

NEGLIGENCE TO SON CMM issues show cause on parents

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has issued a show-cause notice upon parents of Naimul Hassan Badhon, one of the three victims whose throat was slotted by his friends, to explain why charges for negligence of taking care of their son would not be brought against them.

Jahan Ali, a student of class VII of Monipur Cadet School, and his friends Sohel Rana Rajib and Masud slotted throats of his classmates Badhon, Wadidul Kabir Tonmoy and Kazi Nibrush Niluv at the residence of Badhon at Madhya Monipur at Mirpur on June 15.

After scrutinising the probe report submitted by a probation officer of the Social Welfare Directorate on July 19, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Jalal Ahmed issued the order upon Badhon's parents MA Hamid and Guley Noor Begum on August 30 to appear in person before the court on September 6 and defend themselves.

The CMM directed the investigation officer (IO) Rabul Islam and Social Welfare Directorate Probation Officer Mafuza Parvin Chowdhury on June 19 to submit a report about negligence of the victims' parents for taking care of their sons.

Following the directive, Mafuza, incharge of Mirpur area, submitted the report saying that she did not find any negligence of parents' of Tonmoy and Niluv in taking care of their sons while Badhon's parents did not take care of their son. They were always out of their house for jobs.

Jahan and Rajib confessed to a magistrate on June 18 and 20 that they also looted valuables from Badhon's house on June 15.

They, in their confessional statements, told the magistrate that they along with their another friend Masud, made the attack on Badhon, Tonmoy and Niluv for snatching the CPU from Badhon's PC, a cheque for Tk 50,000, gold bangles and cash.

Meantime, a metropolitan magistrate granted bail to Jahan and Masud, though they gave confessional statements.

Moreover, the IO pressed charges against Jahan, Masud and Rajib on August 24, showing 28 prosecution witnesses.

The IO also prayed for trial of the accused under the Children Act, as they are under aged.

Buet reopens tomorrow

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) is going to resume its academic activities tomorrow after a five-week unscheduled closure.

Sources said Buet residential dormitories would be open for the students at 9:00am tomorrow and term final examinations will begin from September 23.

The decisions were taken at an urgent meeting of the academic council yesterday, chaired by newly appointed Vice-chancellor Prof AMM Safiullah, sources said.

Talking to The Daily Star Prof Safiullah said, 'I'm happy that the situation is going to be normal again. We have already lost four months and don't want any more unscheduled closure.'

He sought cooperation from all to sustain the congenial academic atmosphere of the university.

Buet authorities on July 30 announced the university closed sine die and also directed the students to vacate all the dormitories following a violent student movement demanding deferment of examinations.

At least 30 people were injured when the agitating students clashed with police on Buet campus on July 30.

The authorities accused the demonstrators of vandalising about 15 cars of teachers and their houses at teachers' quarters during the violent clash that night.

AGITATION FOR UNINTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY

18 AL leaders acquitted of charges

UNB, Keraniganj

A Dhaka court yesterday acquitted 18 Awami League leaders in a case filed under the Speedy Trial Act for laying siege to the local power office demanding uninterrupted power supply.

Judge Shahina Khatun handed down the judgment acquitting the leaders, including Dhaka district AL Organising Secretary Haji Abu Siddique and Sports Secretary Haji M Jahangir.

Other leaders are Yusuf Ali Chowdhury Selim, Haji Majibur Rahman, Habibur Rahman, Haji Ataur Rahman, Sirajul Islam, Dr M Selim, Jahanara Begum, Belal Hossain, Abul Member, Iqbal Hossain, Sobhan Driver, M Montu, Abdur Rahman, M Sabuj, Bamon and M Waliullah.

Police filed the case under the Speedy Trial Act against them on May 14.

7 die in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least seven people were killed and 17 injured in separate road accidents in Faridpur, Tangail and Munshiganj on Saturday night and yesterday.

Our Staff Correspondent from Khulna reports: Three people were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident in Faridpur town yesterday.

The dead were identified as Asadul, 25, Selim Reza, 30, and an unidentified minor boy. The injured are undergoing treatment at Faridpur General Hospital.

The accident occurred when a passenger bus bound for Dhaka from Benapole hit a truck parked on the road.

Police seized the bus while its driver managed to escape.

Our Tangail correspondent adds: At least three people including a mother and a daughter were killed and four others injured seriously in a road accident at Sadar upazila of

the district on Saturday night.

Police and victim's family sources said Siddique Ahmed Chowdhury, 50, a regional director of Bangladesh Betar (Radio), was returning to Dhaka along with his family members in a microbus from his father-in-law's house at Shazadpur in Sirajganj district on Saturday evening.

