

One dies, 5 hurt in incident Muggers kill one in city

By DMCH Correspondent

Two persons were killed and at least five others injured in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

The body of a fisherman was also recovered by police. One person was murdered on the Airport Road near the Naval Headquarters. He was identified as Faruque Hossain, 25, of Maolabari, Daudkandi, Comilla.

According to Gulshan police, a gang of about eight unidentified persons armed with sharp weapons attacked Faruque who along with five relatives was going to Zia International Airport by an auto-rickshaw at about 4:45 am yesterday. Faruque was going to the airport to see off one of his uncles.

The gang intercepted the auto-rickshaw and at gunpoint snatched Taka 10 thousand from one of Faruque's uncles. They hit Faruque on his head with sharp weapons when he tried to resist the gang. He died on the spot.

Gulshan police sent the body to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

Meanwhile, one Nuruz-zaman alias Jamal, 35, was killed in a bomb explosion inside a tannery at Hazaribagh under Dhanmondi thana yesterday afternoon, police said. At least five others were injured.

The injured — Badal, 26,

Hannan, 25, and Selim, Sohail and Ranju — were admitted to hospitals.

Police said the explosion occurred when a group of about six persons were making cocktails inside the Udayan Tannery at about 5 pm. The factory was closed at the time.

Police recovered the body of a fisherman Anwar Ali, 40, at Pattra under Gulshan thana Wednesday afternoon.

There were marks of injuries on the body.

Muggers stab 2 in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 21: Two muggers stabbed a businessman and a night guard at Deobhog Palpara here early this morning. The local people, however, caught the muggers and handed them over to police.

Biplob, 20 and Ranjit, 22, stabbed Rajeshwar Pal as he was on his way to the local market at about 6:30 am. Pal fell down on the road.

Night guard Abdul Qadir rushed to rescue Pal when the muggers were fleeing with money and other belongings of Pal. The muggers also knifed him.

But they failed to escape as people from nearby areas came out and caught them.

Pabna JCD faction enforces hartal

PABNA, Sept 21: A half-day hartal, called by a faction of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), was observed in the town today with stray incidents, reports UNB.

The faction, led by town unit president Sheikh Tuhin, called the hartal demanding withdrawal of the Police Super and immediate release of the arrested leaders.

A group of JCD activists allegedly attacked a rally of Anti-terrorism Committee at Town Hall premises and snatched their microphone.

Later, the committee held a rally at the Shahid Minar premises.

Appointment

Ataul Haq, Secretary to the President, has been transferred as Secretary of the Statistics Division. Nooruddin Ahmed Al-Masood, Secretary of Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry, has been appointed Secretary to the President, said an official announcement last night, reports UNB.

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He said that from now on the general manager would be invited to attend every board meeting of the BSL, where he would place the report on sales and other activities.

Earlier, the BSL had offered three options to the SOMC: renegotiation of the contract with it, franchise contract and termination of contract.

On receiving the proposal, the SOMC, the Boston-based hotel chain, had initially opted for withdrawal of its operation within a month.

Besides the four-point understanding, the state minister said, "he has requested the SOMC to appoint a general manager, who has experience of working in this region, to avoid communication gap."

In response to a question on the losses incurred by hotel under the current management, the state minister, comparing the performance with that under Intercontinental chain, said: "The SOMC incurred a loss of Taka 1.1 crore on a sale of Taka 228 crore in 11 years while the Intercontinental made a profit of Taka 13 crore in a turnover of Taka 56.3 crore over a period of 10 years."

Senior vice president of the SOMC John H Henderson said: "The loss was due to expenditure made on renovation of the hotel."

Interrupting, the state minister said, "The money spent for renovation was made available from a separate head."

Identifying the 'old building' as the major cause of the loss, Henderson said, "It is the old building that is eating up the money. We, as businessmen, want to increase sales and spend less to make the BSL more profitable."

Asked if he has considered the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts (PA) which said that the 20-year contract is 'against national interest', before entering into the present understanding, the state minister said, "We had to continue the

Aurangabad now Sambhaji Nagar

NEW DELHI, Sept 21: A coalition government of two Hindu nationalist parties in a western Indian state has renamed a city because it was called Aurangabad after an ancient Muslim ruler, news reports said Thursday, reports AP.

The city in the state of Maharashtra would now be officially called Sambhaji Nagar in honour of a local Hindu warrior who fought against Aurangzeb.

Clash leaves 5 hurt in Mirpur

By DMCH Correspondent

At least five people were injured in a clash between two groups of people at Maddhaya Piner Bagh under Mirpur thana yesterday afternoon.

Of the injured, a five-year-old child Akhil received bomb injuries and one Mosharrarf, 16, was injured by bullets. They were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The armed clash lasted about an hour.

Save Dhaka

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organised by the Bangladesh Scouts, BUET, Dhaka City Corporation, Youth Directorate and The Daily Star.

Citizens should organise themselves locally. Assistant of scouts may be sought in this regard. (Addresses in The Daily Star of 21-9-95)

Organised local units may select a particular lane, road, area, etc. which they will clean on a weekly basis.

