

**BCL-SHIBIR CLASH**  
**Police sue**  
**108 Ctg**  
**Shibir men**

14 of them sent to jail  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday filed two cases against 108 leaders and activists of Islam Chhatra Shibir in connection with their clash with Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men at Chittagong Government College during Victory Day celebrations. Eighteen of the accused were named, including President of Shibir's Chittagong College unit Abu Raihan Uddin, General Secretary Kaisar Mahmud Raihan, Government Mohsin College Shibir President Tofayel and General Secretary Nasir Uddin. All four are absconding.

The 14 others were sent to jail yesterday. According to the two cases, filed for destructive activities and possession of arms, 100 to 120 Shibir men attacked BCL activists of Chittagong College when the latter were placing wreaths at the Shaheed Minar on the campus, leading to a clash. It injured three people.

Chittagong College and Mohsin College, located opposite each other, are known as the strongholds of Shibir in Chittagong city. Shibir established supremacy in the two colleges in 1980s, said a then BCL leader.

An incumbent leader said BCL was observing Victory Day on the campus for the first time under its banner after nearly three decades.

Meanwhile, Chittagong University unit of BCL yesterday demanded resignation of three assistant proctors accusing them of failing to stop a clash between the student body's two factions on November 2.

The three teachers are Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Liton Mitra, and Helal Uddin.



Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science & Technology University Vice Chancellor Prof Ruhul Amin, second from right in front, looking at photographs which were part of a competition, Celebrating Life, organised by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank, on the campus in Dinajpur yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

**Alarming mercury use increasing health risks in Bangladesh**

Experts tell ESDO-UNEP workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Due to a lack of regulation, the use of mercury reached an alarming level in Bangladesh increasing health risks and environment pollution, said experts at a workshop yesterday.

The speakers emphasised raising awareness about a stop to the use of the harmful liquid metal and its proper management at the event "Reduction of demand of mercury in mercury containing products in Bangladesh."

In 2014, 58 tonnes of mercury was brought illegally in Bangladesh while in the same period the quantity of imported mercury was 3.73 tonnes, according to a survey report prepared by Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO), which organised the event at The Daily Star Centre in the capital in association with United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).

The report says 1.09- 6.22 tonnes of mercury vapor is emitted annually from dental amalgam. A person breathes in 3 to 17 micrograms of

mercury vapor during dental amalgam filling. Annually, this figure ranges from 1,095 grams to 6,205 grams.

Annually, in the jewellery industry approximately 0.85 tonnes of mercury is emitted and through breaking of thermometers and sphygmomanometers 0.69 tonnes and 3.3 tonnes of mercury is released into the environment respectively, the report adds.

According to another study, "Mercury Sources: Products & Hotspot on Bangladesh," by ESDO, published in 2012, 3,361 to 4,653 ppm of mercury has been used in various beauty and skincare products.

Prof Abu Jafar Mahmud, former chairperson, the Department of Chemistry, Dhaka University, said the mercury used in different products entered human body through various ways. "Mercury harms brain and deteriorates hearing, vision and immunity. Pregnant women and children are more prone to mercury poisoning."

Mercury is also used in everyday consumer

products like CFL bulb, cement, and chemical fertilisers in Bangladesh, said Dr Shahriar Hossain, UNEP mercury specialist and secretary general of ESDO.

Avoiding use of coal for power generation, and proper management of the waste that emitted mercury can be helpful in making environment free from the harmful metal, he added.

Dr Desiree Raquel Montecillo Narvaez, program officer of Geneva-based UNEP, stressed the Bangladesh government's initiatives to ratify Minamata Convention.

According to the Minamata Convention, which Bangladesh signed in 2013, mercury use in different products has to be banned by 2020.

ESDO Chairperson Syed Marghub Murshed chaired the workshop.

Md Nurul Karim, additional secretary, the Ministry of Environment and Forest, said the government was extremely sincere about stopping the use of mercury.

SEE PHOTO ONLINE

**NEWS IN**  
**brief**

**BCL attack on CU journo condemned**

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet) Journalists' Association yesterday protested the attack on a Chittagong University journalist by a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men on Monday night.

The association in a statement also demanded punishment of the BCL activists. The BCL activists allegedly assaulted journalist Abu Sufian, CU correspondent of ATN news, on Monday.

**Int'l conference on electrical engineering starts at IUB**

CITY DESK

A three-day international conference on Advances in Electrical Engineering started at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) yesterday.

Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, energy adviser to the Prime Minister, inaugurated the conference where IUB Vice-Chancellor M Omar Rahman was present.

**Chevron sponsors facial reconstructive surgeries**

CITY DESK

Chevron Bangladesh sponsored a mission of Rotaplast International, a nonprofit humanitarian organisation, under which 85 patients received reconstructive surgeries, said a press release.

The patients -- living near Chevron's Jalalabad gas-plant -- received surgeries to correct cleft-lip, cleft-palate and other facial deformities.

On December 11, Chevron held a formal ceremony at a Sylhet hotel to mark the end of the 10-day mission which was conducted in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Jalalabad and Sylhet Women's Medical College Hospital.

**Scholastica celebrates Victory Day**

CITY DESK

To celebrate the Victory Day, Scholastica organised cultural programmes and an art competition at the school premises on Wednesday, said a press release.

Abul Barq Alvi, professor the Faculty of Fine Arts of Dhaka University and Ashok Karmaker, chief artist of Prothom Alo, graced the programme at the senior campus in Mirpur.

