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Three murdered in city in separate incidents

By Staff Correspondent

Three people were murdered in separate incidents in the city within a span of eight hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

The dead were identified as Advocate Syed Babar Elahi, 35, a contractor, Mohar Banu, 50, a business woman and Shawkat Ali. 27, an electric mechanic.

Babar Elahi, a resident of Sir Sayed Road, Mohammadpur, was shot dead by unidentified armed gang in front of Mujibunessa Hospital at Road Number 28 in Dhanmondi residential area Friday night.

According to witnesses a gang of about five came in front white microbus and laid an day. ambush there just before Babar's arrival. Babar arrived there by a car at about 11 pm. When be cameout of the car, the gang fired at him. The gang left the place. leaving him injured. He received bullet injuries in his abdomen, chest and legs.

Police arrived at the spot at about 11:45 and rescued him with the help of local people in a critical condition. They took him to the DMCH where the attending doctors declared him dead, witnesses said

AL: Reception

She also stressed the need

for reactivating the party work-

ers across the country and ex-

tensive publicity of her gov-

ernment's achievements before

planned for a cross-country

tour by top AL leaders after the

coming Eid-ul-Azha.

In this regard, the meeting

In the meeting, the PM ac-

cused BNP of submitting reports

to the foreign missions in

Dhaka about violation of hu-

man rights by the government

and asked her party colleagues

Home Minister Mohammad

Nasim told the meeting that a

requested his party colleagues

to remove confusion from pub-

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tional economy highlighting

the government achievements

in the backdrop of his recent

debate on the matter with

economist Dr Debapriyo Bhat-

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the next the general elections.

Family sources, however, said that Babar might have killed by his aunt and cousindue to dispute over a piece of land in Dhanmondi area. Some locals alleged that the

incident occurred near a police post but police reached the spot 45 minutes after the incident took place.

Police filed a case in this connection, but none was arrested in this connection till filing of this report last night. Maher Banu, 65, wife of Is-

lam Khan, was murdered at her resident in front of Nastrabad High School, at Khilgaon in the of the hospital boarding a city in the early hours yester-

Family sources said she was schedule to visit Narayanganj for purchasing goods for her

Maulana Abu Taher, imam of the local mosques called herat about 6 am. When he did not get any response from inside he informed the matter to the load people. They rushed to her house and got inside breaking open the door, hospital sources said quoting the relatives.

a pool of blood with injuries in

her throat . Police said the assailants looted money and

valuables after killing her. On receiving the information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body. They sent the body to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

She was staying alone inside a tin-shed house in the area after her husband and only daughter left for Pakistan few

A case was lodged with Khilgaon police in this connection. but none was arrested in this connection. Sawkat, 27, an electrician of

Green Enterprise and resident of 413 Tilpapara in Khilgaon, succumbed to his injuries at the DMCH on Friday night.

Hospital sources said Sawkat, son of Ali Akbar, a police Sub-Inspector posted at Chandpur, received bulle in his abdomen and leg during a shootout at Amtala Bagicha in Shahjahanpur on March 2.

Shawkat died at the DMCH at about 11:40 Friday. The body

of the victim was sent to the The locals found the lady in DMCH morgue for autopsy. Sharif's trial: Battalvi

sticks to his decision

KARACHI, Mar 4: The head of the legal team defending deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif against a possible death sentence said today he had agreed to end a protest boycott

"I have decided to return to the trial on Monday and one of us will inform the court today. Khawaja Sultan told Reuters by telephone from Lahore.

of the trial at Sharif's request.

But he said that one senior defence lawyer, Ijaz Battalvi, would not be returning to court. "Battalvi sticks to his previous decision of withdrawing from the case," he said.

Sultan said the decision was taken after Sharif and three certain quarter was trying to other co-accused asked him to carry on with the case, which distance the President from the resumes in the port city of government over the issue of Public Safety Act. Nasim also Karachi on Monday.

Sultan was one of two senior lawyers who withdrew from the case on Sunday in protest at a court ruling that Sharif's Finance Minister SAMS statement to the court be made in private.

> They said the ruling was an attempt to gag Sharif but the prosecution said the ousted premier could divulge state secrets in an open court.