Members of the local units should advise residents on how to dispose garbage, keep their vicinity clean, maintain health and hygiene etc.

Cleanliness campaign will take place every Friday from 9-11 AM.

Dhaka City Corporation garbage trucks will visit localities as per pre-set programmes.

Youths, scouts, NGOs socio-cultural organisations, sporting clubs, elite of the city and the citizens are encouraged to lend their support to the campaign.

Sec 144 in Rangpur

RANGPUR, Sept 21: The thana administration has imposed Section 144 for an indefinite period on the Badarganj thana headquarters from 9:00 am today in the wake of tension between two rival groups. Tension mounted there amidst rivalry between the belligerent groups over elections of the Managing Committee of a local girls high school.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the ninth congregation ceremony of the Islamic Institute of Technology at Gazipur yesterday. — PID photo

Dhaka business leaders attend Singapore summit

By Staff Correspondent

A high-powered business delegation including the president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), M Anis Ud Dowla, two past MCCI presidents, Latifur Rahman and Syed Manzur Elahi and the secretary-general of MCCI, C K Hyder, left Dhaka for Singapore on Tuesday to attend an economic summit.

The summit, organised by the World Economic Forum, started on September 20 and will end on September 22.

The Prime Minister of Singapore, Goh Chok Tong, inaugurated the summit.

It is being attended by business leaders, government officials and academicians from European and Asian countries.

Vessel collision: Probe begins

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 21: The Chittagong Port authority and the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) have jointly started an investigation into the accident between a fishing vessel and a BSC ship in the Karnaphuly river here on Wednesday.

Five fishermen were killed and eleven others injured in the accident.

The joint probe body, headed by Captain Amrul Islam, Deputy Conservator of the Chittagong Port, is expected to submit the report shortly.

Islamic nations facing unprecedented challenges, says PM

GAZIPUR, Sept 21: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today urged the Muslim nations to be better equipped with modern technology and ideas to face the challenges of the new era and for their social and economic uplift, reports UNB.

"The Islamic countries are now facing unprecedented political, economic as well as social challenges," she told a group of Muslim scholars at the ninth congregation ceremony of the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT) here in the morning.

A subsidiary organ of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), the ICTVTR has been renamed as IIT according to the resolution of the 22nd Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held at Casablanca, Morocco, in 1994.

OIC Secretary General Dr Hamid Algabid, ministers, diplomats of various Islamic countries based in Dhaka, members of parliament, educationists and guardians attended the colourful function.

So far, 33 member states sent their students to the institution, and in the ninth congregation today, 112 students received diploma certificates from the Prime Minister.

Referring to the challenges before the Muslim Ummah, she said, "The knowledge and skill that you have acquired from this institution will enable you to respond in a meaningful way to meet these challenges."

IIT has completed nine academic years and is working as a co-focal point in human resources development under UN-OIC Cooperation.

Begum Zia said the creation of a trust fund which has been recommended by the 17th meeting of the Board of Directors and approved by the 9th meeting of the Islamic Commission will ensure steady flow of funds for its smooth operation.

The Prime Minister appealed to all OIC member states, specially the affluent ones, to pay up their mandatory as well as voluntary donations.

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BNP will go ahead despite all obstacles: Khaleda

BAUFAL (Patuakhali), Sept 21: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today said only the BNP had succeeded in guaranteeing people's rights to food, clothing, jobs and full freedom and sought people's continued support for it, reports UNB.

She said, her government is for the downtrodden and vowed to march ahead with their support despite the obstacles being created by the opposition parties through "anti-people and destructive" activities.

"We are marching towards rapid development and self-reliance. Inshaallah, we will hold high our head as a self-reliant nation in the world within next few years if the present trend of development continues," she told a huge public meeting at the Baufal Degree College ground in the afternoon.

"Ensuring development and production, and rendering service to the people are the prime concern of the BNP," Begum Zia said adding people like the BNP because it fulfills its pledges and does not believe in the politics of falsehood and hoax.

"Sheaf of paddy" is the symbol of peace, development and progress, she said of her party's election symbol and called upon the people to continue their support to BNP for the welfare of the nation.

Begum Zia assured local people of looking into their problems and announced that the Baufal Thana Health Complex would be upgraded to 31-bed from current 5-bed one and an ambulance also be given soon.

Meeting over, Begum Zia distributed poultry and cattle among the poor women of Baufal.

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The trouble first erupted at the Barisal Government College at about noon when a procession of JCD chanted slogans against Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

Several rounds of gunshots were fired and a dozen of homemade bombs exploded during the hour-long clash.

Later, the clash spread to different parts of the town.

Of the injured, Zahidul Hasan Samar of JCD and BCL general secretary Tariqul Bin Islam were admitted to Barisal Medical College Hospital.

Police, dacoits clash in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 21: Four policemen were injured in a clash with dacoits at Jagatgati village under Sadar thana last night.

Police, however, managed to arrest one of the dacoits — Hafizul Islam, 35 — along with a pistol and one round of bullet. Hafizul was beaten mercilessly by a mob. The other dacoits escaped.