The accident occurred when a North Bengal-bound passenger bus from Dhaka collided head-on with the microbus on Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Link Road at Gharinda at around 8:30pm.

Latifa Chowdhury, 38, wife of Siddique Ahmed, and Siraj Miah, 32, microbus driver, died on the spot.

Five other microbus passengers including Siddique Ahmed, his daughter Oishee, 10, and their domestic help Shirin, 14, were injured seriously.

They were rushed to Tangail General Hospital where the doctors

on duty declared Oishee dead.

The other injured were undergoing treatment at the hospital.

A case was filed with Tangail Sadar Police Station in this regard.

A correspondent from Munshiganj says: A boy was killed and three passers-by were injured at Muktarpur bus stand when a bus hit an auto-rickshaw from behind at 7:30am yesterday.

The boy aged about 7 was rushed to a Dhaka city hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Of the injured, Aslam, 33, and Azahar, 13, were admitted to Orthopedics Hospital in Dhaka.

Another injured was admitted to a local hospital.

Police and witnesses said the accident took place when driver of a passenger bus lost control over the steering.

40 BCL men hurt in JCD attack in Sylhet Govt Vet College

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 40 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were injured in an attack by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists at the Sylhet Government Veterinary College dormitories in the early hours of yesterday.

The injured include college unit BCL President Tarique Rahman.

The BCL men were attacked, forced out of the campus and their rooms were also vandalised.

The BCL has remained almost inactive in the college for long. Recently, they started regrouping and came back to the campus, which angered the ruling party's student wing.

At about 12:30am, the JCD men arming with iron rods, sticks and other weapons had put the

main gates of Ziaur Rahman hostel and Saifur Rahman hostel under lock and key before they launched attack on the BCL activists.

The sudden attack forced the BCL men to flee while about 40 suffered injuries. Some of them even jumped onto the ground from the first floor of the buildings. Several gunshots were also heard during the attack, sources said.

BCL men alleged that College JCD President Najmul Haque Bappi, Younus, Sohag, Shahin and Shahidullah led the attack. However, the JCD chief denied the allegation claiming that there had been some minor clashes.

While talking to The Daily Star, College Principal Mostafa Kamal said "We are trying to bring the BCL activists back to the campus".

'350 incidents of violence against women in Aug'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA) yesterday revealed the monthly report on the violence against women compiling the news items published in 10 national dailies.

The report shows that there were 350 incidents of violence against women in August.

Forty women committed suicide owing to violence and another 50 were killed.

Sixty-four incidents of rapes including six gang rapes took place while 14 were killed after rape and two rape victims committed suicide in disgrace.

Fifty-four women were tortured over demand of dowry. Of them, 44 were killed. Besides, four were burned to death.

Fifteen were physically abused, acid was thrown on 11 women, 31 women and children were trafficked and 13 met unnatural death.



Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks at a discussion on 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Begum Fazilatunnesa' at the Engineers' Institute auditorium in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Chhatra League organised the discussion.

PHOTO: STAR

DU considers appointment of teacher despite 'note of dissent'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University (DU) authorities are considering appointing a candidate as lecturer at the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology despite 'note of dissent' by two of five selectors on alleged manipulation of his honours and master's degree results.

The two members of the selection committee also claimed that the interview of Shahnoor Hossain was 'extremely poor' and he violated university rule by joining another university during his post-graduation study.

One of them Dr Anwar Hossain, dean of Faculty of Biological Sciences, met the President, the Chancellor of the university, on August 27 and submitted a written request to stop Shahnoor's appointment.

Chairman of the selection committee Pro-Vice-chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider, however, said the committee has nothing to do with the anomalies in honours and master's results.

"Shahnoor has been selected on the basis of merit. There is no scope for any anomalies or irregularities here," he asserted.

The selection will be placed before the DU Syndicate tomorrow for approval.

Earlier on August 10, all the five members of the selection committee recommended Shanchita Rehnema Khan, who secured first class second position in both honours and master's examinations of Microbiology and took another master's degree from the University of New England, Australia.

While selecting for the other post, the committee chairman and two other members recommended Shahnoor, who secured first class third position in honours and first class first in master's examination in Microbiology.

But Dr Anwar Hossain and Chairman of the department Dr Anwarul Azim Akhand recommended Munira Obaid, who stood first class second in honours and first class fifth in master's examinations from Biochemistry.

They said Shahnoor joined Shahjalal University of Science and Technology as a lecturer when he was a masters student at DU 'without informing the university'.

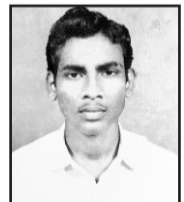
Besides, he was given 10 out of 10 marks in in-course examinations in honours and master's examination and his thesis dissertation was sent directly to two examiners by bypassing the office of the Controller of Examinations.

