

RU situation  
tense as JCD  
calls indefinite  
strike from  
today

RAJSHAH, Aug 11: A tense situation is prevailing on RU campus as JCD calls for an indefinite strike at the university from tomorrow, reports UNB.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal has called the strike protesting Thursday's clash between police and students that left at least 150 people injured.

They held a rally at the university railway station this afternoon. City Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu addressed it as chief guest.

The ruling party's student

See page 11 col 8

**Dengue : 32 more hospitalised in city**

By Staff Correspondent

Thirty two more dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals and clinics in the city yesterday.

Of them, eight were admitted to BIRDEM, nine to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, six to Mitford Hospital, three each to Shishu Hospital and Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital, two to Ibhne Sina Clinic and one to Al Razi Hospital.

No death report, however, was received from the hospitals, clinics and the control room of the Directorate of Health yesterday.

**Two terrorists held with arms in Ctg**

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 11: Police in a pre-dawn raid today arrested two terrorists and recovered one foreign made revolver along with seven bullet from their possession at BRTC crossing near Jamtola slum area.

Police said the raid was launched there after a housewife identified as Hazera Begum, 25, was shot dead by a group of extortions near Jamtola slum area last night.

Police said the gang opened fire at 7 pm when the shop owners in the area chased the extortions.

Hazera died on the spot while two others received bullet wounds.

**8 killed as bus, tempo collide in Joypurhat**

JOYPURHAT, Aug 11: Eight people were killed and six injured when a bus collided with a tempo at Pinot in Kalai Upazila at about 7.30 pm, killing seven tempo passengers on the spot.

Another passenger succumbed to injuries at local hospital.

Four of the injured were shifted to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital "critical condition."

**Inside Today**

## Article

**Why did India Falter?**

Column: Between the Lines

By Kuldip Nayar

Page 4

## Star Literature

Lecture: Khushwant in Karachi; and Essay: India and world literature

Pages 10

**August** Sun Rises Sun Sets  
Aug 12 6:36 pm  
Aug 13 5:32 am

## Prayer Timings

August 12

Azan Jamaat  
Fair 4:25 4:55  
Zohr 12:45 1:30  
Asr 5:00 5:15  
Maghrib 6:40 6:45  
Esha 8:15 8:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Gunmen kill AL's Khulna mayor aspirant Rab

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 11: S M A Rab, probable Awami League candidate in the next mayoral election in Khulna City Corporation, was gunned down by some unidentified young men near his residence at Sonadanga in the city at about noon today.

His security man Kader was also bullet-hit and was admitted to a local clinic with severe injuries.

Police and witnesses said Rab was going to nearby Baitul Mukarram mosque for Jumma prayers when one of the nine gunmen on three motorcycles fired at him from a revolver.

"Rob tried to run away but fell down. The killers chased him, fired shots from a point blank range killing him on the spot and sped away," said one of the witnesses, Abdur Rashid, a homeopath doctor.

Three bullets hit his neck, throat and back. He was rushed to a clinic at Sonadanga where

doctors declared him dead. The young men, wearing lungi and half sleeve shirt, were aged between 20 and 24 years, police said quoting witnesses.

No case was filed in connection with the incident till filing of the report at 10 pm.

As Rab came to limeight dashing hopes of many veteran and dedicated Awami League leaders, intra-party rivalry in Khulna intensified, party sources said.

His quick rise and reputation among party workers were unexpected. But his suspected involvement in some non-political incidents including the murder of journalist Shamsur Rahman and close link with an outlawed organisation made his life quite insecure and tarnished image of the party, they said.

Officials of KMP are yet to say anything about the murder.

Rab's body was sent to his residence after autopsy. His

See page 11 col 8

## Bahaddarhat carnage Hazarika helps seize arms, another held

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 11: Police in a raid in the city last night seized a Chinese made sub-machinegun which was reportedly used in Bahaddarhat incident in which eight people including six BCL activists were killed.

Police said the sophisticated weapon recovered along with ammunitions from a house in Kualia area at 11 last night as per confessional statement of arrested Shibir activist Glas Hazarika.

Police last night arrested another Shibir activist Md Iqbal Hossain from Chittagong University campus on charge of his link with the seven-member killer gang.

Police said Iqbal admitted during interrogation that he hired the microbus used in the Bahaddarhat carnage.

Earlier, Md Solaiman of the seven-member killing gang was arrested.

Police said drive was on to

arrest the rest of the killing gang.

UNB adds: The sub-machinegun and 13 bullets were recovered during raid on Burischar home of Hazarika.

The bullets have similarity with the covers of the bullets used during the killings," police said.

Both Ashraf and Kamal are well aware of Litu's whereabouts, said a source.

A special team of KMP started raiding all suspected places of Khulna, Sathkhira and Bagerhat districts in search of Litu and Hirok from August 1.

