

# Hindus protest in Ctg against recent attacks

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Several thousand people from the Hindu community yesterday staged a demonstration at Cheragi Intersection in the port city protesting an attack on three Hindu youths by miscreants in the Kadam Mobarak Muslim Orphanage area in the city.

The protesters also demanded justice for the victim of an incident where a mob beat up a college student at Khulna accusing him of committing blasphemy.

They took to the street around 4:00pm.

Protesters alleged that a section of people are trying to disrupt the religious harmony of the country by attacking the people of the minority community.

According to a protester, some five people from the Battery Goli area in the city were taking a Ganesh idol from Hazari Lane by a rickshaw van around 11:00pm on Friday.

When the van was passing through the Kadam Mobarak Muslim Orphanage area, some miscreants poured hot water on them from a building.

As they protested, the miscreants tied them up and started beating them, he alleged. Later, law enforcers rescued them.

Obaidul Haque, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, could not be contacted for his comment.

## New govt, same old

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Anu Muhammad said. “Despite crucial contributions of working people during the movements, we see no attempts to address their core issues or to stand by their side,” he added.

Meanwhile, a 26-member committee made up of teachers, lawyers, doctors, and workers’ leaders was formed to investigate the deaths of four workers during wage protests last year.

The report, released yesterday, blamed the state administration, police, and factory owners for the deaths of Rasel Howladar, Imran Hossain, Anjuara Begum, and Jalal Uddin.

He urged the interim government to implement the committee’s nine-point recommendations, which include a thorough investigation into the deaths of workers and holding those responsible accountable.

“The fabricated cases against workers must be withdrawn immediately, and the victims’ families must be compensated,” he added.

“Although the Sheikh Hasina government fell on August 5, this kind of brutality[against workers] will continue unless significant legal and institutional changes are made,” he said.

**WORKERS KILLED IN MASS UPRISING**

Anu Muhammad said, based on preliminary data, around a hundred workers were killed during the student-led movement that toppled the Sheikh Hasina government.

“Despite the significant role of workers and children of working families, there has been no reflection of their contribution,” he said.

“We have yet to see any efforts to improve workers’ conditions, address their core issues, provide compensation, or take responsibility for their medical care,” he added.

**CRITICISM OF INDUSTRIAL POLICE**

Supreme Court advocate Jyotirmoy Barua, speaking at the event, criticised the deployment of the industrial police and the involvement of political groups like the Awami League and Jubo League in suppressing worker protests.

“In the past, the industrial police, along with members of the Awami League and Jubo League, were used to crack down on workers. This time, the army was sent in the same way,” he said, questioning the interim government’s control over such decisions.

He also called for the abolition of the industrial police.

## No plans to change

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from the Hindu Mahasabha to attack the Bangladesh cricket team in India, he said, “As a neighbouring country, we want a friendly relationship with India. We have heard about the threat to our cricket team in India. Since the BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) is there, they will decide on the course of action.”

Regarding recent attacks on places of worship, the religious affairs adviser condemned such heinous act, saying, “Those who attack places of worship are enemies of humanity and criminals.”

To ensure security during the upcoming Durga Puja celebrations, Khalid Hossain said madrasa students would join local communities in guarding temples to prevent attacks or acts of sabotage.

“The madrasa students were never involved in any kind of militancy. This is a conspiracy and false propaganda by the previous government,” he added.

The adviser said after the change of government, just as there have been attacks on the homes of some Hindu community people, there have also been attacks on the homes of Muslims.

“There is no scope to view this differently. This government is a government for everyone, committed to ensuring everyone’s security,” he added.



Farmer Yusuf Howladar washes jute fibre in a pond during the harvest season in Barishal. After two days of soaking, he will prepare the fibre for sale in the local market, earning around Tk 1,800-2,000 per batch. The photo was taken at Bashbari village in Babuganj upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

### MOULVIBAZAR MUNICIPALITY

# Waste management in complete disarray

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Moulvibazar municipality has been grappling with a severe waste management crisis for over a month due to a disruption in services following the fall of the Awami League government, and prolonged floods.

