



A group identifying themselves as "July Fighters" chant slogans surrounding former minister and expelled Awami League leader Abdul Latif Siddique, accusing him and other participants of conspiring at an event at the Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday.

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Latif Siddique harassed, handed over to cops

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against the former lawmaker and 15 others.

Earlier, Prof Hafizur said in his speech, "We can see that plans are being made to throw away the country's constitution. Behind this are Jamaat-Shibir and the National Citizens Party. Under Professor Yunus' leadership, they are dishonouring the freedom fighters."

Soon afterwards, the group identifying themselves as July Fighters stormed the venue.

Latif Siddique later told reporters, "I didn't know there would be any problem here. I have no connection with the Awami League. I came only because I was invited."

Al Amin Rasel, a member of the group, said, "We are July Fighters. Here, corrupt leaders of the Awami League, Jibon League, and banned Chhatra League were gathering and plotting. We will not tolerate this."

Shamim Hossain, a Jamaat leader from Paltan Thana who accompanied the group, added, "A quarter is trying to pit 1971 against 2024. Those gathered here are involved in the

2024 killings, some are even accused in cases. We handed them to police instead of taking the law into our own hands."

Among other participants were former secretary Abu Alam Shahid Khan and Mancha 71 Coordinator Prof Abdullah Al Mahmud.

Around 12:45pm, DMP DC (Crime & Operations) SN Md Nazrul Islam told reporters that Latif Siddique was brought to the police station but "no decision had been made yet" as checks were underway if he was accused in any cases. Shahbagh Police Station OC Khalid Monsur later said they might be taken to the DB office.

In a statement issued in the evening, DRU strongly condemned the attack, saying its members were harassed while trying to stop the government's inaction.

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"In reality, they are obstructing the 2024 uprising's democratic aspirations. They must be prevented,"

CPB President Mohammad Shah Alam and General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince said in the statement.

Mahmudul Hasan Manik and Nur Ahmad Bakul, acting president and acting general secretary of Bangladesh Workers Party, also condemned the attack. In a statement, they demanded the immediate release of Siddique and others, blaming the government for failing to prevent unlawful mob violence.

Prof Anu Muhammad, in a Facebook post, termed the incident "fascist violence" and criticised the government's inaction.

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'Want to build modern, safe, liveable campus'

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youth engagement in constructive activities, strengthen cultural and sports programmes, ensure digital facilities with cybersecurity, create a green and animal friendly campus, and make DUCSU more effective while increasing the university's engagement in international platforms.

The JCD panel vowed to eliminate the notorious practices of guestroom and gonoroom (common room) culture, forced participation in political programmes, repression, terrorism, extortion, and illegal occupation of the campus.

They also promised to make the university fully residential by constructing new halls and ensuring that every newly admitted student gets

"a seat and a study table" from day one. The manifesto also includes increasing subsidies at canteens and cafeterias, ensuring food quality with the help of nutritionists.

It has also promised to abolish curfew-like restrictions in female dormitories, allowing women students more flexible entry hours at night.

NO DIRECTIVE TO INVOLVE ARMY
The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) yesterday dismissed reports about army deployment in the upcoming central student union elections at different universities.

In a statement, the ISPR said, "No directive has been given from the government to involve the Bangladesh Army in these elections, nor will there

be any scope for such involvement in the future."

The release added that the army believes the elections can be held peacefully and in a festive manner with the assistance of existing law enforcement agencies and under the supervision of university authorities. "Bangladesh Army extends its best wishes to all," it said.

When asked about the ISPR statement, Chief Returning Officer of the DUCSU election Prof Mohammad Zashim Uddin said army assistance may be sought if needed to ensure security.

"If the need arises, we will request their assistance through the university administration," he said, adding that as of now, there is no reason for concern regarding security.

Debunking DMP claim

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The statement follows protests by engineering students in Dhaka's Shahbagh yesterday. The students were marching towards the chief adviser's residence to press home their demands when police charged batons and fired teargas shells to disperse the crowd. The clash left at least 50 students injured, according to protesters, while the home ministry said eight policemen were also hurt.

Meanwhile, The Daily Star

photographer Orchid Chakma, who

was present at the scene, described the incident as it unfolded.

"Along with other photographers, I was standing near the road divider between Shaheed Abu Sayed International Convention Centre and the InterContinental Hotel," Orchid said. "Around 2:15pm yesterday, a group of police coming from Minto Road towards the InterContinental Hotel pushed the students towards Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. It was at that moment that one of the protesters was restrained by the police. Several

photographers captured the moment. Afterwards, water cannons were used to disperse the crowd," he added.

Contacted, Muhammad Talebir Rahman, DMP deputy commissioner, told The Daily Star, "We have verified and found that no such incident took place."

Asked about photojournalists from different outlets having taken the picture, he said, "That is their issue. No such incident has taken place."

BGB chief refutes the self-defence claim

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warnings. This mostly happens in the dead of night. In such attacks, 35 BSF personnel were seriously injured in the first six months of this year alone," he said.

Maj Gen Siddiqui said, "We cited examples where some of the killings took place in broad daylight. Sometimes, minors were killed. We raised a question: how can a minor pose a threat to an armed BSF soldier? In broad daylight, what kind of threat can an individual pose to the soldier?"

He added that if any Bangladeshi inadvertently crosses the boundary without criminal intent, BSF should apprehend them or, as a goodwill gesture, hand them over to BGB, without using lethal force.

The BGB chief said that in the DG-level talks, both sides agreed to try their best so that no crossings, deliberate or inadvertent, take place and no lives are lost.

On allegations of push-ins, the BSF chief said, "Foreigners staying illegally in India are dealt with as per the law of the land. All Bangladeshis who are found

illegally entering India inadvertently and without any criminal intent are handed over to the BGB respectfully."

He added that BSF had already handed over more than 550 Bangladeshis during the DG-level talks, while over 2,400 nationality verification cases remain pending with the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi, some for more than five years.

Asked about reports that Indian nationals were also pushed into Bangladesh, the BSF DG said, "If there are any instances of border violation by Indian nationals, a well-established mechanism exists between both countries for deportation. We will immediately accept if they are Indian nationals."

On why push-ins started this year, he said, "There is no specific reason. People are coming back ... through proper channels, through gaps, and through us. Whosoever we find, we immediately hand over them to the BGB."

"As I said, we have well-established mechanisms for deportations. We follow that only," the BSF DG said while

responding to a query whether pushing registered Rohingyas from India into Bangladesh violated the international law.

Regarding the conference outcome, BGB chief Maj Gen Siddiqui said, besides border killings and push-ins, the talks focused on preventing smuggling, particularly narcotics and arms, human trafficking, and illegal constructions within 150 yards of the border.

BSF also raised concerns about criminals entering India, BGB's objection to some Indian development projects, and fake Indian currency, while river-related and survey matters were also discussed, he said.

The DG-level conference concluded with the signing of the Joint Record of Discussions.

The Bangladesh delegation, led by BGB DG Siddiqui, included officials from several ministries and agencies, while BSF DG Chowdhury headed the 11-member Indian delegation with representatives from India's home and foreign ministries and the High Commission in Dhaka.



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01	ID-1144790, GEB-eGP (OTM)-G-02/BCCTF/GB- CU/2025-26	Supplying chemicals, instruments and installation of necessary instruments for investigating the bacterial antibiotic resistance patterns and genetic basis in relationship with the rising climate change problem for enhancing the treatment strategies by combining antibiotics and supplements for Bangladeshi population in Department of Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology at University of Chittagong.	28-Aug-2025 15:00:00	22-Sep-2025 12:00:00

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