



Work for installation of storm sewer lines at Dayaganj in the city has been going on for about two months, causing suffering to pedestrians as well as passengers.

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293 Bangladeshis killed by BSF since Oct 2001

Says Odhikar report

UNB, Dhaka

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) and armed Indian gangsters have killed seven Bangladeshis on an average every month since October 2001.

According to newspaper reports compiled by Odhikar, a human rights organisation, BSF have shot dead at least 293 people since October 2001.

At least 315 Bangladeshis were injured in BSF firing during the period. Some 438 Bangladeshis were arrested, 440 kidnapped, 56 including 8 children went missing and six women were raped during the period, said the Odhikar report.

It said the fate of those kidnapped was not known. Besides, 36 incidents of mugging and looting by BSF backed Indian trespassers took place during the time.

The highest number of incidents occurred in 2002 when 105 Bangladeshis were killed in BSF firing.

Killing by the BSF is on the rise despite assurance by BSF chief in occasional meetings with his BDR counterpart of maintaining peace along the 4,500km porous border.

The report said at least 35 Bangladeshi nationals were killed in the first four months of this year. Some 69 others were injured, 9 arrested, 46 abducted, five

remained missing, one woman was violated and two incidents of looting took place during the period.

At least 104 people were killed and 66 injured in BSF firing during

the last year. Some 78 Bangladeshis were abducted, 14 went missing, three women were raped and four incidents of looting took place during the year.

COLLEGE STUDENT MURDER 7 get life in N'ganj

UNB, Narayanganj

Seven people were sentenced to life imprisonment for murder of a college student as a sequel to dispute over property in the town two years ago.

Six convicts are stepbrothers of the victim and one is tenant. They are Bhashani Sarder, Shah Alam, Ahsanullah, Samir Hossain, Monir Hossain, Mona, Shahjahan and tenant Monir Hossain. Present in the dock they were fined Tk 20,000 each, in default, to suffer one year's

imprisonment. Prosecution said Shahidullah, student of Haraganga College, went out of home on January 2, 2004. The following day, an anonymous caller over cellphone informed the victim's family that the stepbrothers abducted Shahidullah as sequel to dispute over land demanding Tk 10 lakh as ransom for his release.

After 20 days of abduction, police recovered body of Shahidullah in a sack left in an abandoned field at Santapur in Fatullah.

BEATING OF JU STUDENT JCD factions stage showdown

JU CORRESPONDENT

Panic gripped the students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday as two groups of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) staged huge showdown on the campus over beating of a student.

Holding firearms, lethal weapons, hockey sticks and iron rod, both the JCD groups belonging to President Parvez Mallick and General Secretary Nazmul Hasan Ovi came face to face on the road in front of Kamal Uddin and Shahid Salam Barkat hall at 2:00pm. Both the groups hurled abusive words at each other and tried to lock in clash.

But Pro-VC Prof Enamul Haq Khan and proctorial body led by Proctor Prof Kamrul Ahsan took position in-between the advancing groups and brought the situation under control at 2:30pm.

President and General Secretary of JCD were also present during the situation.

The situation began when 5/6 cadres of general secretary group led by Imran, and Zakir slapped Saiful, a student of Archaeology, at the university transport at 1:30pm over taking possession of a seat there.

Saiful, a friend of Robiul Islam Robi, organising secretary of JU JCD, and also loyal to president group, was beaten as he refused to leave the seat for Ovi.

Declining to comment on the issue of firearms, Prof Mafruhi Sattar Titu, assistant proctor, said, 'A tense situation was created today but no untoward incident took place.'

Kushtia Jubo Dal leader on the run

Accuses local ruling party lawmaker of death threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Md Matiur Rahman Rabbi, a Jubo Dal leader in Kushtia, yesterday alleged that the local ruling party lawmaker and his cadres have been harassing his family members and even issued death threat to him over the issue of a Tk 3 crore tender of LGED.

Rabbi, also a first class contractor, said the BNP MP from Kushtia-1, Reza Ahmed Bacchu Molla, also filed several 'false' cases against his wife Nurunnahar Begum, an assis-

tant accountant of BRDB in Kushtia.

The cadres of Bacchu Molla also prevented his wife from going to her office, he said at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium.

