

Khadem called in some people

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Burimari land port that day, he mentioned in the statement.

Jewel had developed psychological issues after losing his job earlier this year, his family claimed.

Sumon said they went to the mosque to offer Asr prayers. He prayed on the verandah of the mosque as he was a little late to join. At the end of the prayers, everyone left but Jewel was not coming out.

Sumon entered the mosque and saw Jewel arguing with the khadem. He apologised to the khadem on behalf of Jewel, Sumon said in the statement.

But the khadem called in people who started beating up Jewel and him.

A local union parishad member rescued them and took them to a union parishad room next to the mosque, he said.

"The mob broke down the doors and [window] grills of the union

parishad [building] and started beating up Jewel. At that time, the OC of Patgram Police Station managed to get me out and hide me on the second floor of the union parishad [building] and took me down to a nearby tin-roofed shop," he said.

"First I was admitted to Patgram Upazila Health Complex and later to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital for treatment," he said.

Abida told journalists that they were conducting raids and arresting those involved in the incident after seeing video footage.

Police arrested five more people in connection with the brutal killing of Jewel.

They were arrested at their homes in Burimari area early yesterday, said Patgram Police Station Officer-in-Charge Sumon Kumar Mohanta.

So far, 21 people have been arrested, including the mosque khadem.

Of the five newly arrested, two are named accused in the case and the others were identified in video footage, the OC said.

Jewel, 50, was beaten and burnt to death in Burimari area of Patgram upazila over rumours of insulting the Holy Quran.

Saiful Alam, cousin of the deceased, SI Shahjahan Ali on behalf of the police and Union Parishad Chairman Abu Sayeed Newaz Nishat filed three cases in this connection.

5 MINS BLACKOUT FOR JEWEL
Lights in Shalbon area under Rangpur City Corporation went off for five minutes at 7:00pm yesterday as a protest for the brutal killing of Jewel.

Shahidul Akter Firoz, former councillor of the ward, said the residents went down to the street turning off the lights in their homes and demonstrated.

Govt to hire pvt firm for first time

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a vehicle, including brakes, headlights, alignment and emission, taking between 12 and 15 minutes.

WHY OUTSOURCING?

Established in 1987, BRTA deals with a myriad of tasks -- from vehicle registration, issuance and renewal of driving licences, to fitness of vehicles and route permits for commercial vehicles.

But its services are being hampered due to a lack of adequate manpower and technology.

For example, only 109 motor vehicle inspectors, with the help of 86 mechanical assistants, checked the fitness of 7.5 lakh vehicles last fiscal year.

The inspectors are always under pressure and the quality of inspections is often compromised due to the work pressure. Moreover, the shortage of vehicle inspectors causes service seekers to wait a long time for fitness certificates.

The BRTA has only one VIC at its Mirpur office to check some elements digitally and some 100 commercial vehicles (bus and trucks) are tested there every day.

Other vehicles have to be checked manually, which experts said could compromise safety as it leaves room for manipulation and irregularities. An automated system can get

exact performance data of a vehicle's key safety features like headlights, brakes, and speed capabilities, which is almost impossible to do manually, they said.

Amid huge scarcity of fitness testing facilities, the Road Transport and Highways Division in August last year formed a committee to work out how fitness tests could be outsourced to private companies.

A top BRTA official said CNS was selected for the job following competitive bidding.

A WAY FORWARD

Prof Mizanur Rahman, director of Accident Research Institute (ARI) at Buet, welcomed the BRTA's move. "This is the way forward," he said.

He said with the existing manpower and equipment, it is not possible for the BRTA to check all vehicles "properly".

In many other countries, private sectors are entrusted with the duty of checking vehicles' fitness and the entire process is monitored by the government authorities.

Mizanur, however, said the authorities have to check whether the private company overcharges or does anything to "create a monopoly in the business".

Replying to a question, he said road safety was very much linked with fitness of vehicles, because an unfit vehicle is

prone to road crash causing fatalities.

"So, the government should increase the facilities to ensure proper fitness of vehicles," he told this correspondent yesterday.

BRTA Chairman Nur Mohammad Mazumder said they have plans to set up more VICs so that fitness of more vehicles could be examined there.

"We will establish more VICs in Dhaka and divisional headquarters on our own. Besides, we have plans to outsource the job to private companies," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

KSA to relax

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"The exit and re-entry visa reforms allow expatriate workers to travel... without the employer's approval after submitting a request, (and) the employer will be notified electronically of their departure," it said.

