

5 killed, 57 hurt in road mishaps

By Staff Correspondent

At least five people were killed, and 57 others injured in separate road mishaps in and outside the city during last two days.

One Rita Dey was killed Friday in front of Eden Girls' College when a scooter collided with a speeding bus.

The 30-year-old housewife was on her way to residence by an autorickshaw with her son Sabuj (14) and one Masud Salm. Sabuj and Masud were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

In another accident Saturday morning, a Dhaka-bound bus from Gazipur collided with a staff bus at Biswar Road leaving at least one person dead and 15 others injured. Seven of the injured were admitted in Dhaka Medical College Hospital. A case has been filed with the Cantonment Police Station.

In Savar three persons were killed and 40 others injured in a road accident here yesterday morning.

One of the dead was identified as Zahurul Haque (25), a gatekeeper of local GK garments. The other two — one woman and a boy — could not be identified immediately. The boy succumbed to his injuries while being taken to hospital.

The accident took place at about 7 am when a Dhamrat bound minibus fell into a roadside ditch, one kilometre from Savar thana.

The local people rushed to the spot and sent the injured to various hospitals.

Among the injured, 12 were admitted to Savar Thana Health Complex where condition of seven were stated to be critical. They are: Itika (15), Shahabuddin (45), Nazmul Haque (25), Abika (50), Shampa (8), Dudu (23) and Abdus Salam (32).

The rest of the injured were sent to various hospitals in Dhaka.

Expel terrorists, GCO memo to RU VC

RAJSHAHI, Sept 12: The Rajshahi University Chhatra Oikya Parishad today submitted a memorandum to Vice-Chancellor Prof M Anisur Rahman demanding expulsion of the terrorists responsible for the incidents on the campus on March 17 and July 14, reports UNB.

They also demanded compensation for those who were affected by violence in the university.

The Chhatra Oikya Parishad, in their memorandum, called on the VC to fulfill their demands by September 19.

Later, they brought out a procession on the campus and held a rally in front of the Library.

The rally was addressed by RU unit Chhatra Moitry President Sadakat Hossain Khan, Chhatra League General Secretary Ayub Ali, Chhatra Union General Secretary Mostofa and pro-VP of RUCSU Kader Sarker.

Dhaka-Ankara to expand trade

ISTANBUL (Turkey), Sept 12: Bangladesh and Turkey today agreed to expand and strengthen bilateral trade, economic and financial relations, reports BSS.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, who is now here on a four-day trip to attend the eighth meeting of the standing committee on economic and commercial cooperation of OIC, today met his Turkish counterpart Dr. Tansu Ciller.

They stressed the need for more contacts between the private sectors and active encouragement of bilateral investment and joint ventures.

Rahman asked his counterpart for the use of Turkish port to help facilitate Bangladesh's trade with the central Asian republics. Turkish Finance Minister responded favourably.

Finance Minister Rahman yesterday in his statement at the ministerial meeting called upon the defaulting OIC member states to pay up arrears.

The meeting was inaugurated by Turkish President Turgut Ozal.



Saleheen dead

Noted banker Mushfeq-us Saleheen died at Brompton Hospital in London Friday. He was 64, reports BSS.

Saleheen was suffering from lungs cancer.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters, six brothers and one sister and a host of friends, well wishers and relatives to mourn his death.

Arrangements are being made to bring the body in Dhaka. He will be buried at Banani graveyard.

Graduated from Presidency College, Calcutta in 1948 with Honours, Saleheen started his banking career with former Imperial Bank of India (State Bank of India) in 1950. Since then he served erstwhile National Bank of Pakistan and State Bank of Pakistan in different capacities.

After liberation in 1971, he was Officer on Special Duty, in-charge of Bangladesh Bank.

Saleheen later on served as Chairman and Managing Director of Uttara Bank and Janata Bank.

Apart from his banking career Saleheen took keen interest in social activities and sports.

He was Governor of Lions Club, District-315, President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of National Sports Control Board, Vice-President, Dhaka Wanderers Club, President of Bangladesh Weightlifting Federation and sponsor and founder of Dhaka Shishu Hospital.

Golam Azam

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Udyan in the city March 26, the Independence Day.

A Pakistan national, Azam, became Ameer of the Jamaat late 1991. The Jamaat's election of Azam as party chief was strongly protested by different quarters.

Stripped of his Bangladesh citizenship for collaborating with the Pakistan occupation forces and planning genocide during the country's Liberation War in 1971, Azam entered Bangladesh on a Pakistani passport in 1978 to see his ailing mother.

