

Three more crude bombs explode at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Three more crude bombs exploded near Dhaka University's Kalabhawan (Arts building) and Ducusu building yesterday.

A man wearing a red jacket exploded two crude bombs on the campus around 10:45am, said witnesses.

Several people tried to catch him but he managed to flee, they added.

Another bomb exploded when activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, a pro-BNP student organisation, were demonstrating in front of Aparajeyo Bangla around 11:30am.

DU Proctor Prof AKM Golam Rabbani said they are trying to identify those involved in the incidents.

Talking to The Daily Star, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) central president alleged that some JCD activists were involved in the incidents.

Denying their involvement, convener of JCD DU unit Rakibul Hasan Rakib said it was done to foil their demonstration.

Earlier on December 30, two more crude bombs went off near the Dhaka University's Madhur Canteen.

Four such bombs also exploded in the morning and evening at the same place on December 29.

Meanwhile on December 26, an unexploded bomb was found near the area.



PHOTO: TITU DAS

Trading Corporation of Bangladesh sold onions at Tk 35 per kg at different points in Barishal city yesterday. Each person could buy up to 2kg of the essential commodity. The photo was taken at Fazlul Haque Avenue.

3 arrested for killing woman in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police in separate drives on Friday night and early yesterday arrested three people on the charge of killing a woman whose decomposed body was recovered from Jamshing area in Savar municipality on December 28.

Initially unidentified, the deceased has now been identified as Tuktuki (20), hailing from Barishal. She used to live in a rented house at Savar's Bonpukur area, said police.

The arrestees are Jony (24), Selim (22), and Jewel (28).

AFM Sayeed, officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police Station, said, after recovering the body, police were trying to find out the identity of the victim and clues regarding the crime. After confirming the victim's identity, investigations began and police tracked down Jony. They proceeded to arrest Jony and later arrested Selim and Jewel.

All three admitted to the murder of Tuktuki to police, said the OC.

On December 25, the three allegedly killed the victim and hid the body inside a wardrobe at Jony's house. They kept the body wrapped in a blanket.

Later on December 27 night, they dumped the body near an abandoned house at Jamshing, from where police recovered it, OC Sayeed said.

The accused were produced before a court, he added.

Form action plan

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organisations, including Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), seeking necessary order.

During yesterday's hearing, petitioner's lawyer Advocate Syeda Rizwana Hasan told the court that International Agency for Research on Cancer in a publication in 2015 termed Glyphosate a "possible cause of cancer".

She said 13,400 cases were filed in the USA, seeking redress against the harms of Glyphosate containing pesticide Roundup of Monsanto.

Three courts of San Francisco and California have already ordered the authorities concerned to give huge compensation to the cancer affected people in 2018 and last year in three cases, Rizwana Hasan argued.

The petitioner's lawyer however said according to the decisions of the 73th and 77th meetings held on January 9, 2017 and March 14 last year, the Pesticide Technical Advisory Committee took steps to register the alternatives of glyphosate.

Through such registration, the uses of Glyphosate can be stopped completely, the Pesticide Technical Advisory Committee said.

Advocate Sayeed Ahmed Kabir also appeared for the petitioners while Assistant Attorney General Towfik Sajowar represented the state.

421 deaths from 393 rail accidents in 2019: report

UNB, Dhaka

At least 421 people, including 46 children, were killed and 366 were injured in 393 railway accidents between January 1 and December 31 last year, Shipping and Communication Reporters Forum (SCRF) said in a press release.

SCRF, a platform of journalists, found the figures while compiling a report titled "Annual Railway Accident Report 2019". The organisation prepared the report based on news covered by 24 national dailies, 10 regional newspapers, and nine online news portals and news agencies.

Most of the accidents occurred while pedestrians were trying to cross railway lines and level crossings, the press release said.

SCRF's observation identified seven

major reasons behind the railway accidents in the country.

These are: (1) unapproved and unplanned rail crossings, (2) unguarded rail crossings, (3) continuation of economic-lifetime expired rail engines, (4) use of mobile phones while crossing rail tracks, (5) faulty signaling systems and weak infrastructure, (6) lack of skill and negligence of technical staff and drivers, and (7) lack of adequate machinery and workforce.

According to the report, the highest number of rail accidents occurred in the month of November, which saw 54 accidents.

November was also the month that saw the most deaths as 68 people died in rail accidents during the month, according to the report.

Posing as Titas

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Jahangir Alam (50), and Farid Hossain alias Aslam (40).