On Wednesday the judge ex-

plained that he had not taken any decision that Sharif's statement would not be released to the media. "Whatever you (Sharif) say will be recorded The court has not yet decided whether it will be restricted. judge Rehmat Hussain Jafri

Closed proceedings Sultan said the former

prime minister might ask the court to record certain portions of his statement in closed pro-

Where there is sensitive material, the accused may himself ask the court to record it in-"In case the court wants to

withhold some portions of the statement from publication, the accused will seek his right to convince the court that the said portion of statement is not detrimental to security of the country," Sultan said.

others face charges that include hijacking, attempted murder and terrorism. Hijacking carries a maximum penalty of

Abduction: 5 arrested from CU campus

From Our Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Mar 4: Five people including two alleged BCL cadres of CU unit were arrested in connection with an abduction case here last night.

Golam Hossain was kidnapped by three miscreants from Chhararkhol of Fatehabad area at around 11:30 pm. Two BCL cadres Manirul Islam and Ali Ahsan Tusher joined the alleged abductors Shah Alam, Abdul Halim and Abdul Mannan at gate No-1 of the Chittagong University.

The abductors confined Golam Hossain to a room of Shah Jalal hall at the university.

The kidnappers reportedly tortured and forced him to sign a paper promising to pay Tk 30,000. Hossain went to the Hathazari thana to file a case immediately after his release from the kidnappers.

Police arrested all the five accused from the hall and adjoining area at around 3 pm.

Non-govt pry teachers continue strike

By Staff Correspondent The non-government Primary School Teachers continued their countrywide strike for the seventh day yesterday, said a press release of the organisa-About 23,000 non-govern-

ment primary schools teachers across the country began a 13day long strike on February 27 demanding nationalisation of their service.

No initiative however was taken by the government to solve the problem till yesterday, press release added.

Shiv Sena pelts stones at bus bound for Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Mar 4: Hindu right-wing activists threw stones today and caused minor damage to a bus taking mostly Pakistani passengers across the Indian border, police said. No passenger was hurt, reports AP.

Waving their fists and shouting slogans against Pakistan, at least 15 members of the Shiv Sena party shattered a window pane of the bus, the only road link between India and Pak-Sharif, his brother and five | istan, said Pritam Singh, the Deputy Superintendent of Phagwara town near which the incident occurred. The protesters also burnt a Pakistani flag, eyewitnesses said.

ভি তি পুলিম ও সজাগীদের প্রলিখে স্থলাউমন্ত্রী সাখের বিচার চা

A procession was brought out in the city yesterday demanding trial of the killers of - Star photo Ahmed Hossain Sumon of Postagola.

Abduction at gun point alleged

By Staff Correspondent The acting secretary general of the Bangladesh Association for Aged People and the Institute of Geriatric Medicine was abducted at gun point from his office at about 11:30 a.m. yesterday.

"A gang of six people grabbed me on the veranda of the association's office in Agargaon, said Dr. K.M. Rashid during a phone interview after his release. "They beat me up and then dragged me down the stairs at gun point. They put me in my car, told me to go home and advised me never to return to the office.

Mohammadpur Police said they sent team to the spot but didn't find anything. A case hasn't been filed in connection with the abduction and no arrests have been made.

Rashid said he believed somebody inside the association involved in fund misappropriation might have been involved in the incident, although he refused to name Sources said the executive

committee asked Rashid to act as the association's secretary general, since the regular secretary general, Dr. Mahbubur Rahman, was unable to attend meetings due to illness, and the association's annual general meeting was approaching. Rahman said he was un-

aware of the attack on Rashid, although he confirmed the 21 member executive committee had appointed Rashid as acting secretary general. The association has an an-

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Sec 144 in Atpara of Netrokona From Our Correspondent

NETROKONA, Mar 4: Authorities have imposed Section 144 in Atpara thana today apprehending a clash between the ruling party and BNP over foundation laying ceremony of two bridges.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) invited BNP Member of Parliament (MP) Nurul Amin Talukdar to lay the foundation of the bridges at Nasirkhali and Boilong today, But Awami League activists went on the rampage and damaged the stage on Friday night.

