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**One beaten to death in city**

By DMCH Correspondent

A mechanic of a rickshaw garage was allegedly beaten to death at Kalyanpur under Mirpur thana in the city Wednesday night.

Tota Miah, 35, was seriously assaulted by a gang, led by a son of the garageowner, Billal Hossain, near Kalyanpur bazar at about 9:30 pm police said.

The victim succumbed to his injuries on the way to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

**Main accused in triple murder case arrested**

By Staff Correspondent

Shamim Ahmed, arrested last Monday in connection with the sensational triple murder in the city's Kotwali thana area in October last year, has confessed to the crime.

Shamim, son of Shamuddin Ahmed of Abdul Hadi Lane under Kotwali thana, in his confessional statement to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) court yesterday said he and his associates had committed the murder, police said.

**DU students**

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would take effective measures neutrally against outsiders, terrorists and no student organisation would make any statement if any action is taken against them.

The student leaders would take immediate steps if there is any untoward act, unwanted incident on the campus, which has witnessed many a bloody battles in the past.

Student organisations would also keep vigilance so that no greater trouble arises from minor incident.

Central and university-level leaders of Bangladesh Jatiyatobadi Chhatra Dal, Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P), Bangladesh Chhatra League (K-C), Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-T), Bangladesh Chhatra Samity, Bangladesh Chhatra Okya Forum, Jatiya Chhatra League, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Samajtantrik Chhatra Federation, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BSD) and Ganatantrik Chhatra League attended the meeting.

Proctor and assistant proctors of the university were also present in the campus peace talks.

**FM: Ganges**

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drawn to the Indian Foreign Secretary's statement that his country needs transit through Bangladesh, Azad said. "We will discuss all issues with our closest neighbour. We will do what the reality permits."

Replying to a question on realisation of Bangladesh's assets from Pakistan, Azad said, "We are assessing it."

"Repatriation of all stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh must be done through negotiation," he told a questioner. In this respect, he said that there is a rapport between the Prime Ministers of the two countries.

The Foreign Minister told another questioner that six diplomats, involved in killing of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, had been called back and only one of them came back. "The concerned missions now can't give their whereabouts," he said.

About action against them, the Foreign Minister said, "Wait and see." In this connection, he said that all political appointees in Bangladesh missions abroad had also been called back.

Asked if the government is taking any action against the alleged corruption and wastage of resources in certain cases in the Foreign Ministry, Azad said action against corruption cases would be taken not only in his ministry, but in all ministries.

**ALPP**

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**Hasina**

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relatives at the consulate general office in Jeddah.

In her speech that Prime Minister said that the Bangladesh missions abroad could play a significant role in economic development of the country, particularly in removing unemployment and poverty from the national life.

Referring to the severe economic hardship and massive unemployment problems of the country, the Prime Minister said the officials and employees of Bangladesh missions abroad could do a commendable job for the economic prosperity of the country as well as enhancing country's image and dignity.

The Prime Minister asked the officials and employees of the consulate to carry out their responsibilities with a sense of services to the people, particularly the Bangladeshis who are here for earning their livelihood. "You can render services to the needy people, enhance the dignity and image of the nation if you work with dedication and sincerity," she told the audience.



BNP leader Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury addressing a rally of the Jatiyatobadi Chhatra Dal in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. — Star photo

**Economists urge govt to be rational on agri subsidy**

Country's leading economists advised the government to be rational at the maximum in deciding subsidy on agriculture input so that public money is not misspent, reports UNB.

During a pre-budget consultation with Finance Minister S A M Kibria in the NEC conference room yesterday, they cautioned the government against risks of wastage and misuse of subsidy. Economists insisted subsidy should not be indiscriminate, rather be targeted and well thought out.

Meeting sources said that Abu Abdullah, Director General of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), particularly cautioned against any fresh subsidy on fertiliser.

Kibria, in response, told the economists that the government was still examining best options in subsidising the agriculture sector.

The meeting was attended by top economists, including Prof Rehman Sobhan, Dr Abu Abdullah, Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud, Dr Syeduzzaman, Dr A M A Muhi, Dr Atiur Rahman and Dr Binyak Sen.

The finance minister, apprising the meeting of economic priorities and goals of the Awami League government, said the government was seeking to attain higher growth to put a dent on poverty.

He added that the government was simultaneously committed to social justice and was therefore in favour of inflation-neutral growth strategy.