Since then, he had been staying in Bangladesh.

Cox's Bazar

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The women waved long-handled brooms and chanted various anti-refugee slogans.

They squatted for at least an hour on a rain-soaked muddy road before Jummapara village where the government plans to build a new camp to house about 100,000 refugees.

Currently, the refugees are housed in 19 camps, many of them located along Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway. The government plans to shift at least 100,000 refugees to Jummapara, deep inside teak-wood forests and away from the traffic-busy highway.

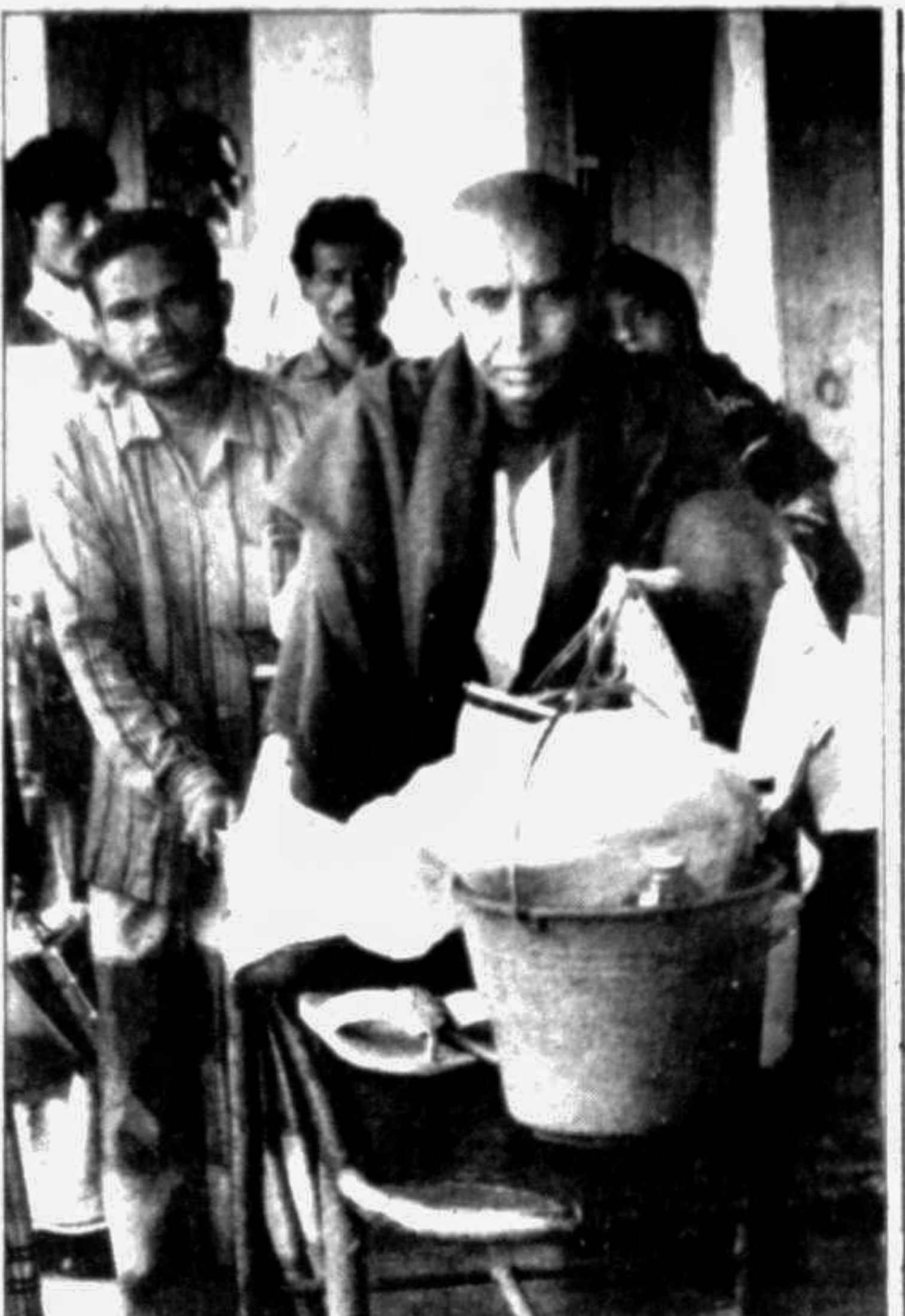
But Refugee Repatriation Action Committee, a grouping of local residents, oppose the idea saying, this will destroy forests and paddy fields.