Global workshop on air pollution begins today

A two-day international workshop of environmental journalists on "Curbing Air Pollution Role of the Media" begins at CIRDAP auditorium in the city today, reports BSS.

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury will inaugurate the workshop at 10 am. Over 100 environmental journalists includalong with Rule 246 as Rule 246 | ing some editors, resource persons and policy-makers from home and abroad are expected to attend. World Bank Country Direc-

tor Fredrick Temple, Environment Secretary Syed Marghub Murshed, Secretary General of International Federation of Environmental Journalists (IFEJ) Manuel Satorre, Chairman of Asia-Pacific Forum of Environmental Journalists (AFEJ). Dharman Wickremratne, Chairman of Commonwealth Environmental Journalists Association (CEJA) and Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) Quamrul Islam Chowdhury. CEJA Secretary General Nina Ratulele and FEJB General Secretary Mofizur Rahman will address the inaugural function.

tion with AFEJ and CEJA with support from UNDP, World Bank. Ministry of Environment and Forest and a number of development agencies. The workshop is expected to

3577 more expelled on second day of SSC exams

expelled on the second day of the Secondary School Certificate examination under five education boards. Approximately 9,25,700 stu-

dents sat for English 2nd paper examination under the Dhaka, Chittagong, Jessore, Rajshahi and Comilla education boards.

1,025 examinees were expelled from different centres under its

in Dhaka, 21 in Narayanganj, 98 in Norsingdi, 43 in Munshiganj, 37 in Manikganj, 289 in Tangail, 154 in Mymensingh, 38 in Sherpur, 112 in Jamalpur, 86 in Kishoreganj, 45 in Faridpur, 33 in Gopalgonj, 41 in Rajbari and 29 in Shariatpur.

were expelled on the second day in 12 districts under Rajshahi Education Board.

students were expelled in Raishahi, one teacher and 145 students in Nawabganj, 54 in Natore, 147 in Pabna, 100 in Nilphamari, 180 in Gaibandha, 265 in Dinajpur, one teacher and 172 students in Thakurgaon, five teachers and 89 students in Panchagar, 100 in Naogaon, 207 in Ranjpur and

At least 15 people were injured at the Shajatpur High between police and students. The trouble erupted when a vigilance team expelled 110 ex-

aminees for copying exams.

Police said eight people, inand Kabir, were arrested for their alleged involvement in

were expelled on the second day

Some 7,670 students of the district sat for English 2nd paper examination in eight centres, board officials said. No in-

A Jessore Board official said about 743 examinees were expelled in 11 districts for copy ing on the first day of examina-About 300 students were ex-

pelled in under areas under the Chittagong Education Board. The number of expelled students in two other hill districts -- Rangamati and Bandarban were 44 and 11 respectively.

According to Comilla Education Board officials, 1,065 students and nine teachers were expelled in the first day of examination. One school employee was killed in an examination centre under the same education board. According to our Gazipur

One-hundred-and-fifty-nine correspondent, about 30 students were expelled from 19 examination centres in the district. A total of 11,210 students are taking part in the examination. No untoward incidents were reported in the district. About 104 examinees were

expelled from centres under the Jessore board, according to our Jhenidah correspondent

More than 5,000 students were expelled on the first day. Six people including three students and one teacher were killed and about 35 were injured on the first day at an examination centre in Kalaroa thana in Satkhira district under Jessore board.

BSS adds: A total of 499 students were expelled for cheating on the second day of the SCC

examinations in Comilla. According to board sources, 261 students were expelled in Comilla, 70 in Luximpur, 78 in Feni and 90 in Brahmanbaria.

In addition to the students two teachers from Raypur LM See page 11 Col7

PM awarded Lions Medal of Distinction

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been awarded Lions Medal of Distinction in recognition of her dedication to humanity and determination to work for public welfare, reports

International President of Lions Clubs International James E Jim Arvin yesterday formally handed over the medal and a citation to Hasina at a simple ceremony at Gano

The Lions Clubs International in the citation said: "We recognise your unselfish dedication to humanity, a determination to labour for public welfare and outstanding achievements from which all mankind benefits, and in testimony to the fact that in such humanitarian endeavors you have always upheld the ideals and objectives of Lions International Clubs, the world's largest service organisation."