Police believe arrest of Litu's bodyguard Ashraf will be helpful.

Top officials of CID and KMP are now working together in Khulna for nabbing suspects in Shamsur Rahman murder case.

Inspector Shahjahan of CID, I.O. of this case, believes that the conspiracy to kill Shamsur Rahman was hatched in Khulna under the leadership of Litu and some of his 'godfathers' in the ruling party.

Police said they raided the CU's rail gate no. 1 area at about 9.30 pm and caught Iqbal who is also wanted in four other murder cases in the port city.

Eight people, including six Chhatra League leaders and activists, were killed in brushfire allegedly by Shibir activists at Bahaddarhat in the city on July 12.

## Litu's bodyguard Ashraf arrested

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 11: Police arrested two associates of ward commissioner Litu in the city on Thursday night.

The arrested were identified as Ashraf and Kamal.

Ashraf is not only a terrorist and bodyguard of Litu, but also one of the custodians of his illegal firearms.

Kamal, Sareng of Litu's private engine boat was, however, released few hours after his arrest. The reason behind his release from Khulna thana is yet to be known.

Both Ashraf and Kamal are well aware of Litu's whereabouts, said a source.

A special team of KMP started raiding all suspected places of Khulna, Sathkhira and Bagerhat districts in search of Litu and Hirok from August 1.

Police believe arrest of Litu's bodyguard Ashraf will be helpful.

Top officials of CID and KMP are now working together in Khulna for nabbing suspects in Shamsur Rahman murder case.

Inspector Shahjahan of CID, I.O. of this case, believes that the conspiracy to kill Shamsur Rahman was hatched in Khulna under the leadership of Litu and some of his 'godfathers' in the ruling party.

Police said they raided the CU's rail gate no. 1 area at about 9.30 pm and caught Iqbal who is also wanted in four other murder cases in the port city.

Eight people, including six Chhatra League leaders and activists, were killed in brushfire allegedly by Shibir activists at Bahaddarhat in the city on July 12.

## BB Governor observes Devaluation is not the only way to encourage export

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh "unofficially imports" goods and services worth 2.5 to 3 billion US dollars from India recently, eminent economist Prof. Rehman Sobhan said here yesterday.

This "huge underground trading" (smuggling) is increasing the demand for dollar in the country, he said at a working session of the 13th biennial conference of Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA).

"How are you going to address this issue?" Prof. Sobhan asked Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Farashuddin, who was presiding over the session on 'Macroeconomic Management and Reforms'. Yesterday was the second day of the three-day conference that began at the Institute of Engineers.

"We need proper tariff regime and proper valuation policy for Taka. Unless we have

proper policy for valuation of Taka, we will not be able to encourage export diversification", the central bank governor said. He also commented on hundi business.

"We can not ignore devaluation for increasing export. But I do not believe adjustment of Taka is the only way," he said.

Dr Farashuddin said around 60 per cent of the country's total import is done through back-to-back L/C (Letter of Credit), on which devaluation has little impact. Payment becomes hundi-based if Taka is overvalued.

In the past four and half years, India devalued its currency by 37 per cent. Sri Lanka by 31 per cent, Pakistan by 36 per cent, Indonesia by 73 per cent and Thailand by 29 per cent while Bangladeshi devalued its currency by 20 per cent, he

mentioned.

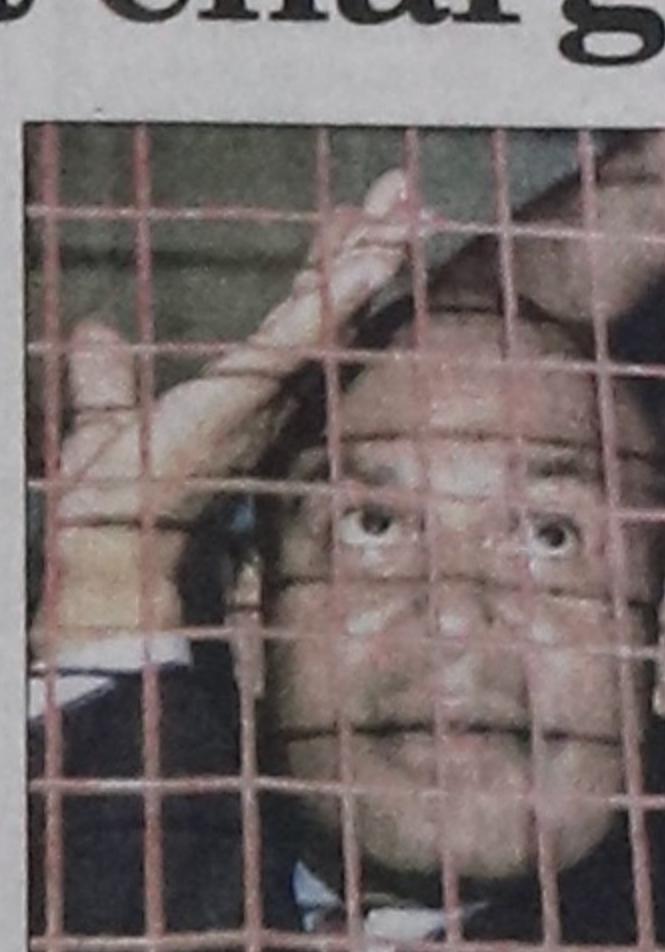
Some importers are evading tax by under-invoicing while some others are transferring capital from the country by over-invoicing. But this is not alarming, he said.

