

JCD seals locks at three universities with glue

Protesting Tarique's conviction; brings out processions

DU CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Saturday night poured glue into door locks at Dhaka, Jahangirnagar and Rajshahi universities as part of their countrywide strike to protest jailing of BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman in a money laundering case.

The BNP-backed student body tried to foil classes and exams.

Seven locks were sealed with glue at Curzon Hall, Arts Building, Mokarram Bhaban, and Science Annex Building of Dhaka University, but the administration broke all those in the early morning, and classes were not hampered, said Proctor AM Amzad.

JCD leaders of DU said Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) obstructed their procession heading into the campus and attacked them.

"While putting up posters at Cuzon Hall, JCD activist and chemistry student Noor Alam Bhuiyan Emon was attacked by BCL and injured seriously," said Al Mehedi Talukder, DU unit president of JCD.

Denying the allegation, the DU unit president of BCL said, "Chhatra League is firm on maintaining a congenial

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Merely walking into a water body for a swim clearly does not appeal to these young thrill-seekers aiming to ward off the sweltering midday heat by taking a dip in the cooling waters of Chamaura Kandi Haor in Sylhet sadar upazila on Saturday. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

2 crude bombs explode at Ctg railway station

CU CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified miscreants yesterday exploded two crude bombs at Chittagong city's Sholshahor Railway Station from where Chittagong University students go to the campus through shuttle train.

The explosions took place in front of the police camp and his room around 6:40am, said Station Master Md Shahabuddin.

Two persons hurled the bombs, said Sub-inspector Suruzzaman of Chittagong Government Railway Police, adding that the throwers could not be identified as they fled the scene immediately.

No one was so far injured, said the SI.

The incident occurred on the day when Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) enforced a countrywide strike at all educational institutions protesting conviction of

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BARAPUKURIA GRAFT CASE Court asks again Khaleda Zia to appear before it

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again asked BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and 10 others to appear before it on August 10 in Barapukuria coalmine graft case.

Judge Hosne Ara Begum of the Special Judge's Court-2 passed the order after Khaleda's lawyer Taherul Islam Towhid submitted a petition seeking an adjournment of the case hearing.

In the petition, the lawyer said his client could not appear before it yesterday due to security grounds, even though the same court on June 12 ordered her to appear.

Five other accused including BNP leaders Khandker Mosharrif Hossain and

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Fakhrul fears govt action on BNP chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday at a programme at Jatiya press club apprehended government action against Chairperson Khaleda Zia and warned of "consequences", saying the party would not sit idle.

On Senior Vice Chairman and Khaleda's elder son Tarique Rahman being convicted for the first time in a graft case on Thursday, he said the government might eventually target all involved with BNP. "It is a matter of our existence. We will not be spared," he said, claiming that the verdict was politically motivated, "the last chapter" of a government conspiracy and an attempt to prevent Tarique's access to politics and the next general election.


HOW WELL CTG MAYOR PERFORMED IN ONE YEAR

Awami League leader AJM Nasir Uddin was elected mayor of Chittagong City Corporation on April 28, 2015, with pledges to end waterlogging, build a clean city, and depoliticise the organisation. Today he completes one year in office. Here is a review of his performance by Arun Bikash Dey, staff correspondent of The Daily Star

SUCCESSSES	LIMITATIONS	PLANS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed almost all illegal billboards Waste being collected at night Restored chain of command Kept CCC out of partisanship Increasing height of road surfaces Increasing width, depth of drains Soil being removed from canals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterlogging still plaguing city No initiative to free canals No initiative to free footpaths Waste still being collected in daytime Slow development works like road repairs 3 CCC parks not visitor-friendly No excavation of canals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect waste from door-to-door Procure 10 lakh bins, 2,000 rickshaw vans Make city fully garbage free by Dec 31 Get magistrates appointed Dredge all 26 canals Excavate three new canals Build embankment

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

 <p>M MANJUR ALAM PREDECESSOR OF THE MAYOR</p> <p>It is too early to comment on his success or failure. There must be a permanent solution to the waterlogging problem. If necessary, the mayor should go to the prime minister.</p>	 <p>ENG SUBHASH BARUA VICE-PRESIDENT, FORUM FOR PLANNED CHITTAGONG</p> <p>As the mayor has good relations with government high-ups, he should take projects with the help of the water resources ministry.</p>	 <p>NASIR UDDIN CHY FORMER FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT OF BGMEA</p> <p>Eviction of billboards is a huge success. But conservancy workers still remove waste in daytime.</p>	 <p>YASIN CHOWDHURY ACHHU BNP-BACKED COUNCILLOR</p> <p>The mayor has kept CCC out of partisanship. He treats all councillors equally and fairly. The corporation's enlisted contractors are also treated equally irrespective of their political background.</p>	 <p>ZARINA HOSSAIN TOWN PLANNER</p> <p>The mayor must take a bold stand to free the canals because the occupiers are influential.</p>
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WHAT THE MAYOR SAYS

CCC does not have an adequate number of magistrates to initiate eviction drives to free the canals, which have been illegally occupied by around 20,000 individuals and entities for 40 to 50 years.

