

Two killed, 20 hurt in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

Two persons were murdered and at least 20 people, including a college teacher, were injured in separate incidents of violence in the city during the last two days.

Police recovered the body of one Elias Md Faruk, 35, from his house at Tanpara, Khilkhet under Cantonment thana Sunday morning.

Faruk, a grocer, was found dead with stab injuries in his chest and neck, medical sources said. Police recovered the body at around 11 am and sent it to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

According to sources, the killing was a sequel to alleged illicit relations of a local young man with Faruk's wife, Moni. A case has been filed in this connection.

Meanwhile, one Jamal, 37, who was beaten up by a mob in Motijheel area on April 4 succumbed to his injuries at the Orthopedic Hospital Sunday afternoon.

It was learnt that the angry people caught Jamal and three others when they were snatching Tk 70,000 from a businessman near the Prime Bank at Motijheel.

Police said the body was handed over to his family.

A teacher of the Lalmatia Women's College, Shawkat Hossain, 28, was stabbed when a group of four young men attacked him in his house at Zakkir Hossain Road in Mohamadpur yesterday afternoon, police and medical sources said.

The victim who sustained wounds in his chest and hand was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

The cause of the attack could not be known immediately. However, according to sources, the teacher had a row with the young men, said to be the students of Dhaka College. At one stage, the unidentified gang stabbed the teacher.

Mohamadpur police said last night that they were investigating the incident.

Bilkis Begum, 23, a maid, was injured when she jumped from the rooftop of a five-storey building late Sunday night.

Medical sources said the maid tried to flee the house where the family members used to torture her. She was admitted to the Orthopedic Hospital.

3 killed in city road accident

From DMCH Correspondent

At least three persons were killed in a road accident at Mohakhali in the city yesterday.

The accident occurred when a bus collided head on with a tempo at around 9 am, police said. The victims were the passengers of the tempo. One of the victims was identified as Mehedi, 30. But the deaths of the two others could not be confirmed from police or hospital sources.

In another road accident at Mohakhali Sunday morning, one Hamid, 30, was killed on the spot when a speeding bus ran over him, medical sources said.

BA exam

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the National University took over the responsibility.

Intending BA examinees crowding different city colleges now said that the National University should introduce payment of fine for late filing of application for registration and take steps to stop this malpractice.

A section of employees of those colleges are well connected with the relevant department for registration. They take all the advantages and victimise hundreds of innocent examinees who become late in filing application," said Nasima Banu, a housewife and an intending BA candidate.

Nasima said that she was first asked by a clerk of a women's college to pay 4,000 taka for the registration. Nasima was late in filing her application.

"I then went to another women's college in the city where an employee asked for Tk 2,000 for my registration," she said. Nasima said the official told her that he would have to pay Tk 1,000 to the Registration office.

BNP: Changes

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The caretaker government, installed in power only for 90 days, can definitely issue some transfer orders for the sake of proper elections. But massive transfer in all tiers of the administration will turn the administration "unstable and weak and such steps are not expected and normal also."

The BNP leader alleged that the government's "inaction" against some "identified and controversial" civil servants was "unacceptable". It is "harmful" for the non-partisan and neutral image of the present administration, he observed.

In the statement, Salam Talukdar also criticised the Awami League leadership for raising a new controversy by demanding that the Chief Adviser be given the charge of the Defence Ministry at a time when the Chief Adviser, in his address to the nation, urged all not to create any "unnecessary trouble".

Dhanmondi police could not confirm the incident.

Meanwhile, at least four persons of a family were injured when an unidentified armed gang of about 10 youths attacked their house at Dhanmondi.

The injured admitted to the DMCH were identified as Kulsum, 25, Shirin, 25, Ratan, 14, and Gafur, 26.

The armed youths also hurled crackers and fired several gunshots during the attack. The cause of the attack could not be known immediately.

Besides, at least six persons were injured in bomb blasts at Kamrangirchar, Paribagh, Maitola, Nayabazar, sweepers colony, Gopibagh, Sutrapur and Faridabad during the last two days.