A team of CID arrested them from Jatrabari and Motijheel areas in the capital.

The team made the arrests while investigating a case filed by Al Masud, owner of Café Al Masud, with Jatrabari Police Station on December 30 last year.

"Posing as Titas Gas officers and contractors, the arrestees and their accomplices embezzled a total of Tk 49.50 lakh from a restaurant owner in Bangladesh in October last year," said Kaniz Fatema, special superintendent of CID (Dhaka Metro East).

"They have no relation with Titas Gas," Sub-Inspector Aksadud Zaman, investigation officer (IO) of the case, told The Daily Star.

"They were just bluffing people by promising illegal gas connections in residential and commercial units in different parts of the capital," he added.

There are few more people involved with the fraudulent gang, he added.

"Drive is underway to arrest others," the investigation officer said.

During the drive, CID also recovered Tk 1.20 lakh of embezzled money from Shahadat.

Nur-e-Chashma passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Iqbal Mahmood's mother-in-law Nur-e-Chashma passed away on Saturday evening in the capital's Adabar area.

She was 85.

She left behind four daughters, two sons, sons-in-law and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She was wife of late food controller Fazlur Rahman, mother of former secretary Razia Begum and mother-in-law of former Awami League lawmaker ABM Taleb Ali.

She was buried at Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard.

Suspended DIG Mizan denied bail

JNU CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected the bail petitions of suspended deputy inspector general (DIG) of police Mizanur Rahman in connection with two corruption cases file by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of Senior Special Judge's Court in Dhaka passed the order, after Mizan's lawyer Ehsanul Haque Samaji moved the petitions to the court, seeking bail in the cases.

The court also denied bail to suspended ACC director Khandaker Enamul Basir.

On June 24 last year, ACC filed the graft case with its Integrated District Office in Dhaka against Mizan, his wife Sohelia

Anar Ratna and nephew Mahmudul Hasan, a sub-inspector of police, on charges of amassing Tk 3.28 crore beyond known source of income.

The High Court on July 1 last year handed Mizan over to police after he surrendered before it seeking bail in the case.

On July 16 last year, ACC filed another graft case against him and suspended ACC director Khandaker Enamul Basir, for a transaction of Tk 40 lakh as bribe.

Mizan was withdrawn on January 9, 2018 following allegations of threatening a female news presenter of a private television channel. He reportedly picked up a 25-year-old woman in July, 2017 and forcibly married her.

Swiss agency director general in city

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Director General Manuel Sager arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a five-day visit to better understand the key development challenges facing Bangladesh, especially the Rohingya crisis.

During the visit, he will look to gather a first-hand impression about the development interventions by Switzerland, the current trajectory of socio-economic developments in Bangladesh, and the Rohingya crisis. He will also meet government officials, development partners and other key stakeholders to discuss the national implementation of Agenda 2030.

With this aim, Sager will visit the Rohingya refugee camps situated in Cox's Bazar. He will also visit several SDC co-supported development projects in Gazipur and Narsingdi districts.

Since 2017, Switzerland has committed more than US\$30 million in humanitarian aid to alleviate the sufferings of the Rohingya refugees as well as the host communities. Switzerland is providing development assistance to Bangladesh in several areas including income and economic development, democratic governance, and safer migration.

HC asks foreign

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officials had harassed his client sexually and mentally at their offices in Tokyo, Mumbai and Dhaka in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Following an allegation, the foreign ministry formed a sexual harassment prevention committee on April 23 last year in line with an HC verdict delivered in 2009. In the verdict, the HC directed the authorities concerned to form a five-member committee headed by a woman at every workplace and institution to investigate allegations of harassment.

The committee recorded the woman's statement on June 27 last year but it is yet to publish a probe report, or take any action against the three officials who harassed her, the lawyer claimed.

Meanwhile, the foreign ministry in a statement yesterday said the female official has been sacked as allegation of misbehaviour against her was proven in its probe.

Accused wants

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of arrest warrants issued earlier against the four.

On October 7, Abrar, a second-year student of electrical and electronics engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, was beaten to death by a group of BCL men at the university's Sher-e-Bangla Hall.

Eight of the accused gave confessional statements before magistrates narrating the horrifying torture. Sixty people are prosecution witnesses in the case.

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Sr. Executive Vice President
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Late Iftekharul Alam

who passed away on January 5, 2019. May Allah bless his soul and give the members of his family the strength to cope with the loss

On behalf of NSU family
We pray for his departed soul



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02	Tender closing date and time	14-01-2020 at 12.00 hrs (BST).
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