Oversee nat'l anthem recitation at madrasas

Nahid asks authorities

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday denounced the Islamist militants, saying that no Muslim can kill a human being if he or she understands the essence of Islam as the holy religion does not permit such heinous activities.

"If one understands the essence of the holy Quran and Hadith, he or she can never do dreadful act like killing a human being... Killing human being is not permitted in the Quran. It promotes higher objectives of life," he told a views-exchange on "Responsibilities of madrasa teachers in resisting militancy" at the capital's Krishibid Institution auditorium.

Nahid said a child achieves most of his characteristics from his or her family and educational institutions.

"The guardians and teachers should play a crucial role in instilling into the children's mind the humanitarian values, and making family ties stronger," the minister added.

About the madrasas, he said most of these educational institutions follow the mandatory rules of recitation of the national anthem and hoisting of national flags.

"These rules might not be followed in a few institutions. We are asking authorities of all educational institutions to oversee the fact," he mentioned.

Among others, Education Secretary Md Sohorab Hossain addressed the function as special guest with Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board Acting Chairman Professor AKM Saif Ullah in the chair.

Part of ICT chief prosecutor office to be relocated

Says law minister after visiting it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A portion of the Chief Prosecutor Office of the International Crimes Tribunal will be relocated, as extensive repairs to the building are needed, Law Minister Anisul Huq told The Daily Star yesterday.

The decision was made after the minister visited the office yesterday following a report of this newspaper on the dilapidated condition of the Old High Court Building (west block), which housed the office.

The report published on Friday stated that the tribunal's chief prosecutor wrote to the law ministry for a second time to immediately shift the office from the building since the century-old dilapidated building was at risk of collapse.

"Following your [The Daily Star's] report, I inquired whether my ministry got the letter. My ministry never got the letter. Nevertheless, I went there to see the condition of the prosecutor office," said the minister, adding that he later got the letter brought from the registrar's office of the tribunal.

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Unbecoming of a police officer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police officer first grabbed the collar of his shirt and started slapping him in the neck.

Talking over the phone with a piece of paper in hand, the man seemed perplexed.

The officer then pinned him to the ground and started kicking him.

Seeing it, eight to 10 youths came forward to rescue the man, but the officer tried to drag him to another place grabbing him by the collar.

This is how Sergeant Mehedi Hasan of traffic (south division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) beat Mohammad Yusuf, a private car driver, on Saturday afternoon.

The incident happened around 5:30pm near the KFC outlet at Dhanmondi 7/A in the capital, according to police and locals.

A one and a half-minute mute video clip of the incident went viral on Facebook yesterday, and demands for punishment of the police official poured in.

Sergeant Mehedi was "closed" temporarily and police were inquiring into the incident, said Khan Muhammad Rezwan, deputy commissioner (DC) of traffic (south division) of DMP. If found guilty, the sergeant will face departmental action, he told The Daily Star.

Arif Ahmed, owner of the car, said Yusuf went to

AG can form cell to help block militant suspects' bail: Anisul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said the attorney general (AG) can form a coordination cell to take necessary steps to stop bail of militant suspects and their release from jail.

There are many deputy and assistant attorneys general under the attorney general and a coordination cell can be formed headed by an additional attorney general, he said when he went to visit the condition of a building of chief prosecutor's office of International Crimes Tribunal in Dhaka.

The law minister said he will talk to the attorney general on this issue.

While talking to reporters on July 19, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam stressed forming such a coordination cell.

Yesterday, replying to a question, Anisul Huq said he will not withdraw his statement about a lower court judge being influenced in acquitting BNP leader Tarique Rahman in a money laundering case.

He said he will elaborate it at a press conference tomorrow.

Anisul Huq on July 21 said Tarique got acquitted in the case at the trial court by influencing its judge.

The judge (Motahar Hossain of Dhaka Special Judge's

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ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS DIGITAL INSURANCE




Green Delta Insurance & Access to Information (azi) program of Prime Minister's Office sign MoU for activating sales of Insurance Services from Union Digital Centers across the country. Mr. Kabir Bin Anwar, Director, Admin and Project Director, Access to Information Program, PMO and Ms. Farzana Chowdhury ACII (UK), Managing Director & CEO of Green Delta Insurance signed the MoU on behalf of respective organizations at Prime Minister's Office.