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JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY

Students protest admin inaction in rape case

JU CORRESPONDENT

Female students of Jahangirnagar University brought out a protest procession on campus yesterday, alleging that the administration had failed to ensure the safety of female students.

The procession, joined by female students from different residential halls, began around 3:00pm. Starting from the hall area, the protesters marched through key points on campus and proceeded to the vice-chancellor's residence, where they held a brief rally.

At the rally, the protesters condemned what they termed the administration's negligence in handling the rape allegations against SM Tarikul Islam, a former student of the 44th batch.

On Saturday, the JU administration suspended Tarikul's academic certificates following allegations that he took a female student to a house near the campus, confined her and raped her.

The victim, who was reportedly in a relationship with the accused, filed a case

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Islamist parties condemn US-Israel attacks on Iran

Urge UN, global leaders to intervene

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Top Islamist parties in Bangladesh, including Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Andolan Bangladesh, have strongly condemned the US-Israeli attacks across Iran, terming the strikes "illegal" and a "violation of international law".

The recent attacks reportedly left Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and several senior officials dead, alongside causing widespread casualties and destruction.

In statements, speeches and protest rallies, the parties urged the UN and global leaders to take immediate and effective steps to halt what they described as aggression.

Jamaat Ameer and Leader of the Opposition Shafiqur Rahman, in a Facebook post from his verified page yesterday, said he was "deeply saddened" by the news of Khamenei's "martyrdom".

He said the current instability in the Middle East has already put regional stability at grave risk. "If the situation escalates further into military confrontation, it could have catastrophic consequences not just for one country but for the entire region," he said, calling on all parties concerned, including the US, Israel and Iran, to immediately cease military actions, exercise maximum restraint and move towards a diplomatic resolution.

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Justice for July killings, 'arrest of fascist president'

Demands Nahid Islam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

NCP Convener and Opposition Chief Whip Nahid Islam yesterday said justice for the July killings must be ensured before anything else.

Speaking at a Jubo Shakti iftar programme at the KIB auditorium in Farmgate, he called for the arrest of the "fascist president", saying, "We will not allow any mark of fascism to remain in Bangladesh."

Nahid said efforts were under way to organise youths across the country and stressed the need to expand the process. "We need to widen this process of organising youth power, not only in parliament but also on the streets. We must remain steadfast in our demand for judicial reform," he said.

He said 1,400 people were killed and more than 30,000 injured in the July uprising. "We will ensure justice for the July killings, including Shaheed Osman Hadi."

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Ensure probe into recent rape, murder cases

Demands Rape Law Reform Coalition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rape Law Reform Coalition (RLRC) yesterday demanded thorough investigations into recent incidents of rape and murder across the country, calling for the perpetrators to be brought to justice and for the protection of survivors and witnesses.

The coalition, an alliance of 17 organisations formed in 2018 under the "Rape Law Reform Now" campaign, expressed deep concern over the abduction, rape and killing of a 15-year-old girl in Narsingdi, along with other reported cases of sexual and gender-based violence.

In a press statement, the RLRC urged the authorities to take immediate and visible steps to prevent such violence and to ensure accountability of government service providers, including one-stop crisis centres and victim support centres.

The demand comes amid a series of incidents reported in late February.

On February 25, a teenage girl was abducted in front of her father in the Madhabdi area of Narsingdi. Her body was recovered the following day from a mustard field in

Mahishasura union.

The victim's family alleged that six youths killed her after they sought justice for a previous rape incident.

On February 24, a student of Jahangirnagar University was allegedly taken to a house in the Islamnagar area by a former student. She was reportedly tied up, beaten and doused with boiling water before being raped.

Although she was rescued by Ashulia police after calling 999, the coalition alleged a lapse in medical care.

Despite her worsening condition, she was reportedly sent back from a Dhaka-based one-stop crisis centre after waiting two hours without being admitted.

On February 28, the bodies of a 65-year-old woman and her 15-year-old granddaughter were recovered from a house and a nearby field in Ishwardi, Pabna.

Police initially said the grandmother was killed while trying to prevent the abduction of her granddaughter, who was later raped and strangled.

The RLRC said the recurring violence

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DNCC forms cell to step up mosquito-control

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Administrator Md Safiqul Islam Khan yesterday said a monitoring cell has been formed to oversee mosquito control measures, with drives being conducted as planned.

Speaking while visiting Korail Slum in the capital, Safiqul said residents would begin to see the benefits of the initiatives within a short time.

"We are continuously working from our place of responsibility and accountability so that the people can live with some relief," he said.

State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Mir Shahe Alam, who was present during the visit, said information collection activities were under way in Korail for the distribution of Family Cards.

'India to resume full visa services gradually'

Home minister says after meeting Pranay Verma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed yesterday said India has assured Bangladesh that it will gradually resume full visa operations, which have remained limited due to security concerns over the past one and a half years.

He also said India had informed that its consulates and visa offices had faced attacks over the past one and a half years, preventing them from functioning at full capacity.

The minister said this while briefing reporters after Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma paid him a courtesy call at the ministry yesterday noon.

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