

RUQAYYAH HALL Protesters drive out female BCL leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agitating students of Begum Ruqayyah Hall at Dhaka University yesterday night allegedly beat up female leaders of Chhatra League and drove them out of the hall. The incident took place around 11:00pm.

On the condition of anonymity, a student of Ruqayyah Hall told The Daily Star that 11 BCL leaders were chased, beaten, and driven out of the hall.

They ran and took refuge in the provost's bungalow.

Around midnight, an ambulance ferried them from the premises. Dhaka University Professor Dr M Maksudur Rahman said, "Eleven students were evacuated from Ruqayyah Hall by ambulance."

However, Dhaka Medical College Hospital sources said none of the students were brought to the DMCH.

Ruqayyah Hall Provost Nilufar Parvin said, "I won't comment at the moment." In a video sent by a student from Ruqayyah Hall, it was seen that the general students drove hall BCL President Pritha and Secretary Atika out of the halls.

Petition seeks HC order to take action against Aziz

STAR REPORT

A writ petition has been filed with the High Court seeking its directive on the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to take steps regarding reported corruption allegations against former army chief General (ret'd) Aziz Ahmed.

A journalist named Md Sohail Rana, son of Yousuf Ali from Kaprangapara village under Panchagar Sadar Police Station in Panchagar, submitted the petition to the HC on Monday through Supreme Court lawyer AM Jamiul Hoque Faisal.

In the petition, he prayed to the HC to pass an order on the ACC to submit a report before this court regarding the steps taken against General (ret'd) Aziz Ahmed.

Petitioner Sohail Rana, who introduced himself as "currently employed as message editor in a daily newspaper" in the petition, cited reports published about Aziz Ahmed in the daily Jugantor on May 31, the daily Kalerkantha on May 31, and in the daily Manabzamin on June 5 this year.

Lawyer Jamil Hoque Faisal told The Daily Star yesterday that the High Court may hold hearing on the petition next week.

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Keeping onion fresh for over 6 months

Growers in Faridpur happy with model storages

SUZIT DAS, Faridpur

Onion growers in Faridpur are optimistic about the newly constructed model storages for onion and garlic, which promise to reduce spoilage and enhance profitability.

According to the Department of Agricultural Marketing, onions, being perishable, are challenging to preserve without proper storage.

Approximately 30 percent of the 3.5 million tonnes of onions produced annually in Bangladesh are wasted due to inadequate storage, leading to a shortfall of 6,00,000 to 7,00,000 tonnes.

This forces farmers to sell their produce quickly and at low prices, said Shahadat Hossain, a senior agricultural



marketing officer in Faridpur.

To address this, DAM is building 65 model storages across villages in Saltha (30 storages) and Nagarkanda upazilas (35 storages). Of them, 62 have already been completed.

Each storages are shared by groups of five farmers.

Faridpur ranks second in onion production in Bangladesh, with cultivation expanding from 35,305 hectares to 40,433 hectares between 2018-19 and 2022-23.

Output increased from 4,45,982 tonnes to 5,52,736 tonnes during this period.

A recent visit to villages in Saltha and Nagarkanda revealed that the storages, costing Tk 4.5 lakh each, are constructed from

tin-bamboo, iron, and concrete. Each storage, occupying one decimal of land, can store 300 maunds of onion for 6-9 months.

The structures are 25 feet long and 15 feet wide, with a concrete base, 15 concrete pillars, and three lofts.

Six fans ensure air circulation, while a tarpaulin protects them from rain.

Md Amjad Matubbar, 52, from Jonakhali village, received his storage in 2022-23.

"Last year I stored 140 maunds of onion, all of which remained good. This year, two of my neighbours stored 110 maunds," he said.

Mustafizur Rahman from Aduakandi village shared similar success.

"I produce 400-600 maunds of onion yearly and used to store them in tin-shed houses, where they would rot within a month due to heat. The new storage keeps the interior cool, preserving the onions for several months," he added.

Stand by quota protesters

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Mashiur Rahman (Jadu Miah), one of the founders of BNP.

"What this regime carried out yesterday (Monday), we have never seen before in Bangladesh. We have never seen the ruling party cadres enter the hospital and attack the wounded... We can never think of this, even during the Pakistan period."

The BNP leader also remarked that the ruling party's current atrocities are no less than those of the Pakistani Army and said the government has unleashed its armed cadres to suppress a justified movement of the common students.

Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, a pro-BNP student organisation, also announced to stand by the

students yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference at the BNP's Nayapaltan central office, JCD president Rakibul Islam Rakib strongly denounced the reported attacks on anti-quota protesters by the Chhatra League on different university campuses.

He said July 15 will remain as a black day in Bangladesh's history.

GM Quader

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Irrational stubbornness will not bring any welfare for anyone, he added.

GM Quader said the way the names of freedom fighters are being used and misused, the valiant freedom fighters might be reluctant to disclose their identity in the future.

BNP

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movements does not indicate administrative weakness.

"We are maintaining patience, and patience does not mean weakness. What would you say if we came down harshly on the movement? You will see everything in time. Befitting action will be taken at the proper time," Quader added.

Many BCL leaders resign

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and without any self-interest. If I stay quiet after what happened last night, I can never forgive myself."

Jatir Janak Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall unit BCL leader Hasibul Hasan Hasib wrote, "I am cutting off my relations with the

Chhatra League. Many of my younger brothers and friends were beaten up. I feel appalled as I have worked as an activist of the Chhatra League. Goodbye, Chhatra League!"

Besides, several leaders of Jagannath University (JnU) unit of BCL, Comilla University unit and other

units have made similar announcements.

Borhan Uddin, joint secretary, Law Faculty of Comilla University unit BCL, wrote on Facebook that student politics was his passion but from today (yesterday) he will no longer keep any ties with BCL.

Campuses, streets

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hours, starting at 2:00pm. The Daily Star's Narsingdi correspondent, Jahidul Islam, was injured as a group of BCL men attacked him.

In Cox's Bazar, a few protesters were injured after they got into a clash with BCL activists and police around 11:00am.

They engaged in the clash after BCL activists started beating protesters with sticks. Two motorcycles were vandalised during the clash. In the evening, students blocked Cox's Bazar-Chatto gram highway.

In Jhenaidah town, at least five students were injured after BCL men

attacked protesters at Wazir Ali School and College ground around 11:30am.

In Gazipur, protesters blocked Dhaka-Mymensingh and Joydebpur-Tangail highways. Students of Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology blocked the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway for around three hours from 3:00pm.

**PRAYER
TIMING**
JULY 17
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-55 8-17
JAMAAT 4-45 1-15 5-15 7-00 8-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

MP AZIM MURDER

Daughter gets death threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muntarin Ferdous Dorin, daughter of the slain Jhenaidah 4 MP Anwarul Azim Anar, received a death threat yesterday from unknown miscreants.

The threat was issued via the social media platform IMO to her cousin, Md Ashraful, the mayor of Kaliganj Municipality.

Confirming the development, Dorin said she plans to file a general diary at the Kaliganj Police Station regarding the threat.

Recently, Dorin told reporters that her father Anwarul Azim Anar was killed for political reasons.

Two top leaders of the Jhenaidah Awami League, General Secretary Saidul Karim Mintu and Welfare Affairs Secretary Kamal Ahmed Babu, are currently in jail in connection with Anar's murder.

Babu initially gave a confession statement but has recently applied to recant it, alleging coercion.

Two electrocuted in Narsingdi

UNB, Narsingdi

Two workers were electrocuted and five more injured while installing new poles for Palli Bidyut in Raipura upazila of Narsingdi yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Abdus Salam, 29, from Dangapara of Dinajpur; and Jamal Hossain, 50, from Mithapukur of Rangpur.

It was learned that a group of seven electricians working for Sujan Mia was replacing wooden poles with cement ones in Ashrabpur area.

After installing the new poles, the power line was reconnected. However, the workers were electrocuted through a line at the base of the poles, resulting in two deaths and five injuries.

Rezaul Karim, deputy general manager of Raipura Palli Bidyut, said the incident occurred due to negligence of the contractor. OC Safayet Hossain Palash of Raipura Police Station, said the bodies were sent to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital morgue.

UK announces £30,000 for flood victims

UNB, Dhaka

The UK is providing £30,000 or Tk 4.5 crore of humanitarian assistance to support flood-affected communities in Sylhet, where over three million people have been impacted and 260,000 are displaced.

The current flooding in Bangladesh has so far affected over 14.8 million people in different parts of the country, said the British High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

This UK contribution in Sylhet will be managed by Start Fund Bangladesh and implemented by Caritas Bangladesh.

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