Receiving the award, Prime Minister Hasina said she and her government is deeply engaged to bring about a change in the destiny of the poor and hapless people of the society by improving their economic con-

Council chairman Ln Eng Igbal H Khan, Past International Director Ln Moslem Ali Khan, Ln Kazi Akramuc lin Ahmed, Ln Sultana Shaheda Islam, Ln Adv Sawkat Ali, Ln Rasheda Maksud Khan, Ln Firozur Rahman, Ln ABM Firoz, Ln Nazmul Huq Chowdhury and Ln MS Shakil Chowdhury were present.

Kalaroa

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organised the rally at Kalaroa High School ground to mourn the Thursday's tragedy. Kalaroa Teachers' Association president Abdur Rouf chaired the

Principal Raisuddin, Ashrafuzzaman, Abdul Momen and Advocate Kamal Reja also addressed the rally People from all walks of life

amended the rally and gayebana janaza. Besides, Bangladesh Human

Rights Implementation Association, Human Rights Monitoring Cell Satkhira and local Press Club also jointly held a meeting to mourn the deaths at Kalaroa Press Club with Advocate Azharul Islam in the chair this morning. Abdul Hamid, President Kalaroa Press Club. journalists Bulu Ahmed, Samsur Rahman, Samaresh Ghosh and human rights activists Habibur Rahman and Amirul Islam spoke on the occasion.

Condemning the tragic incident the speakers demanded judicial inquiry headed by a justice or district judge, arrest and punishment to those responsible for the incident. They also demanded compensation to the families of the dead and injured

Moreover, local Awami League, BNP, Jatiya party, Jamaat, Workers Party, JSD and student bodies also condemned the tragic incident.

AG's views trigger fresh dispute

tacharya.

mittee would become contro-Handling of the case of a

single defaulter may encourage other defaulters to follow the same path. In such cases, the laws and propose measures for objective of the financial sector reform programmes to take to task the defaulters may be jeopardised and the banking sector as a whole will suffer.

As the matter stands today, it now seems that it is only the a ministry and may require it other wing of the state - the ju- to furnish, through an authodiciary —which can resolve the dispute between the executive information and to answer and the legislative branches. The AG in his observation

regarding the JS standing committee's jurisdiction said, "Having regard to the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, Lam firmly of opinion that without a reference being made by Parliament in a matter of public importance, a standing committee on a ministry cannot entertain a complaint for investigation.

He went on, "The chairman of the standing committee has stressed the role and importance of the standing commit- gation a standing committee tee. Certainly, the standing can perform the function. committee has an important role to play, but it must be remembered that Parliament, not to speak of a standing committee, being creature of the Constitution, is bound by the provisions of the Constitution which is supreme and as such neither Parliament can concede to the standing committee, nor the standing committee can arrowhich the Constitution has not committee.

granted." tion deals with parliamentary committees and it provides as view of enforcement of laws. If be seen that any person can follows -

following standing committees, vestigation. that is to say, mittee:

committees as the Rules of Procedure of Parliament requires. (2) In addition to the committees referred to in Clause (1).

standing committees, and a

committee so appointed may subject to this Constitution and to any other law -(a) examine draft bills and

legislative proposals; (b) review the enforcement of such enforcement:

(c) in relation to any marter referred to it by Parliament as a matter of public importance. investigate or inquire into the activities or administration of rised representative, relevant questions, orally or in writing:

(emphasis added) (d) perform any other function assigned to it by Parlia-

ment. (emphasis added) The AG observed, "According to Article 76 a standing committee may examine draft bills and legislative measures referred to it. Though there is no mention of reference by Parliament in respect of sub-clause (b), one can argue that a standing committee can do the work of review of the enforcement of laws when it is referred to it by parliament as it is on such dele-

However, for the present, we proceed with the assumption that there is no requirement of reference by Parliament in case of sub-clause (b). But the language of sub-clause (c) and (d) is such that there cannot be any doubt that a standing committee cannot perform any function mentioned in sub-clause (c) port. and (d) of Article 76 unless Pargate to itself, unfet- liament makes a reference of tered/unconditional power the matter to the standing

