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Death of Bangla College student sparks violence at Mirpur

By Staff Correspondent

The students of Mirpur Bangla College went on the rampage when a student of the college was crushed under the wheels of a BRTC bus in the afternoon yesterday.

The students damaged a number of vehicles and put up barricade at least for two hours on the road in front of the college.

The dead was identified as Nuruzzaman Khan alias Jewel, 18, an HSC second year student of the college, police and hospital sources said.

The accident occurred when Nuruzzaman, a resident of city's Kafur area, made an attempt to get into the bus that was moving slowly on the road in front of the college at about 1 pm, police said.

As soon as Nuruzzaman jumped to get into the bus, the driver of the bus allegedly accelerated its speed. Nuruzzaman fell down and went under the wheels of the bus, police added.

Nuruzzaman was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. See Page 12 Col 2

Classes, exams not held at CU

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 7: Classes and scheduled examinations were not held at the Chittagong University today, the first day of two-day class boycott programme called by Anti-Communal Student Forum (ACSF) to press home its three-point demand including resumption of bus service for the students.

During the programme, the activists of ACSF locked the See Page 12 Col 1

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Prayer Timings

August 8		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4:10	4:15
Johr	12:50	1:25
Asr	5:00	5:10
Maghrib	6:55	7:00
Esha	7:55	8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation

Govt developing policy guidelines for hospital waste management

By Naimul Haq

The government is preparing 'policy guidelines' for waste management in public and private hospitals and clinics in the country.

"It will focus on a regional or common treatment facility for all hospitals and healthcare centres," said a top official of the Directorate of Health.

"However, to implement the guidelines certain acts and rules are needed. These concern technical standards, mechanisms and methods for disposal of hazardous and toxic waste and determining types of hospital waste (toxic and non-toxic

waste)," he said.

At present there is no law which specifically regulates hospital waste disposal system. The Environment Conservation Act (1995) and Rules (1997) partly regulates waste management.

According to World Health Organisation (WHO), there are two types of hospital waste. One

is general and non-hazardous waste material contaminated with blood, body fluids and infectious materials.

The other is waste considered hazardous due to presumed biological and chemical contamination. This category includes infectious waste, pathological waste, sharps, chemicals, pharmaceutical and radioactive waste.

The new guidelines would enable hospital staff to manage 'potentially harmful waste' with more caution, an official said.

"We considered all problems relating to safe disposal of hospital waste. The guidelines are being prepared in the interest of both patients and those handling the waste," he said.

Director General of Health Directorate Prof A K M Nurul Anwar told this correspondent.

When introduced, we will send instructions to the district and thana hospitals to strictly follow the guidelines.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), following its extensive studies on hospital waste disposal mechanism, has suggested some guidelines and rules for

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Student Power
Dhaka University students form a human chain at the foot of *Aparejyo Bangla* to express solidarity with Jahangirnagar University students campaigning for punishment of rapists. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Oxygen supply line snapped due to 'negligence, lack of maintenance'

By Staff Correspondent

Saber, Marketing Manager of Bangladesh Oxygen (BOC), which supplies gas to the DMCH.

"Supply of oxygen to the central pipeline system was snapped due to the automatic leakage. Normal supply was restored when the leak was repaired at about 7 in the morning," he said.

"None informed our technicians stationed at the hospital about the leakage. Besides, we are not responsible for operating the liquefied gas tank. The hospital authorities has taken the charge of regular maintenance and it is their responsibility to look into any malfunctioning."

Asked if they have any contract for operating the tank and the pipeline system, Saber replied, "There is no contract between BOC and the hospital authorities for maintenance of the tank."

A senior doctor at the hospital said, "The hospital authorities are liable for operation of the oxygen tank and they are supposed to maintain it. The hospital has its own engineers for the job."

Another doctor said, "The incident could turn disastrous. In fact, similar incidents of gas supply suspension occurred at the hospital many times earlier but none was informed, not even the departmental heads. The authorities concerned give lame excuse that there is no oxygen supply from the supplier (BOC)."

Similar allegations were made by a senior nurse at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). "We often run out of oxygen supply (through pipeline system) here at the ICU. We are habituated to this problem. We informed the hospital authorities many times earlier but it seems there See Page 12 Col 4

Breach in Gumti embankment: Repair work starts this week

By Special Correspondent

The Army engineers are expected to start repairing the breaches in the Gumti embankment at Ebtarpur in Comilla this week, official sources said.

Necessary orders regarding the repair work would be issued today, the sources informed.

A new alignment of the embankment would be raised to bypass the breaches for which Tk 33 lakh would be required, they said.

Water gushing out through the breach in the mid-night of July 12 flooded at least 70 villages in the area. It affected thousands of people washing away their straw huts, livestock and standing crops and threatened the prospect of the Aman crops.

The Gumti water wiped out a total of 800 feet of the embankment in two places. Meanwhile, poor construction work and negligence have been blamed for the breach.