Kibria said the new government was seeking investment, both local and foreign, and was sincere to create an enabling environment to attract investment.

Taking part in the consultation, Prof Rehman Sobhan advised the minister to continue periodic dialogue with local experts on crucial national issues. There should be a total consensus in the government on reform programmes and the matter should not be the concern only of the finance ministry, he said.

Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud suggested the government to formulate an action agenda itself instead of relying on donor-prepared ones.

A M A Muhi expressed concern at the state of power sector and suggested that energy should receive the highest priority in government policy actions.

Dr Atiur Rahman advised pre-budget dialogue with people's representatives of different levels to ensure reflection of people's expectation in the budget.

Senior officials of Finance Division, National Board of Revenue, Banking Division and Bangladesh Bank were present at the consultation meeting.

**14 silver bars seized: 3 held**

By Staff Correspondent

Police seized 14 silver bars worth about Tk five lakh from three autorickshaw passengers from near the Shikha Bhaban in the city's Ramna area yesterday afternoon.

During a vehicle-search drive police found the silver bars in the possession of the persons who were travelling in an auto-rickshaw at around 5:10 pm. Police arrested the persons identified as Mahbubul Islam, Shariful Islam and Likat Hossain, police said.

The arrested were the members of an organised gang of international smugglers, police suspected. A case has been filed with Ramna thana in this connection.

**Youths hijack SSMC bus**

A group of youths hijacked a students' bus of the Sir Salimullah Medical College yesterday in their bid to prevent them from attending classes and examinations, UNB reports.

The youths, numbering about a dozen, got on the bus mainly carrying female students when it reached near High Court at about 8 in the morning.

According to a first-year student of the SSMC who was on board the bus on way to the violence-ridden college to attend a system examination of Physiology, the youths directed the driver to drive the bus towards Dhaka University campus.

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**Khaleda**

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sons who believe in democracy and Bangladeshi nationalism to merge with the BNP.

Terming her party as the nucleus of nationalist and patriotic politics, Begum Zia underscored the need for further strengthening it from grassroots to national levels both politically and organisationally.

She instructed leaders and workers of all levels to play effective role from their respective position to make the party yet stronger.

She said massive repressive measures came down upon the BNP and its front organisation leaders and activists through out the country immediately after the June 12 general elections.

"We are now highly scared as an insecure situation prevails in the country. A sense of insecurity has gripped the nationalist forces," she added.

Begum Zia instructed the BNP leaders to stand beside the leaders and workers of the party being repressed and save the distressed and scared party members.

Referring to the allegation of rigging and various irregularities in 111 parliamentary seats, the BNP chief said the opposition parties in the fifth parliament could not submit any evidence to any authority regarding what they called "massive rigging" in the Magura by-election.

But, Begum Zia said, BNP candidates have clear evidence, documents and other necessary witnesses to file case in any court about irregularities and rigging in the June 12 elections.

She told the aggrieved BNP nominees to take suggestion from the party's Legal Aid Committee and file case in the Election Tribunal.

The BNP chief asked all her party members to close rank and reach the BNP's message to the doorstep of commonman.

Briefing newsmen on the meeting, BNP leaders Ehsanul Kabir and Haris Chowdhury said all the aggrieved candidates opined that their victory in the election was snatched.

The speakers put forward their respective allegations as to how their political opponents with the help of administration rigged the elections and captured polling centres.

Present among other defeated candidates were Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah, Abdullah Al Noman, Mir Shawkat Ali, Tanvir Ahmed Siddiqui, Shahjahan Siraj, Mirza Abbas and Major (ret'd) M A Mannan.

Prominent leader Abdul Matin Chowdhury is suffering from fever, A S M Mostafizur Rahman is now in the Netherlands, Majid-ul-Haq in Magura and Tariqul Islam in Jessore. So they could not attend the meeting, party sources said.

**CB results**

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K M Nazmul Islam Joy, of Chittagong University School and College was in the second position, securing 916 marks with seven letters.

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**DMC incident**

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Golden Jubilee programme at about 2 pm Wednesday. At least 15 students were injured. Four rooms at the Dr Fazle Rabbi Hall were also set on fire while another rooms ransacked, according to reports.

Meanwhile, a senior professor of the DMC claimed that the incident was not connected with the internal problems of the college. It was unfortunate that the Golden Jubilee celebrations were disrupted, he said.