Brig Gen (rttd) Kaiser Ahmed, Principal of Senior Campus, Uttara; presided over the programme which was held on the Uttara campus.

Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat			
Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight (SPO) Project			
Invitation for Tender			
1.	Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat	
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat	
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, SPO Project, Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat	
4.	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present	
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka	
6.	Invitation for	Goods Tender	
7.	Invitation Ref No	11.320.014.00.00.135.2015-338	
8.	Date	Date: 17-12-2015	
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
9.	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method	
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget	PA: Grants
11.	Development Partners (if applicable)	IDA, World Bank	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
12.	Project / Program Code (if applicable)	TF097134-BD	
13.	Project / Program Name (if applicable)	Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight (SPO) Project	
14.	Tender Package No.	G -20	
15.	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Photocopier & Office equipment	
		<b>Date</b>	
16.	Tender Publication Date	17/12/2015	
17.	Tender Last Selling Date	04/01/2016	
		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
18.	Tender Closing Date and Time	05/01/2015	12:00pm
19.	Tender Opening Date and Time	05/01/2015	12:30pm
20.	Name & Address of the office(s)	<b>Address</b>	
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Office of the SPO project, 2/5 Minister's hostel, Sher-e-bangla Nagar, Sangsad Bhaban campus, Dhaka-1207	
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)	Office of the SPO project, 2/5 Minister's hostel, Sher-e-bangla Nagar, Sangsad Bhaban campus, Dhaka-1207	
	- Receiving Tender Document	Office of the SPO project, 2/5 Minister's hostel, Sher-e-bangla Nagar, Sangsad Bhaban campus, Dhaka-1207	
	- Opening Tender Document	Office of the Project Director & Director (P&D.), Room no 913, SE block, level-9, Parliament building, Sher-e-bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Phone: 8171395	
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>			
21.	Eligibility of Tenderer	Genuine supplier/manufacturer of Photocopier & others and should have valid certificate of company ownership, trade license, VAT registration, Income tax and bank solvency.	
22.	Brief Description of Goods	3 Photocopier, 3 Multimedia Projector with screen.	
23.	Brief Description of Related Services	In warranty period, any damage or any dis functioning of equipment's and goods should be replaced or repaired.	
24.	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	500.00 ( Five Hundred taka only) (cash, non-refundable)	
25.	Lot Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
	3 Photocopier, 3 Multimedia Projector with screen.	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat	30,000.00 (Thirty thousand only)
			Completion Time in Weeks / Months
			7 (seven) days after contract signing
26.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Mosta Gausul Haque,	
27.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director (Deputy Secretary), SPO Project	
28.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Office of the SPO project, 2/5 Minister's hostel, Sher-e-bangla Nagar, Sangsad Bhaban campus, Dhaka-1207	
29.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel.-8171395 Fax.-	Email:mostagausul@gmail.com
30.	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders.		

Project Director  
SPO Project



Winners of Dhaka-South regional round of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef with judges at the capital's Shooting Club yesterday.

PHOTO: MD KAWSAR

**New list of freedom fighters by March 26**

FROM PAGE 3  
fighters tallying with the Indian list of 1971 was being delayed because of a case pending with the High Court.

He said a law would be enacted to write "Bir" (hero) before their names.

The government is undertaking a project to build a residential area for freedom fighters at district and upazila levels, he said, adding that a residential project worth Tk 150 crore had already been taken for the injured freedom fighters and the

construction of own complexes for freedom fighters was going on in 322 upazilas of 64 districts.

The minister said the freedom fighters would get Tk 10,000 each as allowance from the next year. They are getting free medical treatment and their children are getting special facilities in education and employment, he added.

Meanwhile, information will be collected to make a list of Pakistani collaborators soon, he said.

**Joining in fear**

FROM PAGE 3  
The main feature of the style is creating an intimidating environment by law enforcers and party goons so that the voters do not go to polling centres, he said.

Addressing the press at BNP's Nayapaltna central office, Rizvi alleged that ministers, whips and MPs campaigned for ruling party candidates during Victory Day processions in different municipalities. "It's a serious violation of the electoral code of conduct."

He criticised the Election Commission for its "inaction" against the violations of the election code of conduct by the ruling party men.

Rizvi said the posters of BNP candidates were being destroyed, and ruling party goons with the help of local administration were intimidating voters. A packed situation has been created for BNP leaders and activists in the election areas, he added.

"It seems that the Election Commission has polluted the election atmosphere to fulfill the evil

**Fakhrul's indictment hearing**

FROM PAGE 3  
order, which are now pending.

BNP leaders ASM Hannan Shah, Gayeshwar Chandra Roy and six others were present in the court while six others, including Jamaat-e-Islami acting ameer Maqbul Ahmad, have been absconding since the case was filed.

The case was filed against them with Tejgaon Police Station in connection with torching of a bus near Prime Minister's Office during hartal hours of April 29, 2012.

The opposition alliance enforced the hartal to protest the disappearance of BNP organising secretary M Ilias Ali.

**Two abducted by them never were found**

FROM PAGE 3  
Hamid's house and tie them to a jackfruit tree and later take them away.

He said he also went for the training and took part in the Liberation War before

returning after victory was achieved. Villagers informed him that Bakar and Rupali were never found, he added.

Proceedings were adjourned until December 20.