

Banani Samity team meets mayor

BSS, Dhaka

A delegation of Banani Nagorik Kalyan Samity led by former adviser to the caretaker government ASM Shahjahan called on Mayor Sadeq Hossain Khoka at Nagarbhavan yesterday.

The delegation discussed different problems such as graveyard, kitchen market, park, play ground and illegal structures, in the posh areas.

The mayor assured the delegation of taking steps to recover the graveyard land at Banani.



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Science and Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan speaks at a discussion at the National Press Club Auditorium yesterday. Government Employees Coordination Parishad organised the discussion on the occasion of its 16th founding anniversary.

JU teachers, students demand safety of life

Sumi's death condoled

JU CORRESPONDENT

The teachers and students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) at a rally on the campus yesterday reiterated their demand for safety of life on the highway.

Seven people were killed on the highway in last 10 years.

They made the demand at a condolence meeting at the new arts faculty building organised by the Philosophy Department to mourn the death of Jakia Sultana Sumi. Prof Golam Dastagir, chairman of the department, and Prof Obaidur Rahman addressed the meeting.

"An orphan girl had taken shelter here considering us guardian but we failed to ensure her security," Prof Dastagir said.

Wearing black badges, they also brought out a mourning procession on the campus and placed wreaths at the spot where Sumi died in an accident on Monday and observed a minute's silence to pay their respect to Sumi.

Hundred of students and the female students of Pritilota Hall brought out separate mourning processions on the campus and urged the university authorities to meet their six point demand including setting up of speed breaker on Dhaka-Aricha highway adjacent to university.

The university authorities sent a letter to the communication ministry to set up an overbridge at Prantik Gate, build road divider from dairy farm gate to Bishmile and construct a speed breaker on the highway adjacent to the university.

Though the bus that ran over Sumi was identified, police couldn't arrest the driver yet. A high official is allegedly taking money to save the driver, sources said.

Meanwhile, Savar police arrested a truck driver and seized the truck yesterday when it hit a van at university Prantik Gate leaving the van driver injured seriously.

IMMUNITY TO WB CPB to stage countrywide protest Sept 16

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will stage demonstrations across the country on September 16 to protest the government's move to give immunity to the World Bank.

At a rally yesterday, the CPB leaders expressed deep concern over the move and said the BNP-led four-party alliance government is planning to enact a law in this regard.

They called on the people to unite to topple the government immediately. Otherwise, the United States will start to dominate soon through the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), they said.

The leaders said the government has closed down many mills and factories, leaving the workers jobless, on the prescription of the World Bank.

They threatened to launch a tougher movement if the government goes ahead with the move.

Later, the leaders and activists took out a procession.

Rab arrests 3 Khulna JCD activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested three activists of ruling party backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) from office compound of Khulna Zila Parishad on charge of snatching tenders from contractors.

The arrested are Saifur Rahman Farhad, Maksud Ahmed Sumon, and Mohammad Kalachand.

The arrestees are close associates of listed criminals Shagor and Palash who are aligned with ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Rab press release said.

Shagor and Palash have also link with Purbo Banglar Communist Party (Janajuddho). They have been evading arrest for the last three years being accused of two murder and seven other criminal cases.

Rab also arrested another listed criminal Zahidul Islam from KDA New market area under Sonadanga thana yesterday. Zahid, son of Akbar Khan of Atarir village under Tala upazila of Satkhira, is the prime accused of a murder case. The case was filed with Tala thana on March

18 last year, Rab press release said.

The arrestees are being interrogated at Rab headquarters at Khalishpur

Body of Saudi national recovered in Moheshkhali

BSS, Cox's Bazar

The body of a Saudi national who drowned at Cox's Bazar sea beach was recovered yesterday from Moheshkhali coast.

The victim, Abdullah al-Jahran, 30, drowned on September 1 at Cox's Bazar sea beach when he was taking sea-bath at ebb-tide in the afternoon.

Local fishermen yesterday saw a body floating at the confluence of the Kuhelia river near Kalammar-chara of Moheshkhali island. They immediately informed it to the police who recovered the body in the afternoon.

Victim's two brothers who arrived here from Saudi Arabia on September 6, identified the body.

Jahran, a schoolteacher in Saudi Arabia, came to Bangladesh on a visit on August 24 with one of his Bangladeshi friends from Bogra. They came to Cox's Bazar on August 31.

Police Super of Cox's Bazar told journalists that the body would be handed over to the victim's brothers after post-mortem and other necessary formalities.

BOMB THREAT TO CU VC OFFICE

Ex-madrassa student among three arrested

CU CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested three youths, including an ex-madrassa student, in Hathazari in connection with a bomb threat to the office of the vice-chancellor of Chittagong University in the last two days.

The arrestees are Mohammad Shahjahan, Jagadish Rudra and ex-madrassa student Mahmudur Rahman.

Unknown callers issued the threat at around 11:15am on Tuesday.

The call was made from a phone-fax shop at CU gate No. 1, police said, adding that they also detected the two phone numbers the caller used to issue the threat.

The two arrested shopkeepers also identified Mahmudur as the caller who gave the threat, police said, but he denied the allegation.

Detective police quizzed the three but failed to extract any other information about the bomb threat.

Mahmudur who hails from Jessore was a student of Hathazari Madrasa. Earlier, he studied at two madrasas in Jessore and Dhaka, police said.