Businessman

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on the nearby street.

According to sources, a person sent the letter to the Dhanmondi police yesterday afternoon. Police then conducted a raid in the house and rescued the man.

Police, however, could not trace Lucky or Mukul till late last night.

Akram filed a case with Dhanmondi police in this connection.

The Midnight File

UNGA chief calls for financial penalties

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 21: The United Nations should impose penalties more quickly on members who owe money to the financially troubled organisation, the new chief of the UN Secretary-General said Thursday. Under the UN Charter, a member can lose its vote in the assembly for owing more than two years' worth of contributions, reports AP.

Summit on Bosnia

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member-countries and it had received wide response. He, however, did not mention how many countries had so far endorsed the Bangladesh proposal. OIC rules, he said, requires that an emergency summit proposal be supported by two thirds of the member-countries.

Responding to a question, he said it was not correct that the delay in convening the summit proposed by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on August 15 would lead to loss of steam.

"The best possible time would be considered for holding the summit," he asserted.

A meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers would be held in New York on October 2, he said.

A formidable aspect of OIC's show of solidarity with the Bosnians was the decision to set up a separate action group during the recent Kuala Lumpur meet "Bosnian Assistance Mobilisation Group (BAMG). The organ has been created to deal with financial, economic and if necessary defence matters.

In response to another question, the OIC Secretary General said arms "needed by the Bosnians to defend themselves would be obtained by the Bosnians themselves from traditional sources".

"The Bosnians should themselves determine the priorities in spending the funds provided to them by the OIC countries."

BSEHR probe

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Investigation team on September 4 and field one civil and one criminal case against the police personnel responsible for the rape and murder of 13-year old Yasmin.

"This is a case of breach of trust by the police. The law enforcing agency itself is breaking law and women is not safe from the police," Sigma said and criticised the government for "not taking any timely action" against the police.

The report briefly narrated the whole incident. It was similar to the reports published in national dailies earlier.

The BSEHR report termed the mass anger a "manifestation of an old grievance" against the police and district administration.

Due to politicisation of the administration, there had been wholesale irregularities, corruption and misuse of power in Dinajpur for a long time. "After A K M Zabar Faruk and Abdul Motaheb took charges of deputy commissioner and police super respectively, Dinajpur became a haven of bribery, mugging and rapes," the report noted.

The DC and the police superintendent did everything to flatter and impress the ruling party MP and leaders. As corruption reached its zenith, the police went out of control of the police super."

"Seven people were killed in police firing. According to the Criminal Law, those who help commit a crime, should also be termed criminals. Those who tried to bury facts regarding the killings, they are also criminals. The hands of law will not spare the Dinajpur police officials and other officials and the false press note which tried to divert the facts," the report said.

Nari Samaj

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will begin at 6 pm from in front of the National Museum, will also protest the rape and killing of Yasmin by police in Dinajpur.

The Nari Samaj will hoist black flags at different offices and also at the police headquarters on September 24 to mark the end of a month after the killing of Yasmin.

Rallies will be organised outside Dhaka on October 8, says a press release of the organisation.

Khurshid Jahan

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There was no untoward incident as apprehended earlier. It was raining the whole day. The Mahila Awami League, however, brought out a procession carrying black flags and shoes to protest the visit of Khurshid Jahan.

Jahan, also president of Dinajpur district BNP, arrived here in a motorcade from the Syedpur Airport. She is staying at the Circuit House.

Police vigilance has been tightened in the town to avert possible violence.



A colourful rally of Dhaka University students during the DUCSU celebrations on the campus yesterday marking the Platinum Jubilee of the university. — Star photo

DU jubilee: Recollections

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general secretaries of the DUCSU recalled their days in campus before a jam-packed audience.

The DUCSU Vice-President Amanullah Aman, MP chaired the function while the General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon conducted it with AGS Nazimuddin Alam giving the address of welcome. The guests were presented with crests.

Earlier on the day, the VC, Prof Emajuddin, who is also the President of the DUCSU, opened the ceremony at around 10 am by hoisting the national flag. After the inauguration of the function, verses from the holy Quran, Geeta, Tripitak and Bible were recited.

Recollection of past events and experiences by selected former DUCSU leaders and distinguished guests over, a musical show was held. DUCSU cultural troupe and other artistes rendered songs in the function.

Meantime, during a half-hour interval many of the former students of the university visited the dormitories where they once used to

stay in their student life. Students in groups from residential halls and different faculties brought out colourful processions and danced to the rhythm of drum beats.

The VC Prof Emajuddin Ahmed said 75 years of Dhaka University was of utmost significance for us though it was so short a period in comparison with the history of university education of the world.

He said, "Dhaka University achieved world recognition within few years of its establishment with its highly qualified teaching staff."

"But for some reasons the university is now losing its image," he added.

However, the VC assured that still the university had a highly qualified teaching staff most of whom had knowledge comparable to best in the world.

"If we can continue the present academic programmes smoothly for five years, we will be able to regain our lost glory," the VC hoped.

He welcomed all sorts of advice from all quarters for the development of the standard of education in DU.

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