During visits to various areas across the municipality, this correspondent observed garbage piling up for days, emitting an unbearable stench. The streets and pavements have become increasingly filthy after frequent downpours. Waste-clogged drains have also led to widespread waterlogging.

Pedestrians were seen covering their noses as they passed by the accumulating garbage on the roadsides, while the visible lack of clean-up efforts has taken a toll on the environment.

Municipal sources said waste collection was suspended since the anti-discrimination student protests began. The service could not be resumed due to security concerns after the government’s resignation on August 5. The situation worsened when floods hit the town in mid-August.

Although some students have initiated clean-up efforts in certain areas over the past few days, the impact has been limited.

“The municipality’s cleaning staff stopped collecting waste when the protests began, and the suspension continued for more than a month. This has led to an unbearable situation,” said Saddam Hosen, a resident of Maijpara.

Hossain Ahmed, a student of Moulvibazar Government College, said some students have been assisting in cleaning up the Court area, Srimangal Road, and Choumuhana, using two municipal vehicles. However, resources have been insufficient to cover the entire town.

Echoing the same, municipal cleaning worker Faruq Ahmed said, “We could not resume waste collection earlier due to security issues and floods.”

Abdul Motin, waste management officer in Moulvibazar, said, “We have recently resumed operations, but clearing the backlog will take time as the volume of accumulated waste exceeds our current capacity.”



## Committee to turn

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Nahid said the officials concerned have been asked to complete works on the museum within the quickest time.

“We have taken primary suggestion from them (officials from the Department Of Architecture, Ministry Of Housing & Public Works) and shared our expectation, how we want to see the museum,” Nahid said.

“The museum will be built, highly preserving the current condition of the structures and signs of destruction at Gono Bhaban to keep the image of people’s outburst and anger intact,” he added.

The museum will preserve and display the memories of the July mass revolution, lists of the dead and injured as well as the daily events (dinlipi) of the student movement till August 5.

The incidents of killings, enforced disappearances and the torture on the people by Awami League government in last 16 years will be displayed in the museum, he said.

The government on September 5 at a meeting of council of advisers decided to turn the Gono Bhaban into a museum to preserve the memories of the July mass revolution.

## Don’t reform

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Kazi Abul Khair, secretary general of the Bangladesh Muslim League, echoed the call for a new constitution, saying it should reflect ideals of the student-led revolution to eliminate all forms of discrimination.

“If we want to liberate the nation, we must rewrite the constitution to establish a truly discrimination-free society.”

Shahriar Iftekhhar Fuad, chairman of Gonomukti Jote, highlighted the need for a people-centred constitution that guarantees economic, political, and religious freedom.

“In Bangladesh, groups loyal to dictators remain influential. The system that promotes political dynasties and class interests must be abolished to protect the people’s rights,” he said.

## Commuters suffer

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saying, “Currently, the age limit for applying to civil service jobs is 30. We are demanding it be raised to 35. We have been asking for this for 14 years, but there has been no response from the government.”

Rajib Hossain, another protester, said, “We believe our demand is logical, and the government should meet it immediately. We apologise for the inconvenience caused to the public, but we are suffering too, as unemployed individuals.”

The protesters vowed to continue the blockade until they received assurance from the government. “We will not withdraw until we get a commitment,” said Arif Islam, one of the demonstrators.

Officer-in-Charge of Shahbagh Police Station told The Daily Star, “We have requested the protesters multiple times to clear the road, but they have not responded. As a result, people continue to suffer as traffic remains at a standstill.”

## Ten arrested

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The robbers destroyed the CCTV cameras shortly after entering, the guard added.

However, one security guard managed to escape and inform the police.

Md Razu, Inspector (Investigation) of Gulshan Police Station, confirmed that at least 10 suspects were detained in connection with the attempted robbery. “We are verifying their identities and involvement,” he said.



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