"I did not expect such behaviour from our students on that day. It is really unbelievable that our students, who are among the brightest of all in the country, could act in such a way," added the professor who has been teaching at the DMC for more than 15 years.

But a section of students alleged that the incident was the result of conflict between the JCD and the BCL. The DMC unit of the JCD has called a dawn-to-dusk students' strike on Sunday to protest the incident, according to reports.

A large contingent of police has been deployed around the campus.

**RB results**

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Mujibul Hasan of Pabna Zila School and Asif Ahmed Anik of Pabna Cadet College jointly held the second position securing 938 marks each with letters in seven subjects.

Mohammad Mohidul Hasan of Rajshahi Cadet College got the third position securing 932 marks with seven letters.

Among the candidates, 20,416 passed in the first division, 27,961 second division and 673 third division from both Science groups.

The percentage of pass is 65.37 in the Science group and 27.55 in Social Science.

In the Science group, 15,562 got first division, 9,069 second division and 38 third division. A total of 37,735 students appeared in this group while 24,669 came out successful.

In the Social Science group, 4,854 were placed in first division, 18,892 second division and 635 third division. A total of 88,499 students appeared from this group while 24,381 passed.

**Strike at CU**

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the university.

Talking to The Daily Star over telephone, the VC Dr Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury said the scheduled examinations were held peacefully, but normal classes could not be held due to the strike.

A large number of police personnel have been deployed inside the campus to maintain law and order.

Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami, submitted a memorandum to the university authorities.

The Shibir activists on Tuesday attacked the VC's office demanding the allotment of hall seats as per previous rules.

**Computerised**

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When her suggestion was put forward to the Chairman of Dhaka Board, he said there existed no such system at the moment.

Some of guardians even said that over 2000 students had failed in the examinations under Dhaka Board as they could not place the right code in the right place.

"If the examinees have made a fault in putting the correct number in the right place, computer cannot help," said a highly placed source in the Dhaka Board.

When told that in the previous year's SSC examination, some of the answer scripts were re-examined by the Board, the source said it was done as the 'model answer sheet fed to the computer was found to be incorrect.'

Asked whether the model answer sheet was incorrect this time as well, he said, "It is not the same this time."

Explaining the system, another source said that the cover sheet of an answer script is passed through a scanner, which reads the code given in it and then the number is sent to the computer.

These imported cover sheets have a special code known as "litho code" and it cannot be manipulated, he said. The scanner "identifies the script through that number only" and rejects the cover sheets which are tampered or have some faulty code number, he added.

**BNP to investigate**

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at the meeting attended by 118 out of 184 unsuccessful candidates of the party.

The meeting also resolved that the party should gear up its activities for the by-elections to 16 vacated seats of parliament and guard against any ill-attempt by any quarter to rig the by-polls. The speakers suggested street agitations if the by-polls were rigged.

According to meeting sources, most of the speakers accused many party colleagues, who failed to secure party ticket in the polls, of either revolting or sabotaging or non-cooperating or remaining inactive. In this regard, they came out with specific instances.

They also demanded that the party hierarchy immediately take disciplinary action, including expulsion from the party, against such leaders.

Other speakers reiterated allegations of rigging and other irregularities in the election and the announcement of its results, 'partisan behaviour' of the government, the Election Commission and the local administrations. They also produced 'documentary proofs' to substantiate their allegations.

BNP chief and Leader of the Opposition in parliament Begum Khaleda Zia, party Vice-Chairman Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and former secretary general Abdus Salam Talukdar were present at the meeting. Begum Zia and Mannan Bhuiyan told the unsuccessful candidates that their allegations would be looked into and proper action would be taken.

Earlier, emerging from the meeting, BNP Organising Secretary Haris Chowdhury told the waiting newsmen that the meeting reiterated that BNP's sure victory in the June 12 polls was snatched. The aggrieved candidates also came up with documentary evidences of rigging and other irregularities in the polls, he said adding their documents would be forwarded to the party's Legal Aid Committee for lodging formal complaints with the Election Tribunal within the stipulated period.

**Suranjit**

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from a Jatiya Sangsad constituency in Sunamganj.

Terming the appointment as a unique position for rendering service, Gupta, a veteran parliamentarian, told The Daily Star that he would get no remuneration for the job.

"Rendering service should be the motto not the status," said Gupta when this correspondent wanted to know whether his new job has equal status with that of a cabinet minister.

