

10 left-leaning activists hurt in BCL attack

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 leaders and activists of left-leaning student organisations were injured in an alleged attack by Chhatra League members near the Raju Memorial Sculpture of Dhaka University yesterday evening.

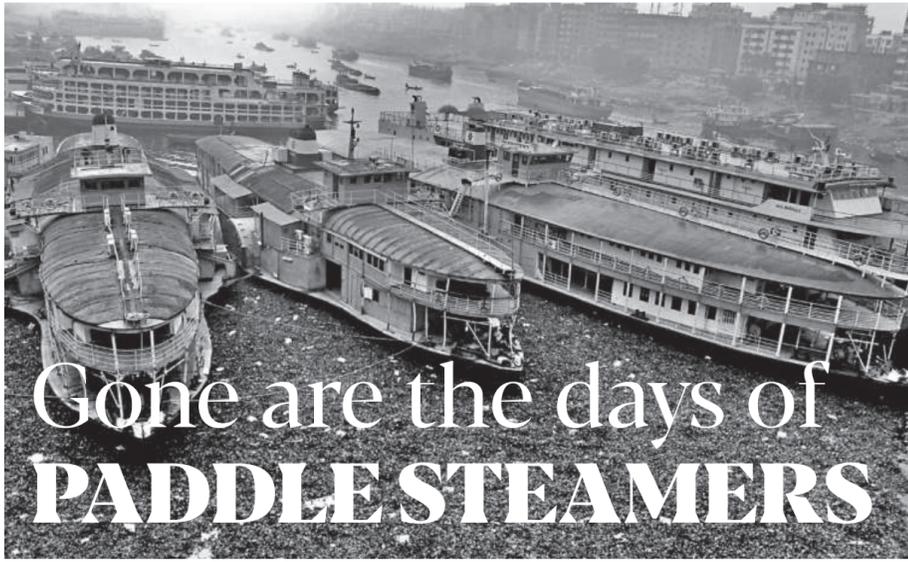
The incident occurred when left-wing activists tore down a banner set up by BCL in front of the sculpture, thanking the government for the metro rail.

DU Chhatra Union General Secretary Maen Ahmed said the Raju sculpture was covered under a banner for an extended period. So angry students demolished it to save the legacy of Raju, he said.

"Then BCL members attacked us, leaving at least 10 activists of Democratic Students Alliance seriously injured," he added.

Of the injured, three were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, he added.

Contacted, DU BCL President Tanbir Hasan Shaikat said general students resisted the left activists who tried to demolish the banner.



Gone are the days of PADDLE STEAMERS

Once, these three heritage steamers used to push through the water with large wheels. They now lie abandoned on the Badamtoli Ghat of the Buriganga. According to BIWTC, a lack of passengers and safety concerns made them suspend the operations of the steamers and it is unlikely for the vessels to be up and running anytime soon. The photo was taken recently.

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DIPAN NANDY

There was a time when a journey on a paddle steamer used to be a sought-after experience by locals and tourists in the country.

A paddle steamer is a ship/boat that moves in the water using a steam engine. Instead of regular

propellers, it has big paddle wheels on its sides that turn and push the boat forward.

Initiated by River Steam Navigation Company Limited in 1878, the steamer operations came under the control of the Pakistan River Steamers in 1958 and later under Bangladesh Inland Water

Transport Corporation (BIWTC) in 1972.

As per BIWTC, many steamers, including Garrow, Florikan, Burma, Majabi, Flamingo, Kiyi, Mohamend, Sherpa, Pathan, Sandra, Irani, Seal, Lali and Mekla used to rule over the southern rivers with personalities like Queen Elizabeth

II, Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi, and Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy on board.

Poet Jibanananda Das' diary also mentions steamer journeys many times.

In 1974, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman went on a cruise with Yugoslavian leader Marshal Tito on one of the steamers.

However, their operation came to an end in September last year after reigning over the Dhaka-Chandpur-Barisal-Khulna-Kolkata, Dhaka-Khulna, and Dhaka-Morrelganj in Bagerhat water routes for over 150 years.