The one-member probe committee headed by Dr Monowar Hossain, a professor of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology yesterday submitted his report to the Secretary of the Ministry of Flood Control and Water Resources. See Page 12 Col 8

Atrai murder: 2 BNP men arrested

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 7: Police arrested local BNP leader Halizur Rahman and JCD leader Ayub Ali today in connection with the murder of Atrai Jubo League leader Anwar Hossain Belal.

Belal, brother of assassinated Awami League leader Siddiqui Rahman Raja, was gunned down by a group of unidentified assailants at Singara Damda village in Atrai thana Wednesday night.

The activists of BNP and its front organisations have fled their residences in the wake of violence and threats from the Awami League activists.

Marchers call to shift NAM convention site, save trees

By Special Correspondent

The Movement to Save 11,000 Trees of Osmany Uddyan has renewed its campaign to protect the park in the city centre yesterday, staging a march from the Uddyan to Ramna Park to mobilise public support.

The leaders of the campaign also collected mass-signatures at the Ramna Park after holding a rally there, reiterating their demand for shifting of the proposed NAM convention centre from the Uddyan.

Led by its convener Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury, a teacher of the Dhaka University a gathering was held at the Osmany Uddyan in the late afternoon, ignoring a drizzle.

Riot police watched the rally at the Uddyan but did not intervene.

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Syndicate decides JU to file cases against four BCL leaders

By Staff Correspondent

The Jahangirnagar University Syndicate has decided to file criminal cases today against four leaders of the ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League who were identified as rapists and punished for different terms last year.

The four are former general secretary of JU unit of BCL Jasiuddin Manik and unit leaders Mohammad Ali Dallas, Miradul Islam and Atiqur Rahman Naim.

The Syndicate at a special meeting held at the Administrative Building yesterday also decided to ask law enforcing agencies to arrest the 13 chargesheeted accused in the Ananda murder case.

It postponed all examinations at the university till August 14 and directed the students

--both male and female--to return to their respective halls by 8:30 pm till the campus situation improves.

BCL leader Ananda Ghosh was killed in a clash between two rival factions on the campus on November 3, 1997.

The Syndicate decisions followed mounting student demonstrations demanding filing of criminal cases against the identified rapists and killers and expulsion of all of them from the university.

Meanwhile, the agitating General Students' Unity (GSU) promptly rejected the decisions and reiterated its demands for expulsion of all the rapists and killers. The GSU leaders told reporters that they would continue their agitation till the See Page 12 Col 4

Attack on city's police camp 49 held, 24 others absconding

By Staff Correspondent

Forty-nine people including an FIR-named accused were arrested yesterday in connection with the attack on a police camp near Gopibagh rail crossing in the city Friday night in which one policeman was shot dead and four others were injured.

The arrested FIR-named accused is Sattar. Twenty-four others named in the FIR are absconding, police said yesterday.

Constable Mohammed Mohshin of Riot Control Division (RCD), shot in the head during the attack, died on way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital while SI Firoz and constables Rafiq, Kamrul and Azaher were admitted to Rajarbagh police hospital on Friday night.

Police said yesterday that over 150 people attacked the police camp at about 10 pm Fri-

day after a team of Sabujbagh police led by SI Rashidul Islam arrested Arman and Razia from a house in Gopibagh area.

Witnesses said yesterday that some local people had hurled bombs at police when they dragged the arrested persons onto the van. The police team left the spot immediately without chasing the attackers.

Local people alleged that Sabujbagh police had raided a house at Gopibagh, arrested the two persons and took away Tk. 2 lakh from them, which was collected through illegal drug trade.

The news of the arrest soon spread in the area and some people from Titipara, Sonargaon and some other slums attacked the police camp. Some of the attackers hurled crackers See Page 12 Col 6

Police staged the whole drama? Most terrorists freed on bail in Khulna

From Quazi Amanullah

either outdated or out of order. Besides, the firearms stolen from 'malkhana' of KMP on two occasions were not found on the lists of arms deposited, the source informed.

Police arranged the surrender of terrorists and outlaws 'with political motive'. The top terrorists and killers just enjoyed the benefit of getting arrested under Section 54 to be released on bail, said an eminent lawyer of Khulna Bar Association. This is because of the fact that the armed cadres of outlawed organisations were See Page 12 Col 4

KHULNA, Aug 7: A total of 372 outlaws and terrorists out of 496 who surrendered to the government have so far been released on bail from Noornagar sub-jail.

Most of the outlaws and terrorists released on bail are FIR-named accused in murder, rape, robbery and arms cases. They had surrendered on July 2 at the local Circuit House maidan and on July 30 at the Kalpataru Market depositing illegal firearms and ammunition.

But majority of those outlaws and terrorists later secured their release on bail with the help of police who showed them as 'arrested under Section 54', concealing their criminal records, sources said.

Not a single firearm looted from Shironi Cable Factory, Noapara Akij Jute Mill, fish processing plants, launches and boats has been deposited. A large number of sophisticated arms are yet to be recovered from the metropolitan city.

Most of these arms are still in possession of the armed cadres of different political parties, said one source in the Intelligence Branch.

The arms deposited here during two surrender functions are

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Keep the city green
The 'Movement for Protecting 11,000 trees of Osmany Uddyan' brought out a rally in the city yesterday in support of its demand. —Star photo

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