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Charges pressed against top lawyers for SC vandalism

No allegation of sedition as IO finds no evidence

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and SHARIFUL ISLAM

Investigators of the November 30 vandalism on the Supreme Court (SC) premises yesterday pressed charges against 13 people including eminent jurists Dr Kamal Hossain, Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud and Barrister Amir-Ul-Islam.

Though the complainant of the case accused them of sedition, no such charge was brought in the charge sheet as the investigation officer (IO) found no evidence of sedition.

The other accused in the charge sheet are former Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) secretary Advocate Enayetur Rahim, former SCBA vice president Advocate Subrata Chowdhury, Barrister Tania Amir and advocates Sheikh Awsafur Rahman, Subrata Saha, K h a i r u z z a m a n T i p u,



Dr Kamal Hossain



Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud



Barrister Amir-Ul-Islam

Khasruzzaman, Mamun Mahbub and Suhrawardy and Habibur Rahman, an outsider.

Inspector Naimur Rahman of Detective Branch (DB), also IO of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court, Dhaka, showing 30 people as prosecution witnesses.

The charges were brought under sections 143 (unlawful assembly), 447 (criminal trespass), 448 (house-trespass), 427 (mischief), 435 (mischief by fire), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 114 (abatement) of the Bangladesh Penal Code.

Barrister Omar Sadat, son-in-law of BNP leader and former minister Shahjahan Siraj, filed the

criminal case with the CMM's Court on December 4 naming four lawyers and against 50 to 60 other unidentified lawyers and others for vandalising the offices of the chief justice and attorney general, and also for disturbing court proceedings on November 30.

Those named in the complaint SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

Rab informant who helped arrest Bangla Bhai killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An informant of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and police, whose tip-off led to the arrest of JMB Second-in-Command Siddiqul Islam alias Bangla Bhai, was slaughtered by unidentified assailants at village Binnakuri in Muktagachha upazila on Thursday night.

Police and locals said the informer, Anwar Hossain, son of Yead Ali of the village, came under attack while he was returning home from his medicine shop at Binnakuri Bazar at around 10:30pm.

On information, police and a team of Rab-9 went to the spot yesterday morning, recovered the body and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) morgue for autopsy.

Police arrested a man suspecting his involvement in the killing. When contacted, duty officer of Muktagachha Police Station said the law enforcers have launched a drive in the area to arrest the persons responsible for the murder.

Anwar's wife filed a case with Muktagachha Police Station.

Grand alliance almost finalises seat sharing

JP, LDP leaders hold talks with AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL)-led grand electoral alliance almost completed its preparations for contesting the upcoming election whenever it happens, according to alliance sources.

Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad yesterday morning met AL President Sheikh Hasina in her Sudha Sadan residence in the capital and discussed the issue of seat sharing with her.

AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil sat with Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) leaders in his Gulshan residence yesterday evening to discuss the same while LDP President Badruddoza Chowdhury was scheduled to hold talks with Sheikh Hasina at the time of filing this report late last night.

The sources said AL is likely to finalise its own candidates today and it was roughly decided that



After a meeting with Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the capital yesterday, Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad leaves in a car driven by ex-minister Anisul Islam Mahmud.



Evicted a year ago, illegal sand traders have resumed their activity along the Turag river. The photo was taken from Sinnirtek near Gabtali yesterday.

Guantanamo returnee on one-month detention

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The home ministry yesterday gave a one-month detention on Mobarak Hossain, who returned from Guantanamo Bay prison on December 17, for his involvement in anti-state activities.

Metropolitan Magistrate Abdur Rouf Khan ordered to send him to Dhaka Central Jail saying that his bail was not granted as the home ministry has recommended a one-month detention order for his anti-state activities.

A special US Air Force plane on December 17 flew Mobarak Hossain, 30, son of Abul Hashem of Brahmanbaria in Bangladesh and handed him over to the Zia International Airport Immigration.

Mobarak, who was detained at Guantanamo Bay for five years for his suspected al-Qaeda connection, was put on a three-day remand and produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday on completion of the remand.

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4-party may end coalition if grand alliance shuns poll

Final decision likely today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP-led four-party alliance yesterday tentatively decided that its components will contest in the upcoming election individually if Awami League (AL)-led grand alliance does not participate, according to four-party sources.

The final decision is likely to come today after the BNP chairper-

son sits with the top leaders of the alliance again.

The decision came from a meeting of top leaders of four-party alliance held last night in Hawa Bhaban where the leaders once again said the election must be held within the stipulated 90 days tenure of the caretaker government and there is no scope for changing

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Rampage, railroad barricade for not getting BNP ticket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Followers of a disgruntled BNP ticket seeker in Kishoreganj-6 (Bajitpur-Nikli) constituency went on the rampage and put barricade on Kishoreganj-Dhaka railway tracks at Sorachar railway station and Kishoreganj-Dhaka highway at Pirojpur bazar in Bajitpur upazila, disrupting communication for several hours yesterday.

Aggrieved at the news that former BNP lawmaker Mojibur Rahman Monju is getting the party

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Three suspected Hizbut Touhid men arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police on Thursday night arrested three suspected militants of Hizbut Touhid, a banned Islamist outfit, at a bazaar in Boda upazila of Panchagarh district.

The arrestees are Monowar Khan, 40, son of late Abdus Samad Khan of Bathulishadi village under Basail upazila of Tangail, Mohammad Sayed Hossain, 45,

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3 outlaws killed in 'crossfire' Another dies in hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three underground operatives were killed during "shootouts" with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Jhenidah and Pabna, while another died at a hospital in Sirajganj eight hours into his arrest by the law enforcers early yesterday.

Those who died in encounters are Sabur alias Shahabuddin, 40, regional leader of Purbo Banglar

Communist Party (PBCP-Janjuddha), and his accomplice Titumir alias Raju, 30, in Jhenidah; and Nazrul Islam alias Tufan, 35, of the underground outfit, in Pabna.

Our Jhenidah correspondent reported that acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-6 arrested Sabur and Titumir at a house at Naran Kandi village under Alamdanga upazila of Chuadanga district on Thursday.

On their confessional statements, the Rab team took them to

Chatkabarua village under Harinakunda upazila of Jhenidah to recover hidden firearms and their accomplices at around 12:30am.

Sensing the presence of the Rab men, the cohorts of PBCP leader Sabur opened fire on the law enforcers, prompting them to retaliate.

Rab sources said Sabur and Titumir received bullet injuries

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Army men arrest 6 in Nilphamari, Kurigram

STAR REPORT

Army personnel arrested six people, including a ward commissioner, a BNP leader and a Jubo League activist, in Nilphamari and Kurigram early yesterday.

Of them, four were arrested in Syedpur municipal area of Nilphamari district, while the rest in Kurigram town.

Those who were arrested in

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