'For the last few months, I have been hiding in the capital leaving my family members in Kushtia in fear of attacks by the armed cadres of the MP who are hunting for me as I protested his malpractices over tenders in Kushtia,' said Rabbi, organising secretary of Aria Union Jubo Dal in

Daulatpur.

He also alleged that the MP has unleashed a reign of terror in Kushtia. As a result, around three lakh people of the area, even the dedicated BNP men, have been suffering a lot, he added.

The lawmaker also threatens those who raise voice against his misdeeds, Rabbi said.

He urged the government to take steps to redress wrongs done to him and his family members by the lawmaker.

Petition for stay of DNA test of ex-DIG, wife rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected the petition for stay of conducting the DNA test of the former DIG Anisur Rahman, his wife and 14 children, including the septuplets.

Metropolitan Magistrate Jagannath Das Khokan issued the order following a petition filed by defence lawyers of the couple seeking stay of the earlier order by the same court.

Earlier on June 8, the same court ordered the director of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) and the officer-in-charge of Badda Police Station to make arrangement for conducting the DNA test of the former DIG Anisur Rahman, his wife and 14 children.

The court passed the order following a petition filed by Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR).

In the yesterday's petition, defence lawyers of DIG and his wife Anwara Rahman mentioned that the earlier order passed by the same court was not legal. Moreover, there is no conflict between the couple and their children. So, they are not agreed to face the DNA test as nobody has claimed the guardianship of the children, the petition said.

Sub-inspector Mojammel Haq Mamun had earlier appealed to the court to probe the matter in response to a GD filed by Advocate Alena Khan, executive director of BSEHR on June 2.

When reached, the couple's lawyer Kazi M Sajwar Hossain told The Daily Star that they would file an appeal with the higher court against the rejection of the lower court.

BNP protest today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling BNP will stage demonstration and bring out procession across the country today to protest "derogatory remarks" made by Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina in the parliament against Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

The demonstration is also aimed at protesting what it said opposition sponsored violence, anarchy, attack on the High Court and other destructive activities across the country.

As part of the demonstration programme, BNP will hold a protest rally and bring out procession in all upazila and district headquarters this afternoon.

In capital Dhaka, the city BNP will hold a rally at Muktangan at 4:00pm, where central and city unit leaders will address.

5 vessels fined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A mobile court here yesterday awarded a fine of Tk 2 lakh to five cargo and lighter vessels for illegal operation and risky movement in violation of law.

Sources said Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Magistracy in a drive in Bandar Channel of the river Karnaphuli fined three cargo ships - MV Char Shamayil, MV Al Khan Jahan Ali and MV United Power, Tk 50 thousand each.

The vessels were fined for risky movement with overloaded cargo that posed threat for accident.

The court also asked the Mercantile Marine Department to confiscate the competency certificates of the concerned masters of the vessels.

Meanwhile, the court in another drive fined Tk 50 thousand to two lighter vessels for illegally operating in the port channel.

The fined vessels were MV Upasagar and MV Nur E Tabassum.



Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and other party leaders place wreaths on the coffin of Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Haque in front of the party office yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Invest more in Bangladesh

FM asks Japanese envoy

UNB, Dhaka

Newly appointed Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Masayuki Inoue paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan at his office in the city yesterday.

Expressing his gratitude to Japan for its outstanding contribution towards nation building as well as infrastructure development of the country, the Foreign Minister

said Japan is one of the most important friends of Bangladesh.

He also recalled the commendable help of Japan to Bangladeshi students under Monbusho Scholarship.

Seeking more Japanese investment in Bangladesh, Morshed Khan said that with the signing of SAFTA, one could find a bigger market while investing in Bangladesh.

He stressed the need for further development of the economic relations between the two countries.

The new envoy told the FM that this year Japan has doubled its assistance to Bangladesh.

Masayuki Inoue thanked the Foreign Minister for warmly receiving him and the assurances of cooperation during his tenure in Dhaka.




BDR members stand guard at Motijheel in the city during hartal hours yesterday.

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(Rabbir Hum Huma Kama Rabbayani Sagira)

Today is the first death anniversary of our beloved mother Jahan Ara Azim.



We humbly request all her relatives, friends and well-wishers to remember her in their prayers and pray for the eternal peace of her soul.

A Doa & Milad Mahfil will be held to-morrow (16th June, Friday) after Asr prayer at her daughter's residence (House # 16, Road # 4, Sector # 1,) Uttara, Dhaka.

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