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**Fakhrul to govt**

UNB, Dhaka

B N P  
Secretary  
General  
Mirza  
Fakhrul  
Islam Alamgir has urged  
the government to step  
down instead of trying  
to buy more time and  
indulging in killing and  
bloodshed.

In a statement yesterday,  
he also called upon the  
law enforcement agencies  
and the administration  
not to torture and shoot  
the students as per the  
unjust orders of the Awami  
League regime.

"I call upon the  
murderous government to  
stop the killing, torture,  
suppression, persecution,  
terrorism and accept the  
demands of the students  
without delaying another  
moment," he said.

He also demanded the  
unconditional release of  
BNP and other opposition  
party activists and ordinary

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**Protesters stand atop a monument in the port city's New Market area yesterday afternoon. Tens of thousands of people from all walks of life joined a rally there to protest the killings and mass arrests over quota protests.**

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

**'There is still  
time to solve  
the issue'**

**Speakers call  
for solutions to  
ongoing crisis  
through discussion**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar  
yesterday called for  
discussion with the  
agitating students to resolve  
the ongoing crisis.

They said there is still  
time to solve the issue.  
The crisis can be resolved  
through dialogue. If  
terrorism and violence are  
stopped, peace, harmony  
and non-communal  
democratic Bangladesh will  
be established.

They were speaking at  
a views exchange meeting  
organised by Sampriti  
Bangladesh at CIRDAP  
auditorium yesterday.

Pijush Bandyopadhyay,  
convener of the organisation,  
presided over the event,  
while member secretary  
Professor Dr Mamun Al  
Mahtab moderated it.

Journalists Ali Habib  
and Farhad Mahmud  
presented a keynote paper.

## AL, BNP leaders' homes, office attacked in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The houses of Education Minister Mohibul  
Hassan Chowdhury Nowfel and Mayor  
Rezaul Karim, and the office of Awami League  
MP Md Mohiuddin Bachchu were vandalised  
in Chattogram yesterday.

Besides, the residences of BNP leader  
Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury and  
Chattogram city unit BNP convener Ershad  
Ullah were vandalised last night.

Also, two cars were torched and eight  
were vandalised at the car park of BNP leader  
Shahadat Hossain.

However, sources at the houses of Nowfel  
and Bachchu said the attackers were not  
students while BNP alleged that the ruling  
party members attacked their leaders' residences.

Around 6:30pm, a section of people from a  
protest procession attacked the house of the  
education minister.

Some furniture and glasses of the windows  
were vandalised at that time, said witnesses.  
Two vehicles at the parking space were also  
vandalised.

Dr Salim Akhter Chowdhury, former chief  
health officer of Chattogram City Corporation  
and brother-in-law of Nowfel, said several  
hundred people from a procession carried  
out the attack.

Nowfel's mother Hasina Mohiuddin said  
the attackers were not students.



**A broken window at Nowfel's home.**



**A torched car at the parking lot of BNP leader Shahadat Hossain's apartment.**

Nowfel is the eldest son of late AL stalwart  
and former mayor of the port city ABM  
Mohiuddin Chowdhury. He had served as an  
organising secretary of the party.

Trisha Das, duty officer at Panchlaish  
Police Station, said they dispatched a team to  
the minister's house immediately after being  
informed about the attack.

The attack on Rezaul's house in the  
Bahaddarhat Bahaddarbari area was carried  
out in a similar fashion around 7:30pm.

Chandgaon Police Station Sub-inspector  
Salma Akter said a team of police rushed to  
the spot around 7:45pm.

Rezaul is a joint general secretary of the  
ruling party's Chattogram Metropolitan Unit.

Contacted, Rezaul said some 200 people  
attacked his house around 7:30pm. "I was at  
my residence at that time," he said, adding,  
"They broke open the main entrance and  
blasted crude bombs in the yard."

"However, they could not enter the house  
as neighbours and locals resisted them," he  
said.

Chattogram-10 MP Bachchu's office in  
Lalkhan Bazar also came under attack in the  
evening when the protest march reached the  
area.

The attackers vandalised the furniture  
of two rooms and later set those on fire,  
according to witnesses.

Sidratul Rahi, a witness, said around 10  
people from the procession entered the office  
and carried out the attack.

The attackers were not students, Rahi  
added.

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## Solidarity amid strife

**People from various sectors  
of society back students'  
protests**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recent protests surrounding the quota reform  
movement have garnered widespread solidarity  
from various sectors of society.

People from all walks of life -- including teachers,  
writers, farmers, workers, expatriates, development  
professionals, and artists -- have expressed their  
support for the students and their deep shock at the  
recent violence resulting in the loss of numerous  
lives, as well as countless serious injuries.

For instance, 626 faculty members of BRAC  
University, through a press statement, expressed  
their solidarity, emphasising commitment to  
a just, democratic, and inclusive society, and  
support for the students' right to peaceful protest.

They expressed deep concern over the torture  
and harassment of students and the disruption of  
academic life.

Additionally, leaders of eight teachers'  
organisations have urged students to resolve the  
issue through discussions with the prime minister.

This call was made yesterday at a meeting held  
at the central office of the Independence Teachers  
Council, presided over by principal Dr Shahjahan  
Alam Saju.



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Furthermore, 51 teachers from Cumilla  
University expressed shock and grave concern  
over the killing of young students, calling for  
an end to the harassment, arrest, and torture of  
students nationwide. They also demanded justice  
for the deaths.

The Expatriate Unity Council, in a separate  
statement, expressed solidarity with the anti-  
discrimination student movement and their non-  
cooperation movement from today, and urged  
everyone to support it.

They also called on army officials to reject any  
orders by the government against citizens.

Thirty writers also demanded an impartial  
investigation to all killings related to the quota  
reform protests, an end to mass arrests, and the  
immediate release of detained individuals.

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## Are they even okay?

**Families left clueless as jail authorities bar  
them from meeting arrested loved ones**

RAFIUL ISLAM

Mowsumi Parveen rushed to  
Bogura jail on July 20 to see her son  
Shahreear Muztaheed Jim, who had  
been arrested by police during the  
quota movement in Sherpur upazila  
and landed there.

Since then Mowsumi and his  
husband Tajkirul Islam went to the  
jail for seven successive days together  
or by rotation to desperately see  
their beloved son, but were refused  
by the jail authorities that has not  
been allowing any visitors.

Shahreear, a student of Govt  
Shah Sultan College, was arrested on  
July 17 as he, along with hundreds of  
other students, was demonstrating  
at Dhunat More area, demanding  
quota reform in government jobs.

"We do not know whether our son  
is doing well or not. We cannot see  
him, let alone talk," Tajkirul told The  
Daily Star yesterday.

"Had we met our son even once;  
we could console ourselves, and  
himself too. The jail authorities



cannot even say when we will be able  
to meet him," Tajkirul lamented.

This is not an isolated incident.  
Thousands of families, whose loved  
ones are among the over 10,000  
individuals recently arrested in  
connection with the quota protests,  
are going through immense

sufferings as are being denied the  
chance to see or speak to their  
relatives in different jails of the  
country.

Jail authorities said they are not  
allowing anyone to meet or call over  
the phones for security reasons as

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**মাইক্রোক্রেডিট রেগুলেটরী অথরিটি কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত ক্ষুদ্রঋণ কার্যক্রম পরিচালনার  
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