Article 76 of the Constitu- gation of a particular matter is the committee on petition. implicit in the function of rethis would be so, there was no submit a petition to a Member (1) Parliament shall appoint need to provide separately in of Parliament who can present from among its members the sub-clause (c) the matter of in-

(a) a public accounts com- interpretation of the Constitu- the Secretary of Parliament tion that the provisions of the who shall make a report of it to permissible. (b) committee of privileges; Constitution shall not be inter- the House and on such presentapreted in such a way as to ren? (c) such other standing der any of its provisions redundant and it must be assumed ment or through the Secretary that each provision has a sepa-

"Investigation and inquiry mittee on petition. Parliament shall appoint other having been specifically mentioned in sub-clause (c), there is cedure provides -

no escape from the conclusion that investigation into some complaint comes within the purview of sub-clause (c) and not sub-clause (b). "In order to attract sub-

clause (c), a matter must be of

public importance and must have been referred to a standing committee by Parliament. "The point would be clear if we take into consideration the

relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure. "Chapter XV of the Rules of Procedure makes separate provisions in respect of petitions. Rule 100 provides as follows --Petitions may be presented or

submitted to the House with the consent of the Speaker on — (I) a bill which has been published under Rule 76 or which has been introduced in the

(II) any important matter connected with the business pending before the House; and

lic importance;

Rule 105 provides as follows may fall within its jurisdiction (I) every petition shall, if presented by a member, be

(II) A member shall not pre-

countersigned by him.

(III) any other matter of pub-

sent a petition from himself. Rule 108 provides — A petition may be presented ture of the function of the by a member or be forwarded to the secretary, who shall report it to the House. No debate shall be permitted on the presentation, or the making of such re-

Rule 110 provides presentation by a member or report by the secretary, as the Parliament shall stand referred "One may say that investi- case may be, stand referred to to the committee on petition

it to the House by countersigning the petition. Such person "It is a cardinal principle of may also present the petition to tion of a petition to the House through a Member of Parliaof Parliament, the petition shall stand referred the com-

"Rule 246 of the Rules of Pro-

Parliament shall, as soon as may be, after the inauguration of each new Parliament, appoint the Standing Committees on each ministries which may, subject to the Constitution or

any other law. — (a) examine draft bills and other legislative proposals; (b) review the enforcement of laws and propose measures for

such enforcement; and (c) examine any other matter referred to them by Parliament under Article 76 of the Constitution" (emphasis added) "Rule 248 provides as follows

Each such standing committee shall meet at least once a month and the functions of a committee shall be to examine any bill or other matter referred to it by Parliament, to review the work relating to a ministry which falls within its jurisdiction, to inquire into any activity or irregularity and serious complaint in respect of the ministry and to examine, if it deems fit, any such matter as

and to make recommendations: (Emphasis added) "Rule 248 has to be read stipulates the extent of jurisdiction of standing committee and Rule 248 describes the na-

"Furthermore, the rules

cannot be interpreted in a way

standing committee.

which will bring them in conflict with the provision of Article 76 of the Constitution. "Any grievance made by a Every petition shall, after person shall on presentation in, or report to, the House of unless the House specifically The AG further said, "It can refers it to the standing committee. If a different interpretation is given to the relevant rules, there will be conflict be-

tween Article 76 and the rules

tween the rules referred to

above which is absolutely im-

referred to above and also be-

"In the present case, no reference having been made by Parliament, the Standing Committee on the Ministry of Finance has no authority to investigate or inquire into the complaint lodged with the Chairman of the Standing Committee"

By Staff Correspondent Roughly 3.577 students were cheating. cident occurred in the district.

Dhaka board officials said

Three students were expelled

Roughly 2.022 examinees

404 in Shirajgonj School centre during clashes

No students were expelled in Kazipur thana, despite an alarming increase in copying. cluding Faruk, Jamal, Shariful, Tozammel Haq, Tota, Shahinur

supplying copies.

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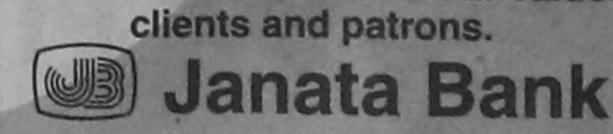
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