

Four-tier security for Jamnashtami

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police are going to impose a four-tier security system to ensure a peaceful and festive celebration of holy Jamnashtami, the birth festival of Sri Sri Krishna.

The Jamnashtami will be celebrated on August 14 in the country. Apart from capturing videos of the Jamnashtami tirth police will also be on the rally route and keep an eye on rally from rooftops, said a press release of Police Headquarters.

Law-enforcers in uniform and civil dress will also be deployed to ensure security, it added. The decision came at a meeting of Sohrey Ferdous, assistant inspector general (media) of PHQ, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The meeting of Police Akmil Shahid Haque chaired the meeting where high officials of police headquarter were present. Intelligence agency and Hindu community leaders were in the meeting. A decision was taken for taking stern actions against those who would try to spread propaganda against any religion on social media.

HC grants bail to 'militant'

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before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court challenging the HC verdict, he added.

On February 23, 2014, an armed gang ambushed a prison van and snatched three convicted JMB militants – two of them on death row – in Trishal of Mymensingh.

A police constable was killed as the highway to 10 to 15, all marked, opened fire and hauled them back at the prison van.

The attack on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway took place when the van carrying the three was going to Mymensingh to produce them before a court in a session case.

The convicts are Rakib Hasan Russell alias Hafiz Mahmud, Salahuddin Ahmed alias Saleh and Zahidul Islam alias Boma Zaman.

Rakib and Salahuddin were sentenced to death and Zahidul to 37 years in prison in different cases.

Admission seekers may be allowed to sit for second time at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Admission seekers may be allowed to sit for admission tests for a second time at Rajshahi University at Rajshahi.

At a meeting of 17-18 academic session, said sources at the registrar's office.

The draft decision was taken at a meeting of the university's admission sub-committee yesterday.

The meeting also discussed increasing of required points needed to apply for admission tests from this session.

However, final decision will be taken after another meeting, said the sources.

Earlier on December 19, 2015 RU decided not to allow the admission aspirants to sit for the entry tests for a second time from 2016-17 academic session to eliminate unequal competition between regular and irregular students.

Step down, hold election

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the administration is acute.

All BNP welcome move for new political alliance.

The ruling Awami League and political architect BNP sense a new polarisation in politics ahead of the upcoming general election and they see it as a positive sign for democracy.

Praising the initiative, at the same press briefing at Nayapalsh headquarters, BNP secretary general said his party will extend support to those who stand against the illegal and immoral Awami League-led government.

"We will extend our all support to the initiative if it is taken in favour of the country, its people and democracy."

Meanwhile, Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader also lauded the initiative, and said, "A process of forging an alliance with political parties is a new polarisation in politics and it is a good sign."

Quader, also road transport and bridges minister, came up with remarks while talking to reporters at Daffodil International University in the capital's Dharmondi area yesterday. Pointing to formation of a liaison committee of several political parties to forge an alliance beyond the combines led by Awami League and BNP, he said, "Holding such meetings among different parties is a beauty of politics."

"We will welcome the new polarisation in politics ahead of the upcoming general election," he added.

On Wednesday night, several political parties met and formed a liaison committee aiming to form an alliance. Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudul Rahman Manna was given the helm of the committee.

The meeting, held at the Baridhara residence of Bipalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB), President AQM Badruddoz Chowdhury, lasted two and a half hours from 8:30 pm.

Jatiya Party Co-Chair GM Quader, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD)-BNP, President ASM Abdur Rub, Manna, Gonoforum Executive President Subrata Chowdhury and BDB leader Mahi B Chowdhury, among others, attended the meeting.

Brac students

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harassment prevention cell of the university will investigate upon receiving complaints from female students assaulted by security guards.

The university authorities will then take action against the persons found guilty in investigation, she also said.

The student agitation started after the university's law department teacher Farhan Uddin Ahmed on Sunday alleged that Registrar School Management Assistant Registrar Mahi Uddin and senior officer at the office of co-curricular activities Jabel Rasid assaulted him.

Yesterday, at around 11:30am, Noman, Kamun Nabih Khan, Ashik Estaki and Yesimur Rahman Romy started the hunger strike on the campus. Later, two more students joined them.

On Tuesday, the university authorities formed a committee to investigate the alleged assault on the teacher. After the students rejected the committee, the authorities reorganised it the next day.

Monno laid to rest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Industrialist Harunur Rashid Khan Monno, an adviser to BNP chairman Khaleda Zia and a former minister, was buried in his family graveyard at Monno City of Manikganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

Earlier, his name-zanjanas were held at BNP's Dhaka central office, National Parliament South Plaza, at Islamabad of Dhaka, at Kulu Shah Degree College in Satara upazila, Government Demveda College in Manikganj, at Patung Anabondhoo Government High School in Hariampur upazila and Monno City.

People from all walks of life including leaders and activists of BNP took part in the name-zanjanas. Monno chairman of Monno Group of Industries, passed away on Monday, aged 84.



Bad weather?

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Security Adviser Ajit Doyal and Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar during their visit from July 31 to August 1.

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80 JU students face

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said sources at the department.

Prof Md Sharif Hossain, chairman of BGE department, confirmed that a number of students of the department had been criticising teachers over their conduct and academic performance by opening a "closed page on Facebook".

Regarding the issuing of notices to the students, he, however said, "It's an internal issue of our department. Our academic body called them to enquire about the incident as we want the image of the department and university to remain positive."

Seeking anonymity, several students of the department said they opened the page "just for fun", but their teachers were taking it too seriously. "It's shame that our teachers are snooking on us and checking for our personal messages on Facebook. Such actions are unacceptable," said one of the students.

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