

Bangladeshis in UK protest firebombing

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Bangladeshis in London demonstrated outside the UK parliament Tuesday protesting against the atrocities being carried out by the "BNP in alliance with the Islamist Jamaat-e-Islami" against innocent people of Bangladesh.

The protest was arranged by a number of socio-political organisations under the banner of UK All Party Alliance against Violence & Terrorism in Bangladesh.

Several British MPs, including Gordon Bristow, Steve Reed, Jessica Morden, Sir Alan Meale and shadow minister Stephen Timms, came to speak to the activists to pledge their support for a secular democratic Bangladesh and condemned violence.

Following the protest, a memorandum was handed in at 10 Downing Street addressed to British Prime Minister David Cameron. The memo reads, "Having boycotted the 2014 general election, the BNP/Jamaat-e-Islami appears hell bent on ousting the government via force and violence. With daily violence the political crisis is fast approaching the point of no return and could gravely destabilise Bangladesh."

The violence and arson attacks have severely disrupted public life since the BNP-led 20-party alliance started an indefinite blockade on January 6. So far 75 people have been killed and hundreds injured.

In addition, scores of buses, trucks and vans have been burnt, while the suspension of transport movement has taken a serious toll on the economy.

The memo urges the UK to assist Bangladesh in its struggle to remain a secular democracy.



Students yesterday leave after classes at Kadam Mobarak M, Y High School, one of the few educational institutions in Chittagong city which are opening in reflection of the normalcy returning to city life in defiance of the BNP-led 20-party alliance, and against the backdrop of the request of the district administration and Chittagong Metropolitan Police to keep them open.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



Bazlur Rahman's 7th anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the seventh death anniversary of Bazlur Rahman, a freedom fighter and former editor of the daily Sangbad.

On the occasion, his family including his widow Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, Bazlur Rahman Foundation, and other organisations will place wreaths at his grave at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard at 9:00am.

A doa mahfil will also be held and Matia Chowdhury will make financial contribution to the CRP at Savar.

Bazlur Rahman died in 2008 at the age of 67. He graduated in economics from Dhaka University.

Five journos get Orbis Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five journalists were awarded yesterday for reporting on prevention and treatment of childhood blindness.

Orbis International awarded the journalists with "Feature Writing Award on Childhood Blindness 2014-15 on Childhood Blindness" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Naimul Haq of The Daily Observer, Probir Kumar Biswas of a Khulna-based newspaper Jonmohumi, Shahnaj Begum of The Daily Inqilab, Shebika Debnath of Sangbad, and Farhana Khanam Mithila, a contributor to Alokit Bangladesh, received a crest, a certificate and a cash reward each.

Later, Orbis in support with Mass Line Media Centre organised a workshop for journalists on child health which was presided over by Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul.

An ophthalmologist of Orbis, Dr Lutful Hossain, said every child should have at least one eye check-up before they turn five to prevent permanent damage.

He also advised against taking any homemade remedies instead of going to specialists for eye problems.

Book fair hours longer from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Business hours for the last three days of Amar Ekushey Granthamela-2015 have been increased.

Today the book fair will open an hour early at 2:00pm and close half an hour later at 9:00pm. The extended closing time will be applicable also for Friday and Saturday, when the fair would open at the usual 11:00am.

Publishers had applied to the fair management committee to run the fair for another seven days, said Bangla Academy Member Secretary Altaf Hossain.

Yesterday, 116 books arrived and 11 were launched.

Meanwhile, visitors continued to buy books from non-commercial and non-publishing houses and government institutions located on the Bangla Academy portion.

Even the National Curriculum and Textbook Board sold the national education policy, said Nazrul Islam, the institution's office assistant.

"We even gave books for free to children who said they did not get a particular textbook," he said.

Another stall providing books for free since

February 19 is Sporsha Braille Prokashona.

"So far we distributed 56 books," said Taslima Akther, a volunteer of the organisation yesterday.

This year they brought out a rhyme and poetry book and four biographies, that of Helen Keller, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Begum Rokeya and Louis Braille.

Located opposite Teletalk's stall, Jatiya Grantho



Kendra, where writers and publishing houses that could not get stalls put up their books for sale, had a frustrating experience this year.

Staff complained that they lost customers to the Teletalk stall where students were sold SIM cards for Tk 50. "The crowd spills over to our stall and use it for filling up the registration form, so our customers cannot go through books," said one wishing ano-

nymity.

"Last year by this time we sold almost 25 times more than what we have sold this year," she said, adding that books from children's literature to research by 250 writers were available.

