

2 party activists murdered

JHENIDAH, June 21: Two political activists were murdered by rivals in the town and in Shaikupa upazila on Saturday, police said, reports UNB.

Jattiyabadi Jubo Dal activist Mahbubur Rahman (18) was stabbed to death by what witnesses said, some armed youths near Chuadanga bus stand of the town Saturday night.

Mahbub was chased and caught by his assailants around 10-30 pm. He was stabbed to death on the spot.

Local political sources attributed the incident as a sequel to intra-party rivalry in the Jubo Dal.

In another incident, Sukumar Das (30) of village Tribeni in Shaikupa upazila was slaughtered by unidentified political rivals late Saturday night, police said.

Sukumar said to be a member of outlawed Bangladesher Biplobi Communist Party, was called out of his house by an armed group who later slaughtered him.

Police, who recovered the body from a nearby beel this morning, said the murder may have resulted from political disagreement.

Villagers kill Shibir activist in Rangpur

RANGPUR, June 21: A Shibir activist was killed and three others were injured critically in a clash with villagers in Sadar upazila this evening, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Mansur Ali, a second year student of Islamic History of Carmichael College, and three others were seriously injured in the clash at Chakertari village at around 6 pm.

Mansur was declared dead by the attending physicians after he was rushed to the Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

Afzal Hossain (45) and Kalam (50), both farmers of the village, and Jamaat worker Hafizur (35) were admitted to RMCH in critical condition.

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als, professionals and politicians irrespective of party affiliation.

The members of the committee announced Sunday include: Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Dr A R Mallik, Prof Fazlul Halim Chowdhury, Prof Moslemuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Justice Debesh Chandra Bhattacharya, Poet Shamsur Rahman, Major General (ret'd) Khalilur Rahman, Ziaul Haq, Barrister Amirul Islam, Fakhruddin Ahmed, Advocate Zahurul Islam, Commander (ret'd) Abdur Rauf, Martuza Khan, Shahed Ali, Dr Muzaffar Ahmed, Dr M A Majed, Maniruzzaman, Dr Zahirul Huq, Engineer Sheikh Md Shahidullah, C M Murshed, Syed Ali Kabir, Jamil Chowdhury, Panna Kaiser, Hashem Khan, Aly Zaker, Dr Sultan Hafiz Rahman, Barrister Shafique Ahmed, Barrister SC Das, Principal A A Faizul Kabir, Advocate Afzaruddin Ahmad, Advocate AK Badrul Haq, Dr Meghna Guha Thakurta, Engineer Shamsul Huda, Engineer Abu Muhammad Yusuf, Advocate Tobarak Hossain, Dr Ahmed Rafique, Advocate AFM Mesbahuddin, Fazlul Haq Khandker, Advocate Nazrul Islam, Advocate Enayet Pacer, AOM Shaikhullah, Raihan Ferdous, Advocate Abdul Baten, Kazi Akram Hossain, Advocate Sagor Anwar, Advocate Abu Muhammad Hashem and Advocate Abul Hossain.

Atiqullah incident

Remarks informal, AL clarifies

In a clarification to the news item "Where is Sayeed Atiqullah" published in the Daily Star of 19th June, AKM Jahangir, Assistant Office Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League said the comments as quoted in the report were made by Sheikh Hasina after the press briefing while she was on her way out.

The Awami League leader made inquiries about Sayeed Atiqullah's whereabouts in reference to his write-up in Sangbad, and did not expect that her informal remarks would form the subject of a report, the clarification added.

The report, Jahangir said, was written in a negative vein and did not constitute responsible journalism.

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Police action inside National Press Club premises yesterday.

Police storm National Press Club, assault journalists

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At the portico, the police with heavy sticks battered the motorbikes and screamed "Come out you bastard journalists".

About hundred people were injured outside the club premises as the police baton-charged indiscriminately and lobbed teargas shells on virtually anything that moved on the crowded Topkhana Road.

Suffocated journalists began running for life inside the Club, some lay flat hit by pellets while passed on wet handkerchiefs to their colleagues.

The police action followed a series of baton charges against reporters and press photographers on the Topkhana Road.