Sattam Alharbi, a deputy minister at the ministry, said the reforms will abolish "runaway" reports against foreign workers who do not report for duty, which effectively renders them criminals at risk of being jailed and deported.

"These changes are not small changes -- it's huge," Alharbi told Bloomberg News in an interview yesterday.

Bangladesh

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aid for the economic rehabilitation of Bangladesh. A request for the construction of a bridge has recently been received from the Bangladesh government.

DR SAJJAD HOSSAIN CHARGE-SHEETED

Police submitted a charge sheet against the former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Dr Syed Sajjad Hossain for collaboration with the occupation army of Pakistan against Bangladesh during the Liberation War. The sources further say the investigation against Dr Mohar Ali, a former reader in History of Dhaka University, has been completed and the charge sheet would be submitted shortly. The charges against the two university teachers carry a minimum punishment of three years' rigorous imprisonment under the Bangladesh Collaborators (Special Tribunal) Order, 1972.

SOURCES: November 6, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

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Erfan, his bodyguard denied

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report, the IO said Erfan, son of Dhaka-7 lawmaker Haji Salim, gave important information about the incident and that the information was being verified.

So, he appealed to the court to keep them in jail until the investigation was over.

The defence, however, submitted a petition seeking bail in the case, claiming that the two were being framed as part of a conspiracy to harass them.

On Tuesday, another accused AB Siddique Dipu, one of Erfan's associates, was sent to jail on completion of his remand in the same case.

Four other cases -- two against Erfan and other two against Zahid -- under the arms and narcotics control acts have been lodged with Chawkbazar Police Station.

Lt Wasif filed the case with Dhanmondi Police Station on October 26 against four

named and three unnamed accused over the assault on him.

According to the statement of the case, a vehicle, with number plate Dhaka Metro-Gha 11-5736, rear-ended his motorcycle in Dhanmondi area when he and his wife were returning to their Dhaka Cantonment home from Nilkhet around 7:45pm on October 25.

A man came out of the SUV and verbally abused them and left the spot. When the car stopped at a nearby signal, Lt Wasif knocked on the car's window and introduced himself. After that, all passengers got off the vehicle and started hurling abuse and assaulted Lt Wasif.

Following a drive, Erfan and Zahid were sentenced to one year in prison each for illegally possessing walkie-talkies and foreign liquor after their arrest on October 26.

Rab Executive Magistrate Sarwoer Alam handed six months' imprisonment to them for keeping the radio transceivers illegally and the other six months for illegal liquor possession.

Europe reels

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The United States remains the worst-affected country with more than nine million cases and 230,000 deaths as Americans were on the edge to the know the winner after a divisive campaign.

From Britain to Turkey, European countries have reimposed strict curbs this week, echoing their moves in spring when the virus first hit Europe following its emergence in China.

A 5-story

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down, imitating the human stride. Attached sensors help control how the building moves forward, said Lan, whose company Shanghai Evolution Shift developed the new technology in 2018.

"It's like giving the building crutches so it can stand up and then walk," he said.

A timelapse shot by the company shows the school inching laboriously along, one tiny step at a time.



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Vice President
General Services Division

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He said France would not surrender its core values after visiting the Notre-Dame basilica in the southern city.

In Nice, one elderly victim was "virtually beheaded", officials said.

Another woman and a man also died.

Bangladesh also condemned the attack on innocent people and expressed heartfelt condolence and deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved families.

Forex reserves

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"That's why if we have good projects, the government will sponsor and finance in it [from the forex reserves] as mentioned by the prime minister earlier."

Asked about a private firm's proposal to lend money from forex reserves, the minister said he did not have a personal stance on this issue.

Fourth death anniversary of Jahanara Begum

CITY DESK

Marking the fourth death anniversary of Jahanara Begum, a milad and dua mahfil will be held on November 6 (Friday) after juma prayers at Jahanara Manzil, Shaheb Para in Lalmonirhat.

The programme will be followed by food distribution among the poor.

Relatives of the deceased are requested to attend the programme maintaining social distancing protocols.

Bilkis Begum passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bilkis Begum (88), maternal aunt of Law Minister Anisul Huq, is no more.

She breathed her last at Square Hospital yesterday while undergoing treatment.

Minister Anisul Huq has expressed profound shock and sorrow at her passing.

He prayed for the salvation and eternal peace of her departed soul and expressed sympathy for her bereaved family; a law ministry press release said.