

Death threat to Rajshahi journo

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An unknown miscreant threatened Rashed Ripon, a Rajshahi journalist, to kill him by ramming him under a truck.

After the threat, different organisations, including Metropolitan Press Club, and Rajshahi Union of Journalists, yesterday expressed concerns at the poor security conditions of local journalists.

Ripon, staff reporter of Sonali Sangbad, most circulated newspaper in Rajshahi, lodged complaint with Rajpara Police Station saying that someone calling on his cell threatened him with death.

Ripon, however, told reporters that the threat might be from a non-government organisation that is involved with injustices and corruption.

Acting President of Metropolitan Press Club Shafikul Islam and General Secretary Anisuzzaman in a joint statement called upon law enforcement agencies to remain alert about the security of journalists.

Distortion of history protested

RU CORRESPONDENT

Forum for Secular Bangladesh, Rajshahi unit, on Tuesday evening set fire to a television set protesting distortion of history in a programme telecast by state-run Bangladesh Television (BTV).

They also held a rally at city's zero point.

The rally was addressed by RU former VC professor Abdul Khaleque, journalist union leader Mustafijur Rahman Khan, Awami League leader Shafiqur Rahman Badsha and Amzad Hossain.



Shishu Odhikar Forum forms a human chain in front of the Shishu Academy in the city yesterday demanding rights to education for all children.

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'No alternative to consensus on electoral reforms'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party (JP-Manju) chairman yesterday said there is no alternative but to reach a consensus over the opposition's electoral reforms to protect country's democracy and constitution.

"We have got democracy in the

country after deposing the autocratic government in 1990. But the country stands in such a position that many fear that will the democratic system exist?" Manju said while addressing the concluding day of the parliament of the BNP-led four-party coalition government.

The JP chairman alleged that

many do not want either parliamentary system nor democracy. Even the politicians want to undermine the democracy, Manju added.

He said though country's democracy and constitution has been stumbled repeatedly, they are following the democracy with struggles.

On honest and competent candidates, the JP chairman asked whether they are not competent candidate or they are not elected by people's votes?

On the other hand, giving concluding speech, Krishak Sramik Janata League President Qader Siddiqui heavily came down on the government accusing it for failures to curb skyrocketing prices of essentials.

Referring to police atrocities on the national shooters, Quader said law and order situation in the country has deteriorated in recent days.

One shot dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One truck helper was shot dead by a gang of unidentified assailants at Shyampur in the city yesterday afternoon.

Ripon Miah, 22, a truck helper, of Pagla, Fatullah came to his aunt's house at Dhaka Match Factory in Shyampur at 3:30pm.

Just after his arrival, local miscre-

ants calling him from home dragged him near a pond.

They shot him in his hip and head and immediately fled away.

Ripon was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Later, he succumbed to his injuries in the hospital at 9:30pm.

Family sources said prior animosity might have led to attack.

RU staffs demand job regularisation

RU CORRESPONDENT

Controversially recruited 546 Class III and IV employees of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday again asked the vice-chancellor to regularise their appointment.

Campus sources said leaders of the employees met with VC Prof

Altaf Hossain at the office at his residence where a selection board was having a meeting on the appointment of some section officers.

Earlier, the employees gave ultimatum to the university authorities that they will resist any recruitment without regularisation of their appointment.