Yet earlier, police broke up a meeting of the hartal organisers at about 5-45pm near the Battul Mukarram Mosque. Organisers alleged that police brushed aside their repeated requests to remove a large number of Jamaat activists who had gathered in the alley beside the House Building Finance Corporation, some 50 yards from the venue of the meeting.

"First they tried to silence the voice of the press, and now they are trying to shoot journalists inside the Jattiya Press Club," said Abdur Razzak MP in an emotion-choked voice. Razzak arrived at the scene immediately after the rampage.

Even during the impromptu meeting of the DUJ, teargas canisters hissed over the gathering while policemen chased the people outside on the road with batons.

A procession of the journalists to protest the assault again came under attack by police from behind, witnesses said.

Angry journalists exchanged words with the police officials who pushed them inside the Club with batons.

By 7-30, baby taxis started for the hospitals with the injured journalists smeared with blood. They were escorted by anxious friends and colleagues.

Our DMCH Correspondent adds: The injured journalists admitted to the hospital were Humayun Kabir Hiru (Photographer, Daily Star), SM Gorky (Photographer, Newsday), Khairul Alam Khair (Photographer, Samachar), Kudrati-Khuda (Reporter, Janapadi),

Habib (Photographer, Rupali), Ekaramul Huq Chanchal (Reporter, Nawroz), Shamsul Huq Tinku (Photographer, Bhorer Kagoj), Alam (Photographer, Alamin), Abu Taher Khokon (Photographer, Morning Sun), Mamunur Rashid (Photographer, Ajker Kagoj), Nooruddin (Photographer, Millat), Gazi Abu Bakar Siddiqui (Reporter, Ajker Kagoj), Bulbul Ahmed (Photographer, Telegraph), Al Mamoon (Reporter, Bhorer Kagoj), Shohan (Photographer, Ittefaq), Saiful Amin (Reporter, Sangbad), Sawdesh Roy (Reporter, Rupali), Yasin Kabir Joy (Photographer, Rupali), Albert (Desh Bangla), and Abul Hossain (Banglar Bani).

Moreover, a number of other journalists were given first aid at the DMCH.

Other injured admitted to the hospital included Mohammad Akter Hossain (driver, Sangram), Mohammad Sharif (AL leader), Mozammel Hossain (Joybanga Sanskritik Jote worker), Dhali (Awami Jubo League worker), Mohammad Azahar Ali (DMCH staff), Kazi Noor Mohammad (AL worker), Noor Mohammad



Humayun Kabir Hiru, a staff photographer of Daily Star was severely injured in police action at Press Club yesterday. — Star photo

Khin of Noakhali, Dipu, Selim, Kamal and Ujjal.

DUJ, BFUJ jt call

UNB adds: In the evening the BFUJ and DUJ at a joint meeting decided to observe the 24-hour strike throughout the country.

The journalist unions also decided not to publish government press note on yesterday's incident but to report objectively.

The meeting advanced 6-point demand for immediate acceptance by the government. These are: 1) Resignation of the Home Minister and immediate dismissal of police officials including the police commissioner responsible for the Press Club incident.

(2) Judicial probe of the barbaric police action and punishment for the offenders.

(3) Apology by the government for the incident.

(4) Return of and compensation for cameras and vehicles of journalists as well as damaged property of the Press Club.

(5) Treatment of injured journalists.

(6) Guarantee against repetition of such incidents.

The union leaders demanded resignation of the Home Minister and the Inspector General of Police and dismissal of Metropolitan Police Commissioner Mirza Raquib Huda and other police officers responsible for the incident.

A protest meeting will be held at Press Club at 11 am today.

Transport strike

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port workers were mainly those of transport owners. They have no logic to go on strike.

Many of the transport workers leaders have informed us that they will not go for this strike, Ahmed added.

A leader of the Federation who wanted to remain anonymous told UNB on return from the meeting, the decision for the strike was undemocratic. So-called decision was taken without the presence of most of the union leaders.

Transport union leaders of Chittagong division and North Bengal are opposed to the strike and will run their vehicles, the Federation leader added.

Those who attended the meeting held in the conference room of the Communications Ministry and continued till 11-30 pm included Manzurul Ahsan Khan, Wajihuddin Khan, Shahjahan Khan, Roy Ramesh, Abdur Rashid and Habibur Rahman.



Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee brought out a procession in the city yesterday during hartal hours. — Star photo

Sporadic clashes mark hartal

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75. The Daily Star Correspondents who visited different parts of the capital saw that pickets were almost absent in some areas but that the hartal was being observed spontaneously.

Several thousand pickets thronged the Purana Paltan area, the main trouble-spot during Saturday's hartal, and were also active in Mirpur, Farmgate, Kawranbazar, Shahbag and some other areas.

A few rickshaws plied in the outskirts of the city. Police chased pickets in the morning at Mirpur.

BSD (Khaleque) leader Abdullah Sarkar was injured when a cocktail blasted during a procession led by him and some other five-Party and PDF leaders. It was not clear how the blast occurred.

Police sources said that several police men including a senior officer were injured during the incident.

Coordination Committee convenor Jahanara Imam meanwhile visited the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) to see the injured persons.

Our Staff Correspondent in Chittagong adds: Sporadic clashes in Chawk Bazar, New Market, Andarkilla, Agrabad and Khatunganj areas of the city marked the day-long hartal.

that took place between the hartal supporters and the activists of the Jamaat and Shibir left at least 40 people injured.

Three people were hospitalized in a serious condition. Another unidentified injured person was taken into police custody at Andarkilla.

Several hundreds of crackers were blasted.

All the educational institutions in the city remained closed while government and private offices, banks, business and commercial houses operated partially with thin attendances.

Vehicles remained off the roads while shops remained shuttered and markets closed. Production in factories was seriously hampered as the workers did not join the factories.

Chittagong Port operated partially due to lack of transport.

Organisers of the hartal, the Nirmul Committee held a rally at the New Market crossing in the afternoon.

Our Staff Correspondent from Khulna reports: A peaceful hartal was observed here today. Offices and banks remained closed.

However, the Bangladesh Bank office carried out its functions.

Attendances in government offices were thin and the Port operated normally.

Trains and launches continued their operations during the hartal period.

Our Narayanganj Correspondent adds: Over 50 persons including journalists and police officials were injured when police used lathi during a clash between the Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee and the musclemen of a local BNP leader.

Witnesses said that the musclemen armed with lethal weapons emerged from the house of a local BNP leader and attacked a Nirmul Committee meeting at Diamond Hall Square at 2.15 pm.

President of Narayanganj city Awami League, Prof Nazma Rahman was addressing the meeting at the time.

Immediately a clash erupted and spread to Chasara, Mission Para, Fal Patti and DIT Market area.

Police then resorted to lathi charge, lobbed teargas shells and used rubber bullets.

Meanwhile, barring this incident a peaceful hartal was observed in the city.

All the offices and banks were closed except the treasury of Sonali Bank.

A number of garments industries tried to operate, but they were forced to close down in the face of public resistance.

A train from Dhaka had to return as people put up barricades at Chasara station at 8:30 am.

The Midnight File

Kidnappers threaten to hold more hostages

NICOSIA, June 21: Lebanese kidnapers will again take Western hostages if there is no settlement to the Arab-Israeli dispute, Iran's English-language Tehran Times warned Sunday. The newspaper also called for the release of Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid, a Shi'ite Muslim leader kidnapped by Israel nearly three years ago, and hundreds of other Lebanese held by Israel or its surrogate militia in south Lebanon, reports AP.

Jackson still upset with Clinton

WASHINGTON, June 21: Jesse Jackson declined to say Sunday whether he will endorse Bill Clinton for president, but said he hopes for "healing and bridge-building" from the Democratic nominee-to-be. His remarks were the latest in a series of exchanges touched off on June 13 when Clinton, speaking before Jackson's Rainbow Coalition, criticized rap singer Sister Souljah's appearance at the same meeting, reports AP.

Public meeting

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and Resistance to the Killers and Collaborators of 1971 called yesterday's hartal.

Coordination Committee Convenor Jahanara Imam, Member-Secretary Prof Abdul Mannan Choudhury and member Abdur Razzak, MP, addressed the press briefing. Besides, other committee leaders including Nurul Islam Nahid, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Moynuddin Khan Badal, Dilip Barua, Mirza Sultan Raja and Tipu Biswas were present.

Prof Abdul Mannan while announcing the programme strongly condemned the police

Hasina condemns

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government", she said.