Of the injured, Shaju, 8, Shahn, 9, Montaz, 9, Manik, 25, Ratan, 15, Javed, 14, Jewel, 14, and Shyamal Chandra, 28, were admitted to the DMCH.

Abducted cop, Ansar, arrested persons rescued

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 15: The Kotwali police, in the early hours of Sunday, rescued police Nayek Kader Chowdhury, Ansar Md Selim Mridha and the four arrested transport workers, who were taken away by a gang of armed transport workers from a police van at the Kadamtoli bus terminal Saturday night.

Police also recovered the rifle snatched by the transport workers.

A case against 42 transport workers has been started in this connection, police said today.

Kader was rescued from Golapganj thana area in an injured condition while Selim Mridha was rescued from Jhalapara thana area.

Police later recovered the rifle, abandoned at a village in Golapganj thana.

The four arrested transport workers were rescued from two different places in the two thanas.

Allegations by Golam Azam's brother

By Staff Correspondent

The younger brother of Jamaat-e-Islami chief Golam Azam yesterday demanded that the government provide protection against a possible attack on him by the Jamaat chief and his party activists.

Dr M Mdhuiz Zaman, a younger brother of Golam Azam, made the demand while addressing a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday afternoon.

Zaman, a former teacher of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), alleged that the Jamaat chief's son, Amin, had developed an "amorous relationship" with his (Zaman's) wife Habiba, which has virtually jeopardised his family life.

Narrating the story of the illicit relationship between his wife and nephew, both living in England, Zaman alleged that Golam Azam has been ignoring the issue of his son's adultery since the beginning in 1977.

Zaman also claimed that he had now been exposed to the Jamaat leader's " vindictive" due to his demand for a family trial for Amin's illegal affair."

Zaman told newsmen that he had already lodged a case in this regard last week, and since then he had been hiding to escape a possible attack on him by the Jamaat activists.

Some veiled women, who came to the press conference venue, claimed that Zaman was a mad man, and requested the reporters concerned not to print whatever he had told the press. They, however, did not disclose their identities.

But Zaman produced a doctor's certificate, issued on the 10th of this month, recognising him to be a sane person. He also produced a 30-page annexure, along with a printed six-page statement, in support of his allegations.

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Awami League president Sheikh Hasina addressing a discussion organised by the Council for the Silver Jubilee Celebration of Independence and War of Liberation at the Ramna Batamul in the city to welcome the Pahela Baishakh Sunday. — Star photo

Jamaluddin joins BNP

Former deputy prime minister Jamaluddin Ahmed on Sunday called on BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia and formally joined the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), reports BSS.

A founder member of both Jagadal and BNP, Jamaluddin was a close associate of late president Ziaur Rahman and served under him as deputy prime minister in charge of Ministry of Industries. He was also president of South Asian Accounts Federation and Bangladesh Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Jamaluddin, who also served as the president of Chittagong Samity in Dhaka vowed to uphold the politics of the BNP under the dynamic leadership of Begum Zia.

WB representative meets Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

World Bank Resident Representative Pierre Landell Mills called on Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday at the latter's Dhanmondi residence.

Al presidium member Amir Hussain Amu, Sheikh Hasina's political advisor SAMS Kibria and its finance and planning secretary Ataur Rahman Khan joined Hasina during the meeting. Landell Mills was accompanied by WB official Owais Sadaa.

Meanwhile, South Asia desk chief the British foreign office Carlos Elmes also called on Sheikh Hasina at the latter's residence yesterday.

SAMS Kibria, Ataur Rahman Khan and British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Peter Fowler were also present during the meeting, says a party press release.

AL's extended meet tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina will address a press conference at 4 pm today at the Mahanagar Community Centre in the city, says a party press release yesterday.

An extended meeting of the party's policy planners will be held at 10 am on Thursday at the Engineers' Institution auditorium, said another release.

Al General Secretary Zillur Rahman has requested all members of the party's central working committee, advisory committee, presidents and secretaries of all district and thana units and party's former MPs of the Fifth Parliament to attend the meeting to be presided over by party President Sheikh Hasina.

Sangskritik Jote demands full autonomy for Radio, TV

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