Mahmudul Huq Chowdhury, a spokesman for the committee, said that the government must announce a specific date for the repatriation.

Chowdhury accused the authorities of backing out from their earlier assurance that they would not construct any camp at Jummapara.

Repatriation was due to start May 15, but stalled by the refugees who refused to return home until human rights conditions improved in military-ruled Myanmar.

Bangladesh and Myanmar officials have scheduled fresh repatriation talks later this month. But no date has been set.



ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL: Cancer patients, mostly terminally ill, are being shifted from the Cancer Ward of the DMCH to different wards to make room for an auditorium in memory of late Dr Milon. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia laid the foundation stone of the auditorium there in November last year. Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf Wednesday visited the DMCH and ordered evacuation of the cancer patients elsewhere to begin construction work by Sunday. The selected site for the Dr Milon Auditorium had been a Cancer Ward for 33 years. —Star photo

Accord with DPRK on sports, edn

PYONG YANG, Sept 12: Bangladesh and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) have signed a programme on culture, sports and education for the period 1992-94, reports BSS.

DPRK co-Chairperson of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Mrs Yo Yok and Bangladeshi Charge d'Affairs in Pyongyang Abu Naser Wahed signed the programme yesterday on behalf of their respective governments.

SAARC children's confce in Colombo from Sept 16

The Second Conference on Children in SAARC countries will be held September 16-18 in Colombo for policy planning to ensure welfare of teeming babies in the region, reports UNB.

Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam will lead a 27-member Bangladesh delegation to the conference arranged jointly by the Sri Lankan government and the UNICEF.



Residents search for household items from debris in Jhelum, Pakistan, yesterday after their houses collapsed in territorial rains. —AFP photo

Adamjee clash

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29 injured.

Siddhirganj Police said last night that none was arrested and that no case was filed in connection with the incidents in the last two days.

As a sequel to Friday's gun-battle fresh clashes began 8.30 in the morning when, according to witnesses, the Kashem group assembled in the Moonlight Cinema area to protest Fatema's killing and proceeded towards the Mills main gate along the Narayanganj-Demra road.

Police stopped the processionists at the main gate, but the angry activists diverted their procession towards the Sona Mia Market, known as a stronghold of the rival Rehan group.

As Kashem supporters swooped on Rehan's men positioned in the market, they retaliated. At this stage, police fired rubber bullets, lobbed tear gas and lathicharge the battling workers. The Kashem group was forced to retreat to the Moonlight Cinema area. It was about 12.30 noon.

During this time, a battle began between the two groups inside the Mills premises—the New Colony and the Dhaka Baju areas. Police used baton charges and tear gas to control the violence.

A senior on-duty police officials told this correspondent in the afternoon that the situation was under control, but that he feared renewed fighting at any moment.

No face-to-face fighting did really occur but sporadic gunshots and blasts continued to panic the people in the areas, in and outside the premises of the country's biggest jute mills.

When the gunbattle came to a stop in the afternoon, this correspondent saw agitated activists of both groups carrying lethal weapons and guarding their respective strongholds.

Armed men were also seen posted atop the family planning and MCH clinic located in the Dhaka Baju area. Officials at the clinic said that the frequent clashes were hampering its normal activity. "No patients came today (Saturday)".

A senior A/JM official said that continued clashes were hampering production in the mills causing a drain on the national exchequer.

Four major armed clashes between rival groups since May 30 have resulted in the deaths of at least four persons and injuries to several hundred.

General workers said that these clashes and killings could be avoided if the authorities intervened properly.

One person died in each of the four incidents May 30, June 19, July 4 and September 11.

In all these clashes, the BNP-backed Kashem group fought, either the Awami League-backed Rehan group or the Jatiya Party-backed Siddique Sarder group.

Interrogation

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the recent violence following the bloody clash between two rival factions of JCD in the Dhaka University campus.

However, Ali's wife Tahshina Rushdir Luna, met Ali at the DB office last night and had talked to him for about half an hour yesterday evening she said.

She also said that DB officials confirmed that her husband was not under arrest.

When asked about her reaction, Luna instantly told The Daily Star last night, "as Ali was not arrested I have no comments."

Ilias Ali was General Secretary of now dissolved Central Committee of JCD, the student wing of BNP. He was elected JCD General Secretary on June 16 and BNP chairperson Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia dissolved the Central Committee on September 6.

The move came following the deaths of two activists in a bloody clash between two factions in the JCD on the Dhaka University campus on September 4.