Some bankers are involved in hundi business. Action has been taken against 39 such bankers, he said.

Regarding checking illegal transfer of money, Farashuddin said: We have warned an embassy of a country, a major development partner and a micro credit institution in the connection.

"If we have money laundering act, it will help this process. We are now concentrating on improving service (for remittances). We have to increase collection points to keep hundi business at the minimum."

See page 11 col 8



Speight waves to his supporters as he leaves court yesterday. — AFP photo

Speight pleaded innocent at a hearing last week to minor

public order and weapons offences related to his leadership of Fiji's devastating nationalist coup. He is being held in pretrial custody in a barbed wire pen on

the accessory to treason charge. Speight and others including Ilisoni Ligari, the ex-British soldier who controlled gunmen in Parliament during the coup, and Speight's brother Temu.

Speight was arrested late last month just days after releasing the last of dozens of lawmakers he had held hostage for two months after raiding Parliament.

A failed businessman, Speight claimed to have launched his coup to win more power for indigenous Fijians and rein in the influence of the country's ethnic Indian minority.

The elected government toppled by Speight's coup was led by Mahendra Chaudhry, the first Fijian prime minister from the 44 per cent Indian minority.

Indians were first brought to

Fiji in the 1870s by British colonialists as indentured labour.

The conspiracy charge names Speight and others including his media spokesman

3rd Millennium

SRABAN 28, 1407 BS

JAMADIUL AWAL 11, 1421 HIJRI

12 PAGES PRICE : TAKA 6.00



Living on the edge: Spillovers of the Padma spell the danger of an impending disaster at Aricha Ghat, blurring the line between the bank and the river, prompting this dangerous proximity between the parked buses and the anchored

— Star photo by Anisur Rahman

## More areas flooded, road links snapped



Two women brave their way through the almost waist-deep water in search of drinking water at Majhikanda village in Dhaka's Nababganj thana yesterday.

— Star photo

## JCD activities postponed at CU

CHITTAGONG, Aug 11: Organisational activities of the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at the Chittagong University was declared postponed today (Friday).

Opposition whip Syed Wahidul Alam, the BNP MP from Hathazari Constituency, announced postponement of JCD's organisational activities and cancellation of its conference preparatory committee, said a press release.

The action came following internal conflict in the JCD that took a serious turn on the CU campus after formation of the conference preparatory committee.

Earlier, a circular issued at the directive of BNP Chairperson on June 25 and signed by party joint secretary general Haris Chowdhury, said all political and organisational activities of JCD at Chittagong University would be decided in consultation with Syed Wahidul Alam, MP, as the university area falls under his constituency.

The decision to resume import follows visit of a 10-member Bangladesh team of officials and coal importers to Meghalaya last month and a follow-up meeting in Bangladesh on Tuesday, officials and importers told The Daily Star yesterday.

The action came following internal conflict in the JCD that took a serious turn on the CU campus after formation of the conference preparatory committee.

The decision to resume import follows visit of a 10-member Bangladesh team of officials and coal importers to Meghalaya last month and a follow-up meeting in Bangladesh on Tuesday, officials and importers told The Daily Star yesterday.

The decision to resume import follows visit of a 10-member Bangladesh team of officials and coal importers to Meghalaya last month and a follow-up meeting in Bangladesh on Tuesday, officials and importers told The Daily Star yesterday.

The decision to resume import follows visit of a 10-member Bangladesh team of officials and coal importers to Meghalaya last month and a follow-up meeting in Bangladesh on Tuesday, officials and importers told The Daily Star yesterday.

The decision to resume import follows visit of a 10-member Bangladesh team of officials and coal importers to Meghalaya last month and a follow-up meeting in Bangladesh on Tuesday, officials and importers told The Daily Star yesterday.

The decision to resume import follows visit of a 10-member Bangladesh team of officials and coal importers to Meghalaya last month and a follow-up meeting in Bangladesh on Tuesday, officials and importers told The Daily Star yesterday.

The decision to resume import follows visit of a 1