Currently, only four of them are available -- PS Mahsud (built in 1928); PS Ostrich (1929); PS Lepcha (1938), and PS Turn (1950).

They now lie abandoned on the Badamtoli Ghat of the Buriganga and Narayanganj dockyards.

According to BIWTC authorities, a lack of passengers and safety concerns made them suspend the operations of the steamers and it is unlikely for the vessels to be up and running anytime soon. However, they do plan to preserve one of the existing vessels, all of British origin and about a century-old, for tourists.

During a recent visit to the banks of the Buriganga, this correspondent found vessels PS Mahsud and PS Lepcha docked at the Badamtoli Ghat.

"I used to regularly commute to Bagerhat via steamers as they seemed to be a more secure mode of transportation. Nostalgia overwhelmed me during every ride

as I got transported to the time when I first traveled on one of these steamers with my newly-wedded wife," said Kamal Roy, a local.

Mohammad Azim, 75, a retired government official, said steam boats that fell in the category bore "PS" before their names, which meant paddle steamer. Similarly, motor launches had the "MV", or motor vessel, abbreviation before their names.

"I remember, I used to travel on these boats on a regular basis," he said. "Other than first class cabin facilities, they also served excellent meals. The kitchen of a paddle steamer is called the pantry. They served Bangla and English cuisines, plus different snacks."

The vessels were later converted to run on diesel after 1960. Lepcha underwent this transformation in 1986 while Mahsud got its diesel engine in 1990, mentioned the vessel employees.

"There are instructions to defer operating vessels that are over 40-year-old as it might be risky for passengers," said SM Ashikuzzaman, director (commercial) of BIWTC.

However, PS Ostrich has been remodeled into a mobile restaurant in the Kanchan Bridge area while efforts are underway to preserve PS Mahsud as a heritage vessel, he mentioned.

Meanwhile, the fates of PS Lepcha and PS Turn remain uncertain with BIWTC continuing their hunt for private companies willing to lease and preserve them as heritage artifacts, he added.

The situation is worse than before

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She also said, "I am embarrassed now when I talk about human rights. The situation is worse than before. State administrators have put themselves in confrontation with human rights. In a civilised, democratic society with a sense of human rights, the looters are supposed to be in fear, not the human

rights activists."

She called upon the indigenous people to continue the fight for their rights with patience.

Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, said, "It's a difficult time for indigenous people. The wealth of the rulers has increased several hundred times. A person

involved in the killing and torture of indigenous communities has been nominated again for the upcoming polls."

Huma Khan, human rights adviser at the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator, stressed the need for recognition of indigenous people and their protection of human rights.

Body found

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"He was a dedicated party activist," said Masud Rana, a member of the AL district unit.

Contacted, MP Omor Faruk said, "I left the office at 10:00pm on Monday. The office premises remained closed afterwards. I have no idea about the incident."

"The office premises remain crowded with people from dawn till dusk. I have been holding election preparatory meetings at the office daily and a lot of people attend them. Nothing unusual occurred there in the last few days," he said.

They wanted to expand beyond Bangladesh

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whereabouts of the absconding Ansar Al Islam members and their plans.

According to Indian media reports, the arrested

Bangladeshi members are identified as Mohammad Sojib, Munna Khalid Ansari, Azharul Islam Ansari, and Mominul Ansari.

The arrestees allegedly

tried to radicalise local youths in Ahmedabad and collect funds for the outfit.

Meanwhile, a case was filed with Rugganj Police Station early yesterday after

the arrest of six members of the outfit. The arrestees also allegedly have a connection with the separatist group Kuki-Chin National Front, the FIR added.

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01.	EDCL/PURCHASE/C&F/LT/2023/483 Dated 12/12/2023	Appointment of C&F Agent (as per tender schedule) for Dhaka Airport with carrying of goods to EDCL's Dhaka Plant.	Tk. 5,00,000.00 (five lac) only refundable/adjustable with SD	Tk. 2,000.00 (two thousand) only non-refundable	18/01/2024 at 03.00 pm	18/01/2024 at 03.15 pm

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