Stabbed

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Fatally injured Panna was immediately rushed to the DMCH with four stab injuries, but doctors on duty declared him dead.

Local people said Panna had a quarrel with Rocket.

Earlier Rocket and Panna, along with some others, were reportedly seen sitting in a rickshaw garage at Sheikh Shaheb Bazar at around 10 am yesterday. At a stage of altercation they attacked each other local people said.



Panna's brother, Javed lodged a case with Laibag Police accusing Rocket and Prithvir of the murder. Police said both the accused were absconding till last night.

AL, JP name candidates for by-elections

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Awami League has nominated its candidates to contest the by-elections to two seats that fell vacant following the deaths of two AL MPs.

Kazi Keramat Ali is the candidate for the Rajbari-1 constituency and Roushanara Begum for Mymensingh-3, a party press release signed by the AL General Secretary Sajeda Chowdhury said.

They were nominated by the parliamentary board of the party, it added.

The election in Rajbari will be held October 12 and in Mymensingh October 15.

The deaths of AL MPs Abdul Wajed Chowdhury of Rajbari and Nazrul Islam of Mymensingh, resulted in the seats falling vacant.

Meanwhile, the Jatiya Party nominated Munshi Abdul Latif to contest the by-election in the Rajbari-1 constituency.

Suta-Bastrakal employees' strike Oct 19

Suta-Bastrakal Sramik Karmachari Federation of Bangladesh yesterday decided to stage a 24-hour strike countrywide on October 19 to press for its demand to protect the country's textile industry and ensure security for its workers, reports UNB.

UNGA

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The issue remained unresolved at the Jakarta summit.

Besides, the Foreign Minister said, he would hold talks with a number of world leaders on a bilateral plan. Rahman is likely to meet Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Raghunandan Lal Bhatia which will be another occasion for a review of bilateral relations.

The Foreign Minister's delegation includes three members of Parliament, a retired Supreme Court Judge and BNP leader Justice T H Khan, a DU teacher, Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman and Director General Afsarul Qader.

The Midnight File

Rebels kill 18 in Mozambique

MAPUTO, Sept 12: Government radio on Saturday reported an attack by rebels killed 18 people in a southern town. Radio Mozambique said rebels also burned eight houses and looted livestock and other property in the attack Wednesday. There was no way to independently verify the report. The 15-year-old civil war has killed more than 600,000 people and devastated the southeast African nation's economy. Negotiators for the government and rebels are trying to wrap up a peace pact by an October 1 deadline agreed to previously in talks in Rome, reports AP.

Bush declares Hawaii disaster area

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Sept 12: President George Bush today declared a disaster area in Hawaii as authorities rushed aid to the resort island of Kauai, devastated by hurricane Iniki — worst storm to hit the US island chain this century. Iniki slammed into Hawaii with winds of up to 160 miles (260 km) per hour on Friday, forcing tens of thousands of people to flee inland, flooding roads, destroying homes, blowing roofs off buildings and knocking out power and communications to the entire island of Kauai, reports Reuter.

Seminar: Terrorism

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the country fails in his duties," he said without naming any one.

He suggested that only a strong administration could guarantee law and order in the country.

Abdus Samad Azad said that all political parties, including his one, should immediately declare their position against terrorism and put an end to political violence.

"We do not have much time... terrorism should be rooted out and authority must be established against evil for the good of the people."

He said that the ruling party and the opposition should work hand-in-hand to restore discipline in the society.

Azad recalled the pledge of the three political Alliances against terrorism in the historic joint declaration.

The law and order has deteriorated the country's economic condition is staggering... the foreign investors are quitting and this cannot go on," he said.

"We thank the BNP for its decision on Ilias and the Awami League is ready to cooperate in any move to curb violence," Azad said. "Take any action against hoodlums, recover unauthorised weapons from the universities but whatever you do, do it in a planned way," he reminded.

Dr M Innas Ali called for stronger role of the university authorities against terrorism and held both the ruling party and the opposition responsible for the alarming rise of violence in the country.

Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed felt the need for a strict law to fight terrorists, "who often hold high positions in university politics."

"Terrorism is a business with a minimum capital investment," he said adding that "violence increased manifold when it proved to be a perfect ladder for a political rise."

Prof Ahmed suggested amendment to the existing University Ordinance of 1973 for the benefit of the nation saying that "The Ordinance indirectly hampers harmony in the campus."

Menon's lungs working well

The repaired lungs of Workers' Party leader Rashed Khan Menon were found better when he was X-rayed on Friday at the King's College Hospital in London, reports UNB.

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