

PM'S QUOTA REMARK

Late-night protests rock DU, other universities

DU CORRESPONDENT

Tensions flared up at Dhaka University late last night as hundreds of students came out of their dormitories to protest what they said was a "disparaging comment" by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina regarding quotas in government jobs.

Students at Jahangirnagar University, Jagannath University, Rajshahi University, Chittagong University, and Comilla University too staged protests.

They gathered on campuses and took out processions around 11:00pm, chanting "Tui ke? Ami ke? Razakar, Razakar! [Who are you? Who am I? Razakar, Razakar!]"

Earlier, in response to a journalist's question, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, "Why do they have so much resentment towards the freedom PHOTO ON PAGE 12 SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

TEESTA RIVER PROJECT

India should implement it if we're to get water

Says PM, vows to continue zero tolerance for corruption

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said she wants India to implement the Teesta project and this is to ensure Bangladesh gets water from upstream.

She said, "The Teesta project is a longstanding issue. We will have to implement the Teesta project. China has made an offer and conducted a feasibility study. India also has made an offer. India will also conduct a feasibility study, and then we will accept the one that will be rational for us."

"But I will give priority to India for the project as India holds back the Teesta water. If we want to realise [share of the Teesta] water, India should implement the project. If they complete the project, they will provide everything that is required for the project. This is diplomacy. There is no hide-and-seek about this, and it's simple and clear."

Hasina said this while responding to a question from a journalist at a press conference at the Gono Bhaban on her recent visit to China.

She said Chinese President Xi Jinping mentioned assistance in four ways: grants, interest-free loans, concessional loans, and commercial



We can't do anything [about quotas] until the issue is resolved in court. It is the reality.

Prime Minister
SHEIKH HASINA

loans. China agreed to provide Bangladesh money equal to \$2 billion through the four ways, report UNB and BSS.

China also agreed to build the 9th Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge for free, she said, coming down heavily on those criticising the outcome of her trip.

"Are these things nothing? They are mentally ill and these are the outcome of their illness," she said.

QUOTA SYSTEM REFORMS

Hasina said, "The executive authority has nothing to do [about quotas in public service] right now..."

Hinting at the protesters, she said those who are waging the movement do not abide by the laws or follow the court, they do not

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Take steps in 24hrs or face tougher demo

Protesters tell govt

STAR REPORT

The quota protesters yesterday urged the president to convene an emergency parliamentary session within 24 hours to reform the quota system in public service.

Otherwise, they said, they will go for an all-out movement to press home their demand.

They came up with the ultimatum in a memorandum they submitted to President Mohammad Shahabuddin around 2:40pm.

Earlier, the protesters marched towards the Bangabhaban, defying police obstruction.

In the memorandum, they said they want a law to reform the quota system,

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A bloodied but defiant Donald Trump, the Republican US presidential candidate, is being rushed off stage by US Secret Service agents after being grazed by a bullet during a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

PHOTO: UNB/AP

Trump survives assassination bid

Urges Americans to 'stand united'; Biden, world leaders condemn shooting at rally

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Donald Trump yesterday called on Americans to stand united after he was injured in an assassination attempt – a shocking incident that opened a dark new chapter in an already polarised US presidential race.

The 78-year-old former president was hit in the ear at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, while the shooter and a bystander were killed and two spectators critically injured in the worst act of US political violence in decades.

"In this moment, it is more important than ever that we stand United," Trump said in a statement on his Truth Social network, adding that Americans should not allow "Evil to win".

The Republican added that it was "God alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening" and that he would "FEAR NOT". The gunman has been identified as

20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, about an hour's drive from the rally site, according to an FBI statement early yesterday.

His motive remains unknown.

US media later reported that the gunman had explosives in his car.

The Wall Street Journal and CNN said that explosive materials were found in a car belonging to the shooter, which was reportedly parked near the campaign event venue in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Authorities identified a rally attendee who was shot and killed as Corey Comperatore, 50, of Sarver, Pennsylvania, who Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro told reporters was killed when he dove on top of his family to protect them from the hail of bullets.

"Corey was an avid supporter of the former president, and was so excited to be there last night with him in the

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The man who shot Trump

AGENCIES

The FBI identified 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania as the suspect in Saturday's attempted assassination of former US president Donald Trump at a campaign rally.

The suspect was shot and killed by the Secret Service seconds after he allegedly fired shots toward a stage where Trump was speaking in Butler, Pennsylvania.

The FBI said it was working to determine a motive for the attack, in which one rally attendee died and two other spectators were critically injured. Trump was shot in the ear.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Mesbah Uddin Khan, Managing Director of Windy Apparels Ltd. (Sister concern of Windy Group), for receiving the National Export Trophy 2021-22 under the Gold Category from Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He is a visionary leader and the founder of Windy Group. His thoughts, creativity, foresightness, professionalism, honesty and integrity paved the roads for achieving such an outstanding reward.

We sincerely hope for the continuity of his leadership in the future and for the sustainable growth of Windy Group.

Best Regards,
All members of the Windy Family

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'Tk 400cr peon' is Jahangir BFIU freezes his, wife's bank accounts

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

At a time when graft allegations against government officials are making the headlines, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina shared a

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In recognition of outstanding contribution to the export of electrical & electronics products

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