In a statement, Hasina said this government speaks eloquently about the freedom of speech, of individual and of the press but in reality it's "heinous behaviour" smacks of autocratic mentality.

"Independence and democracy loving people and conscious citizens can never accept such a planned and dastardly attack on journalists", she added. "This unprovoked attack on newsmen surpassed all previous records of repression on the press."

Hasina sympathised with the injured journalists at the hospital and enquired about their treatment.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, Mattur Rahman, Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim, Mattia Chowdhury, Shahjahan Straj and Suranjit Sengupta accompanied Hasina during her visit to the hospital.

BSS adds: Sheikh Hasina has also congratulated the people for making the country-wide dawn-to-dusk hartal a success, an AL press release said.

She alleged that many students, youths, journalists and political workers were injured during the hartal in different places including Dhaka city, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Narayanganj and Khulna.

Sheikh Hasina called upon the people to remain alert against any conspiracy and safeguard democracy, independence and sovereignty of the country at any cost.

She also called upon the people of all strata to make their contributions to the struggle to give democracy an institutional shape, establish rule of law and bring economic emancipation.

action on journalists at the Jattiya Press Club and termed the act a part of the government conspiracy to curb the freedom of the press.

He held the Home Minister responsible for the incident and reiterated the demand for Home Minister's resignation.

Prof Choudhury also demanded resignation of the Information Minister for the Press Club incident.

Choudhury alleged that during yesterday's hartal Coordination Committee leaders Pankaj Bhattacharya, AFM Mahbubul Haq, Abdullah Sarkar and many workers were injured by the 'terrorists' of the Jattiya Jubo Command and the Jamaat-Shibir clique.

Jahanara Imam condemned attacks on supporters of yesterday's hartal and journalists by the police and the government-backed terrorists belonging to anti-Liberation camp during and after the hartal hours.

"It's a government design to foil the peaceful hartal," she said.

The government wants to repress the press and curb press freedom, she said adding the inhumane police attack on newsmen at the Press Club was a proof of the conspiracy.

Jahanara Imam thanked the pressmen for helping to carry forward anti-Golam Azam movement.

BTV

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not speak any evil either.

Sunday was the day when riot police stormed into the National Press Club, firing shotgun cartridges and tear gas shells into the lobby and lashing out indiscriminately at panic-stricken journalists. But BTV neither saw, nor heard any such evil.

Twenty journalists and photo-journalists were wounded in the police assault, some from shotgun pellets, while others, like our own Hiru, were beaten into with batons. But as far as BTV was concerned, nothing of the sort happened.

Instead, the TV station which runs on public money told the public about fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The 10 o'clock news showed footage from police action against black people in South Africa. But there was not a single mention of the Bangladesh police going on the rampage inside the Press Club in Dhaka.

ঢাকা ওয়াসার জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা মহানগরীর জলাবদ্ধতা নিরসন তথা বর্ষা মৌসুমে নগরীর বিভিন্ন রাস্তায় জমে থাকা বিপুল পরিমাণ পানি নিষ্কাশনের সুষ্ঠু ব্যবস্থা করে নগরবাসীর দুঃখ-কষ্ট লাঘব এবং জলাবদ্ধতার কারণে রাস্তাঘাট ও রাষ্ট্রীয় সম্পদ বিনষ্ট হওয়ার হাত হতে রক্ষার্থে ঢাকা ওয়াসা মহানগরীর বিভিন্ন এলাকায় ডু-গর্ভস্থ পানি নিষ্কাশন লাইন স্থাপনের কাজ করছে। মতিঝিল ও দিলকুশা বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, মিডল সার্কুলার রোড, ২য় রেডিয়েল রোড, ইনার সার্কুলার রোড, ডি, আই, টি, এক্সটেনশন রোড, এলিফ্যান্ট রোড, মিরপুর রোড, নিউ মার্কেট হতে বুড়িগঙ্গা নদী পর্যন্ত ও ইব্রাহিমপুরের প্রধান ও শাখা সড়ক সমূহে উক্ত ডেনেজ প্রকল্পের কাজ চলছে। ডেনেজ ব্যবস্থা উন্নয়নের এ কাজ বর্ষার পূর্বেই শেষ করার জন্য ওয়াসা যথাসম্ভব দ্রুততার সাথে কাজ করে চলেছে।

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