks, cricket stumps and iron rods started fighting to take control over the hall around 2:30pm, said Sub-inspector Tarekul Islam of Chawk Bazar Police Station.

The clash stopped after police intervention, he said.

Sources said some activists led by Shaker, Shahadat Limon and Mohsin drove out the rivals loyal to the hall unit

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BEATING OF BCL MEN

Ctg railway staff, cops among 17 sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Fourteen railway staff, two railway police and an Ansar member were sued yesterday on charge of beating up several Bangladesh Chhatra League activists at Chittagong Railway Station on August 27.

BCL the city unit Deputy Office Secretary Asraf Uddin Titu filed the case against the 17 and 10 to 15 unnamed people with a Chittagong court, said Quazi Sanowar Ahmed, lawyer of the plaintiff.

The court took

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SAGAR-RUNI MURDER

HC bench declines to hear bail plea of detained man

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday declined to hear a bail petition filed by Tanvir Rahman, an official of Scholastica School in Dhaka, in connection with the journalist couple Sagar-Runi murder case.

The bench of Justice Md Rezaul Haque and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore returned the petition to Tanvir's lawyer, saying Justice Haque had "some personal problems" in hearing the petition.

The judges, however, told Tanvir's lawyer Fawzia Karim Fiore that she could move the same petition before another HC bench. Fawzia said she would move it next week.

Tanvir filed the bail petition in late July, saying he was detained on suspicion in the murder case, and he had been suffering for around 21 months without trial.

The petition also said he was remanded for eight days,

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PHOTO: Amran Hossain

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir holds the son of missing Khaled Hasan Sohel as he joins the family members of the victims of forced disappearances at a human chain in front of the party headquarters in the capital yesterday. The BNP-led 20-party alliance organised the programme in observance of the international day on forced disappearances, demanding that the government find the missing people. In the last three and a half years till this June, 303 had disappeared, 53 of them were traced, 54 were found dead, and the rest still remain missing.

Hanging body found at Dhaka College

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a man hanging from a window grille of the academic building of Dhaka College in New Market area yesterday.

The dead, Salimullah, 35, of Shakhipur upazila of Shariatpur district, came to his brother Amanullah's residence at Dhaka Medical College Hospital staff quarter on New Elephant Road a month ago for treatment.

Deceased's brother Amanullah told The Daily Star that he got married to one Subarna Rekha nine months back. He was mentally shocked as they got separated recently, he said.

Amanullah said his brother went out from their Elephant Road residence on Monday evening and had been missing since then.

He said a police official informed him about the death over the phone in the morning.

Dr Ayesha Begum, principal of Dhaka College, told The Daily Star that Salimullah was not the student of the institution and they did not know how he went there.

Police sent the body to DMC morgue for an autopsy.

S ASIAN COUNTRIES

Home bosses' meet on Sept 17-19

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Home ministers from eight South Asian countries will join a three-day meeting from September 17-19 in Kathmandu to review regional security situation and to devise a common strategy to tackle security challenges.

The countries are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"This is a regular meeting to assess the security situation and challenges in the Saarc region, including trafficking and terrorism,"

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TACKLING GLOBAL WARMING

Respond to 2° Celsius stabilisation target

State minister for foreign affairs urges all countries

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is committed to working together with the small island developing states for ensuring a blue, pro-people, and pro-planet sustainable world for all, said State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam.

He was addressing the 3rd International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) held in Apia, Samoa.

"Climate vulnerable countries suffer without contributing even a minuscule portion to global climate change," he mentioned.

He urged all countries to respond to 2 degree Celsius stabilization target and for a broad-based support to the climate vulnerable countries specially LDCs through predictable finance and development.

With the theme "The sustainable development of small island developing states through genuine and durable

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SUBHAN'S WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Witness presents incriminating documents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday presented three documents to the International Crimes Tribunal-2 to prove the anti-liberation role of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan in 1971.

Anisur Rahman, librarian of the war crimes investigation agency, showed a list of Pabna Peace Committee members, another of the members of Pakistan national assembly and provincial assembly, elected in the 1971 by-poll, and the second report of the National People's Inquiry Commission on the activities of war criminals and collaborators of 1971.

The documents were collected from the investigation agency's library in July last year. Anisur is the 26th prosecution witness in Subhan's case.

According to the Peace Committee list, Subhan was its

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Tarique again rants against Bangabandhu in London

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a fresh bid to disparage the father of the nation, BNP's Tarique Rahman has claimed that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman willingly surrendered to the Pakistani army on the night of March 25, 1971 when it started genocide, while Ziaur Rahman took up arms.

He also said the Awami League, which was founded in 1949, got the opportunity to get involved in politics in Bangladesh for Zia, his father.

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'1971: Bhetore Baire' may fuel controversy

Speakers tell publication ceremony of book written by AK Khandaker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The book, "1971: Bhetore Baire" (1971: Inside and Outside), provides a holistic view of the planning, tactics and strategies of the liberation war, but a few remarks might raise controversies that already afflict the country's history, speakers observed at its publication ceremony yesterday.

The book, written by Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) AK Khandaker and published by Prothoma Prokashan, reads in the first chapter that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman concluded his historic March 7 speech in 1971 by saying "Joy Pakistan".

Referring to this portion, Liberation War Museum trustee Sarwar Ali said neither the tape recorded by Abul Khair, member of the national assembly from Gopalganj nor the copy of Swaraj published on March 8, 1971 had those words.

He must have heard it from someone who did not know what the actual speech was, Ali told the launch in Bengal Shilpalay in the capital's Dhanmondi, organised by Prothoma.

Pointing out that Khandaker is not a historian but a witness to the liberation war, Ali Riaz, professor of politics and government at Illinois University, US, referred to a number of pages where the writer expressed his views on different subjects including raising questions about the announcement of independence by Bangabandhu on March 26.

Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, however, said all the claims about the March 26, announcement of independence by Bangabandhu should be compared to bring out the truth.

The writer, however, said he tried to mention the truth, which he witnessed during the liberation war, which many might not like.

He said that there were faults in the planning stage of the war and gave an instance how only members of a particular

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