However, Press Institute of Bangladesh staff appeared satisfied. "By this time last year we had sold books worth Tk one lakh but this year the figure is a little less," said Publication Department Officer Reaz Md Monzurul Haq Khan.

The Metropolitan Police stall was found selling books of other publications, violating the fair rules which say they must have a distribution permit.

Jahangir Alam, the stall in-charge, said those books, written by police personnel, were kept for promotional, not commercial, purposes.

Jalal Ahmed, director of the fair management committee, said, "I do not know if any such permission was granted." Many other stalls on the Bangla Academy portion, including Jati Jonok Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Jadughar and Jubo Jagoron, were selling books published by mainstream publications such as University Press Limited and Agamee.

CTG NURSING COLLEGE TEACHER MURDER CASE

No headway in 45 days

Family, colleagues question sincerity of investigators, but cops deny it, say probe will take some more time

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One and a half months have passed since Anjali Devi, a senior teacher of Chittagong Nursing College (CNC), was hacked to death in broad daylight in Chittagong city, but police are yet to find any lead, let alone arrest any suspect.

Police making no headway in 45 days has put family members and colleagues in panic, and they questioned the sincerity of the law enforcers.

"Anjali was a very modest and good woman. If a woman like her is murdered with such brutality in broad daylight, then what is the state of the security of the general people?" asked Romena Akter, a teacher at CNC.

Four masked men attacked the 57-year-old on Telipatti Road of Chawkbazar around 8:45am, and left in a couple of minutes without taking any valuables like mobile phone, handbag or money from her.

The Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP), which is

investigating the murder case, is yet to even guess why she was murdered and by whom.

The murder scene was around 200 yards off Chawkbazar Police Station.

Anjali died in Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) around 12:00noon.

Anjali's elder daughter, Dr Arpita Chowdhury, a medical intern at CMCH, still wonders why her mother would be attacked at all. "Mother was a very modest woman," she said, shocked at the brutality she suffered at the hands of the killers.

About the probe, she said, "Police talked to me around one month before and they did not contact me thereafter.... We are frustrated as no criminal has been arrested yet."

The victim's younger daughter is a final-year student at Dhaka Medical College.

Colleagues and students have staged several demonstrations, in which they doubted whether the investigators were sincerely working to solve the case.

Ratan Kumar Nath, general secre-

tary of the Diploma Nurses' Association, Chittagong, said police had taken the statement of only one colleague so far.

"They were supposed to record our statements but the investigation officer did not contact us for that," he said. "I don't understand why they cannot unearth the clue of this murder after 45 days."

Kusum Dewan, deputy commissioner of DB, however, said, "Our investigation is covering all aspects including her family and professional issues."

He said, "Although we could not unearth any clue of the murder, there is no reason to think that we are not sincere in investigation.... We need some more time."

CMP Commissioner Abdul Jalil Mondol said political violence was keeping them busy. "But our investigation into this case hasn't stopped," he said.

"We think it was a pre-planned murder executed by a well-organised group," he added, and assured that the criminals would be caught no matter how sly they are.

Why halting

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Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman asked the government to explain in three weeks why the obstruction, for which no reasons were shown, would not be declared illegal and why it should not remove the restrictions on its broadcast.

The petitioners' counsel, Rafique-Ul Huq, said its transmission was suspended without issuing any notice, which was against the constitutional right to freedom of expression.

Within a few days of the incident, ETV Chairman Abdus Salam was remanded in a seditious case filed for airing a "false, fabricated and provocative" speech by Tarique.

Bangladesh to

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Bangladesh to cover 27 additional countries through its diplomatic outposts....This expansion will give the country more edge in terms of reaching out to a greater global audience," added the foreign ministry press release.

BOOKS TO LOOK FOR



BANGLADESH MUKTIJUDDHE SHAHEED SANGBADIK
Editor: Md Shah Alamgir
Publisher: Press Institute of Bangladesh
Price: BDT 125



JE JIBON GHUNPOKAR
Author: Safia Khandakar Rekha
Publisher: Kadakhocha
Price: BDT 180



DURE KACHHE SHORGO ACHHE
Author: Aly Zaker
Publisher: Nobojug
Price: BDT 210



While many sharks are under serious threat of going extinct, hunting continues unabated irrespective of size and species in the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Kuakata. With no demand in the local markets, these beautiful animals are usually subject to "finning", a practice of removing the fins for drying and throwing the body away. The photo was taken at Kuakata Shutki Palli.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

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৬	দরপত্র প্রকল্পের নাম	মাইক্রোবাস ক্রয় সংক্রান্ত	
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