**Kibria, Merrill**

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activities in the country.

They also discussed issues relating to the financial and economic management sectors.

South Korean Ambassador in Dhaka Jong Kyu-Byun also called on the finance minister and discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral issues between Dhaka and Seoul.

They discussed Economic and trade cooperation between the two countries.

Jong said a number of Korean firms were working in Bangladesh and informed the minister that Korean businessmen and entrepreneurs were keen to invest more in Bangladesh's potential sectors, including infrastructure.

The finance minister said the government would provide all support and assistance for creating an atmosphere conducive to foreign investment in the country.

He also laid stress on increased economic cooperation between the countries of Asia for the maximum use of the resources of the region.

Later, Sri Lankan High Commissioner S B Atugoda also called on Kibria and discussed matters of mutual interest of the two countries.

The high commissioner informed that Sri Lankan private entrepreneurs were keen to invest in Bangladesh.

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**Arrest warrant against Murdoch**

BOMBAY, July 11: A Bombay court on Thursday issued a warrant for the arrest of Rupert Murdoch, claiming a television network owned by the Australian media baron defamed India's founding father Mahatma Gandhi.

Bombay's Chief Metropolitan Magistrate ML Tahaliyani on Monday ordered Murdoch's arrest because his Hong Kong-based STAR-TV network broadcast allegedly defamatory comments about Gandhi in a talk show last year, report AP.

**Chittagong Board General Science merit list**

- By Staff Correspondent
- The following is the combined merit of SSC examinations held under the Chittagong Board in General Science Group, 1996:
- 1st: Abu Zafar Mohammed Dayem Ullah, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 917 with 8 letters (B.E.M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 2nd: K M Nazmul Islam Joy, Chittagong University School & College, 916 with 7 letters (B.M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 3rd: Ishtiaque-ur-Rashid, Ishpani Public High School, GPO, 910 with 7 letters (E.M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 4th: Sheikh Mohammad Gollam Mustafa Tarek, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 909 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM) and Mustafa Raihanul Alam, Ishpani Public High School, GPO, 909 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 5th: Mufakhkharul Islam Sharif, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 908 with 8 letters (B.E.M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 6th: Hasib Iftekhar, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 904 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 7th: Md Mahiuddin Imtiaz, Govt. Muslim High School, Chittagong, 900 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM) and Shabbab-Bin-Ahmed, Ishpani Public High School, GPO, 900 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 8th: Arif Tanvir, Ishpani Public High School, GPO, 898 with 7 letters (E.M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 9th: Mohammad Shahbaz, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 897 with 5 letters (M.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 10th: Md Mahmud Hussain, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 896 with 6 letters (B.M.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 11th: Indranil Palit, Chittagong Govt. High School, Chittagong, 895 with 6 letters (M.G.Hind.GS.Agri.EM);
- 12th: Nashila Jahan, Chittagong Public School & College, 895 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM) and Md Mustafizur Rahman, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 895 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 13th: Mosammat Sultana Akhter, T.S.P. Complex High School, Potenga, 893 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM) and Md Saiful Islam, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 893 with 5 letters (M.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 14th: Mohammad Faiz Ullah, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 892 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM) and Saif Iftekhar Mahmood, Ishpani Public High School, GPO, 892 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 15th: Archi Mutsuddi, Ishpani Public High School, GPO, 891 with 6 letters (M.G.Budh.GS.Agri.EM);
- 16th: Sujoy Barua, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 889 with 5 letters (M.Budh.GS.Agri.EM);
- 17th: Afsana Annie, Chittagong Public School & College, 889 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM) and Md. Sazzad Hossain, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 889 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 18th: Rajib Raihan, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 888 with 5 letters (M.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 19th: Kazi Khurram Ahmed, Ishpani Public High School, GPO, 887 with 7 letters (E.M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 20th: Joy Prakash Chowdhury, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 886 with 6 letters (M.G.Hind.GS.Agri.EM) and Mohammad Gias Uddin, Chittagong Govt. High School, 886 with 6 letters (M.G.IS.GS.Agri.EM);
- 21st: Suman Chowdhury, Collegiate School, Chittagong, 884 with 6 letters (M.G.Hind.GS.Agri.EM) and Md. Shaheedul Alam, Fauzdarhat Cadet College, 884 with 5 letters (M.IS.GS.Agri.EM).

**অগ্রণী ব্যাংক**

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