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Students of Dhaka University stage a demonstration on the campus yesterday reiterating their demand for withdrawal of strike called by Bangladesh Chhatra League.

Shop employee, extortionist shot dead

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A gang of robbers shot dead a man at Shaympur and a youth died from bullet wound at Badda in the city yesterday.

Shafiqul Islam, 56, an employee of an optical shop, was shot in his stomach when he tried to resist the robbers who entered his house by cutting open the grills of the balcony at around 3.30am.

He was rushed to Mitford Hospital where the doctors declared him dead at 6.00am.

The robbers ransacked the entire house in search of valuables after

confining all the family members to a room at gunpoint.

Shafiqul's wife and daughter cried for help when the robbers tried to snatch ornaments from them.

As Shafiqul came to the aid of his wife and daughter, the robbers shot him.

His wife Rehana Begum filed a case with Shympur Police Station.

In another incident, Gulshan police recovered the body of a youth near Gulshan Shooting Club at around 2.00pm.

The bullet-hit youth identified as

Hanif, 30, was passing through the area but succumbed to his injuries when he reached the club, police said quoting local people.

Hanif himself was an extortionist of Badda area. He received the bullet in his chest during a gunfight between two groups of hoodlums in Badda about half an hour earlier, police said.

Critically injured Hanif hired a rickshaw, but the rickshawpuller dumped him beside the shooting club.

Local people informed the police who recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Govt firm to maintain communal harmony

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday reiterated the government's determination to maintain communal harmony at any cost and urged all, irrespective of caste and creed, to work together for building the nation.

His remarks came when a 36-member delegation of Bangladesh

Hindu Buddha and Christian Welfare Front called on him at Bangabhaban.

The delegation members, led by its Convener State Minister for Water Resources Advocate Goutam Chakravarty, said Bangladesh is a land of communal harmony where people of all religious faiths have been living together peacefully over thousands of years.

Dhaka condemns killing of 12 Nepalese in Iraq

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh yesterday condemned execution of 12 Nepalese workers by kidnapers in Iraq Tuesday.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in a statement said, "The government

of Bangladesh condemns such a mindless act of killing of innocent persons."

The spokesman conveyed condolences and deep sympathies of the Bangladesh government to the family members of the victims.

Police bar Litu's family from holding press conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Family members of Asaduzzaman Litu, who was killed in a gunfight, could not hold press conference as police prevented them from coming out of their residence yesterday morning.

Litu's wife and younger brothers were due to hold the press conference at the Press Club on his death and reportedly to disclose the names of politicians and policemen who were his beneficiaries.

A contingent of armed police cordoned off the residence of Litu at West Bania Khamar while his wife and brothers were about to set out for the Press Club at 10.00am yesterday. Litu's younger brother Moniruzzamn Elu called the press conference.

Family sources said, the intelligence agency personnel were keeping watch on Litu's younger brothers so that they cannot hold any rally and procession in this connection.

"We have decided to disclose the names of the beneficiaries who encouraged Litu to commit crimes," said his younger brother.

Litu, a chargesheeted accused in journalist Shamsur Rahman murder case, was killed in a gunfight with Detective Branch (DB) of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) and district police at about 3.30am on August 30 in Sonadanga thana of the city.

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