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13 killed in Delhi unrest

Over 130 hurt as clashes erupt over CAA for 2nd day; curfew imposed, shoot at sight ordered; shops burnt; schools, metro shut



People supporting a new citizenship law and those opposing the law, clash during a protest in New Delhi on Monday. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Thirteen people have been killed and over 150 injured in clashes between opposing groups of protesters in New Delhi, police said yesterday, as violence over a contentious citizenship law roiled India's capital for a second day.

There have been widespread protests since the law that critics say is anti-Muslim was passed in mid-December, with more than 25 people killed.

The clashes, the worst in the capital since unrest over a new citizenship law began in December, started at the weekend but turned deadly on Monday. Fresh violence erupted in multiple areas of northeast Delhi yesterday.

Local television showed huge clouds of

smoke billowing from a tyre market that had been set ablaze. Reuters witnesses saw mobs wielding sticks and stones walking down streets in parts of northeast Delhi and further incidents of stone-throwing.

At least 12 civilians and one policeman are confirmed dead, reports AFP quoting a police officer, adding that more than 150 people had been injured since Monday.

Delhi Police's Special CP Pravir Ranjan said curfew has been imposed in violence-affected regions in North East Delhi -- Maujpur, Jafrabad, Chand Bagh, Karawal Nagar. It has also issued shoot-at-sight orders in various parts of North East Delhi, reports India Today.

A fire department official told Reuters

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No trade deal for Trump

US clinches \$3b military equipment sale

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US President Donald Trump concluded a showy state visit to India yesterday with plenty of impressive photos but without major announcements on trade or security.

Trump departed having cemented his close friendship with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, upon

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Politically biased hiring deprives ACC of free rein

Says TIB on top brass appointment at the anti-graft body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The politically biased process of recruiting Anti-Corruption Commission's chairman and commissioners holds back the ACC from working independently and going for an all-out drive against the "big fishes", Transparency International Bangladesh's Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said yesterday.

He made the comment after the TIB launched a research report on ACC activities at a press conference in the capital.

Talking to The Daily Star, Iftekharuzzaman claimed that as the recruitment process was linked to political blessings, the commission often lacks the courage and capacity to discharge its duties properly.

"The individual's identity, status and political affiliation become the determining factor [in dealing with corruption allegations]," he said.

He also said political recruitment leads to political bias and lack of objectivity.

Currently, a selection committee prepares a list of prospective candidates for the posts of ACC chairman and commissioners. The president then picks the candidates for appointment to the posts.

Pointing out examples of international good practices including in some Asian countries, Iftekharuzzaman said after the shortlist is prepared by the selection committee, identity and professional credentials of prospective candidates can be disclosed for public information and feedback.

At the press conference, the TIB executive director underscored the need for making the recruitment process more transparent for the effective functioning of the corruption watchdog.

He said the selection process was linked to the independence of the ACC, but that independence now remains only on papers.

He also said the ACC was not free from political influence and thus it failed to act neutrally while dealing with graft.

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Tigers snap losing streak

SPORTS REPORTER

Under gloomy skies and the imminent threat of rain, Bangladesh managed to overcome all uncertainty and finally snapped their six-match losing streak by registering their first win in Tests yesterday, exactly 450 days after their last success in cricket's longest format.

Off-spinner Nayeem Hasan's five-wicket haul and Taijul Islam's four wickets helped the hosts register a comprehensive innings and 106-run win as Zimbabwe were all out for 189 in their second innings. SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



Bangladesh batsman Mushfiqur Rahim hands skipper Mominul Haque a stump to keep as a souvenir after winning the one-off Test against Zimbabwe on the fourth day at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. Mushfiqur hit a double-century and Mominul scored a hundred to help set up the innings and 106-run win. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

JU decides not to join

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University yesterday decided that it too would not adopt the uniform admission test proposed by the University Grants Commission last December.

The decision was made at a meeting of the university's Academic Council yesterday afternoon, our JU correspondent reports quoting acting JU registrar Rahima Kaneez.

The university will enrol the students as per its own admission tests, she said.

The decision came a day after Dhaka University and Rajshahi University. SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

'Nothing less than a bank of their own'

Rab recovers Tk 26.55cr, FDR worth Tk 5.15cr, 1kg gold from 5 vaults at a flat of AL leader Enu, his brother Rupon

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Lane-1 of Wari's Lal Mohon Saha Street is just five feet wide.

In the middle of the lane, there is a corridor through which even two people would not be able to pass together. Around 12 to 15 steps into the corridor, one would find the main entrance to a six-storey building. On the ground floor, there is a 400sqft flat with three rooms.

From the small flat, Rapid Action Battalion yesterday recovered Tk 26.55 crore in cash and fixed deposit receipts worth Tk 5.15 crore.

They also recovered around one kilogramme of gold, 9,300 USD, 174 Malaysian ringgit, 5,350 Indian rupees, 1,195 Chinese yen, 11,560 Thai baht, 100 UAE dirhams and some gambling chips from the same flat.

After recovering the money, a Rab high official said, "It was nothing less than a bank of their own."

Rab made the recovery in a 12-hour special drive that began around 12:30am, said Lt Col Rakibul Hasan, director of Rab-3, while addressing a spot briefing.

The entire six-storey building



is owned by Enamul Haque Enu, former vice-president of Gendaria unit of Awami League, and Rupon Bhuiyan, the unit's joint general secretary, who are now known as "the casino brothers" for their involvement in the illegal casino business.

Both the brothers are now in jail after being arrested on January 13.

Rab officials said they are primarily suspecting that the money was collected from their illegal casino business. Enu and Rupon were the directors of a casino at the Wanderer's Club in Motijheel.

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Of an alley, 33 flats, 2 brothers

SHARIFUL ISLAM

In the densely populated Old Dhaka, Lane-1 of Lal Mohon Saha Street has recently earned its own reputation, as the arrested "casino brothers" Enamul Haque Enu and Rupon Bhuiyan have 33 flats in that otherwise inconspicuous alley.

Besides the 33 flats, the duo, their family and relatives own 221 flats and 30 kathas of land in Old Dhaka where such property are worth huge amounts of money.

Outside the capital, they have 39 kathas of land. They also have huge amounts of money in banks and at least five luxury vehicles.

Enu and Rupon revealed the information about their wealth and property during interrogation by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police when the two were taken into remand recently, sources close to the interrogators said.

The Daily Star, however, could not independently verify the information.

The sources said the two brothers own all the property, but registered some of those under other family members' names.

But in 2005, they owned almost nothing, except for a small lathe machine workshop on Nawabpur Road in the old town, locals said.

Their immense amount of wealth came from illegal gambling and casino business.

On January 26, this correspondent went to Lane-1 on Lal Mohon Saha Street to verify whether the brothers own such a large number of buildings, apartments and plots.

While walking inside the dark narrow lane, this correspondent asked at least five locals about Enu and Rupon. All of them first wanted to know the identity of this correspondent and then gave the same answer -- "I know nothing."

Enamul Haque Enu and his younger brother Rupon Bhuiyan, both directors of Wanderer's Club and former Awami League leaders of the party's Gendaria thana unit, however, are well-known in the locality. They used to move in the area with six to seven men carrying firearms, locals said earlier.

Enu, vice-president of AL's Gendaria thana unit, and Rupon, its joint general secretary, were sacked from the party after the anti-casino crackdown began on September 18 last year.

This correspondent also visited a holding at South Moysundi in Wari, where Enu and Rupon constructed a

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