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One held for killing Jubo League activist

By Staff Correspondent
Police yesterday arrested an FIR-named accused in the Jubo League activist Barun Murder Case.

Abu Siddiqui Barun, 25, was shot dead and at least four others, including his elder brother were injured when gunmen fired at them at BG Press Staff Quarters Math (field) in Tejgaon Industrial Area in the city Thursday evening.

The arrested was identified as Anni Hawladar, police said.

Niru Mian, father of the dead, filed a murder case with Tejgaon thana the same night.

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Sehri, Iftar timings

Ramadan	Dec	Sehri	Iftar
2	11	5:06	5:16
3	12	5:07	5:16
4	13	5:08	5:17

Prayer Timings

December 11		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	5:56	5:12
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	3:42	4:00
Magrib	5:16	5:22
Tarabi	7:00	7:45

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BEIJING, Dec 10: Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his Chinese counterpart Jiang Zemin wrapped up a two-day summit today. Jointly declaring their countries' commitment to oppose foreign intervention for the sake of human rights, re-

Western criticism of Russia's military offensive in Chechnya.

Having collected unequivocal support from Jiang on Thursday for Russia's Chechen campaign, Yeltsin promised Russian backing of China's claim over Taiwan.

"No country can interfere in another sovereign country's attacks against domestic terrorism," said a summit-ending statement issued by the leaders.

The statement underscored how close the fierce Cold War rivals have drawn this year, propelled by their opposition to NATO's war to stop ethnic purges in Kosovo and sharp

more pressing," the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

In a dig at the United States and NATO's war with Yugoslavia over Kosovo, the statement railed against unnamed countries that weakened the United Nations by seeking "excuses" to intervene in other nation's domestic affairs.

"Using power, even threats of force, instead of international law, they cite 'human rights' is higher than sovereignty' and 'humanitarian intervention' to harm the sovereignty of independent nations," the statement said.

Yeltsin attacked President

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25 houses damaged in Shahjadpur Supporters of Swapan, Chayan clash: 20 hurt

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 10: At least 20 people were injured and 25 houses damaged in post-polls violence in Shahjadpur thana of the district today.

According to police, 15 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of MP-elect Chayan Islam and his nearest rival candidate Hasibur Rahman Swapan at village Satbaria.

The clash erupted over beating up of a supporter of Swapan allegedly by the supporters of Chayan.

The victim, identified as Kalu, was admitted to a local clinic.

It is alleged that supporters of Chayan damaged and looted 25 houses in the village. A case was filed with Shahjadpur thana in this connection.

In another incident, police said, supporters of Swapan beat up five Chayan men at Baradil village in the same thana. However, no case was filed in this connection.

Meanwhile, there is a strong

FAO observing vigorous efforts of this govt since '96: Diouf

By Special Correspondent

Director General of UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Dr Jacques Diouf has said the decision to award Ceres Medal to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina followed FAO recognition of her government's achievement in raising food production to reduce hunger and poverty.

"We are giving the medals to the countries who are making progress in food production, using scientific techniques, empowering women and helping reduce poverty," Diouf told newsmen in the city yesterday. He handed over the award to Hasina at a ceremony at her office Thursday evening.

Diouf said FAO decided to give the award to the Bangladesh leader following her government's steps to overcome the effects of a devastating flood last year and raise food output, empower women and reduce poverty in nation of 124 million people.

We have been observing since 1996 the vigorous efforts

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The Y2K Emergency Centre has formed three expert teams for review of overall preparations and contingency plans by different important installations to face the apprehended calamity due to the millennium bug, reports UNB.

A high-level expert team, led by executive director of

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— Star photo

Ershad Shikdar Chargesheets in two more murder cases tomorrow

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Dec 10: Charge-sheets in two more murder cases will be submitted to the CMM's court on Sunday.

A source in the KMP said that the detective branch (DB) Inspector Horipada Biswas will submit chargesheets in Insaf, Kamal and Khaleque murder cases in the morning and Sirajul murder case at noon the same day.

Shikdar and his armed cadres also killed Siraj Sarder on October 9, 1997 for siding with his rival Hannan Sharif, city labour secretary of Awami League.

Siraj was hammered to death, said Noor-e-Alam, Shikdar's chief bodyguard and one of the eyewitnesses.

Meanwhile, ASP Moksed Ali of CID questioned Noor-e-Alam in the morning in connection with these murder cases. Noor-e-Alam has been taken on remand for five days.

The three youngmen were killed by Shikdar and his armed cadres for refusing to sell phensidyl and also for dis-continuing sex trade in the railway

Security around Ctg election office beefed up

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 10: Security has been beefed up around the office of Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) in Jamalkhan area in the city.

A large number of police were deployed in front of the DEC's office and patrol was stepped up on Jamalkhan Road following last night's bomb attack on it.

Crude bombs were hurled at the office-cum-residence of DEC Sirajul Islam at about 8 last night. A window pane was damaged in the attack, but no casualty was reported, police said.

Some cocktails were also exploded on Jamal Khan Road at that time, witnesses said.

Talking to The Daily Star, Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin said: "We shall continue our movement to resist the CCC election at any cost."

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