The examiners were also not experts on the subject, resulting in Shahnoor's attaining 90 percent marks, said a source.

In 2000, suspecting Shahnoor's involvement with Islamic Chhatra Shibir, students of Shahidullah Hall beat him up as they found a poem in his diary against Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and a case was filed against him after he was handed over to police.

When contacted, Controller of Examinations Abdul Latif declined to talk to reporters.

Death anniversary



Today is the 35th death anniversary of Shaheed Khaza Nizamuddin Bhuiyan Bir Uttam, deputy sector commander of

sector no. 4 during the War of Liberation, says a press release.

On this day, he sacrificed his life while fighting against the Pakistani army in Saraker Bazaar area under Kanaighat upazila in Sylhet.

He was conferred Bir Uttam (posthumous) for his brave contribution to the War of Liberation.

Shaheed Khaza Nizamuddin Bhuiyan Bir Uttam Smriti Sangsad has chalked out elaborate programmes in Dhaka and Comilla to mark the day.

Buet students get IEEE awards

Two student groups from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering of Buet have got first and second prizes in the IEEE Region-10 Student Paper Contest in undergraduate category, says a press release.

Asif Islam Khan and Md Khalid Ashraf, students of Level 4, Term 1, got the first prize. They will receive US\$300 and a certificate.

Toufiq, Imtiaz and Shankhanda, students of Level 4, Term 2, got the second prize.

IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Inc, NY, USA) is the leading authority in electrical and computer engineering with over 3,75,000 members all over the world.

IEEE Region-10, comprising all of Asia except Middle East, holds an annual student paper contest for over 20,000 student members in the region.

This is one of the highest recognition that IEEE awards to its undergraduate student members for excellence in research and also one of the most prestigious awards for undergraduate research in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) all over the world.

This is the first time Buet participated in the contest with three entries.

A number of other entries from India, Pakistan, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Hong Kong also competed for the prize.



Family members and people of Mirpur form a human chain in front of the High Court in the city yesterday demanding arrest of the killers of businessman Haji Moniruddin Monu.

PHOTO: STAR



Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places. Met Office said predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 22.7 degree Celsius at Khepupara.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:14pm today and rises at 5:41am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.8	25.0	71	73
Chittagong	31.8	25.8	75	76
Rajshahi	34.0	24.0	85	88
Khulna	31.2	24.2	76	81
Barisal	30.8	24.5	79	92
Sylhet	35.5	25.8	63	65
Cox's Bazar	29.5	25.0	79	83

Qulkhwani



Quikhwani of Akbar Syed Chowdhury, a customs and vat official, will be held at Fatema Manson, 241, Master Para, Feni after Asr prayers today,

says a press release.

Akbar was killed by some unknown miscreants at his Chittagong residence on August 29.

Chehlum



Chehlum of Prof Dr Tahmina Khatun, Head of the Orthodontics Department of University Dental College and Hospital (UDC), will be held today at UDC auditorium at 12:30pm, says a press release.

All have been requested to attend the chehlum and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Dr Tahmina, wife of Prof Dr Fzal Hosseini Bachhu, passed away on July 26.



Photojournalist Salahuddin passes away

Md Salahuddin, chief photojournalist of the daily Inqilab and member of the National Press Club, passed away yesterday at Birla Heart Foundation in Kolkata at the age of 54, says a press release.

He was kept in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) after completion of the second open-heart surgery on September 2 but he didn't regain his senses. Doctors declared him dead yesterday morning.

Salahuddin, also former president of Bangladesh Photojournalist Association, left behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) President Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul and Secretary General Abdul Jalil Bhuyia and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) President Altaf Mahmud and General Secretary Omar Faruk expressed deep shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to his bereaved family members.

National Press Club President Reazuddin Ahmed and General Secretary Shawkat Mahmud also condoled the death.

Joydhorer Nesa

Joydhorer Nesa, mother of advocate Abdul Halim, assistant public prosecutor and former joint secretary of the central committee of Jatiyatabadi Aeenjibi Forum, passed away on August 31 at her Comilla residence at the age of 107, says a press release.

She left behind her five sons, and two daughters.

Abdul Karim

Abdul Karim, an aged employee of Supreme Court Lawyers' Association, passed away on Saturday due to a cardiac arrest at his Shantinagar residence at the age of 75, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, seven sons and one daughter.

Supreme Court Bar Association President Barrister M Amir-ul Islam and Secretary A M Amin Uddin expressed deep shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.



Buet students, who got prizes in undergraduate category of IEEE Region-10 Student Paper Contest 2006, pose for photograph with Vice-chancellor Prof Dr Md Alea Murtuza at his office recently.