

GRENADE ATTACK
Lawyer's probe
body still awaits
info from govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is yet to respond to the requests of Supreme Court Bar Association's (SCBA) probe committee to help it with some vital documents on the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League rally.

The SCBA committee sent letters to the prime minister and inspector general of police for documents such as the copies of the first information reports (FIR) on the attack, post-mortem reports of the victims, video and audio records in possession of the police and intelligence agencies and reports on the previous bomb blasts and illegal arms seizure.

Addressing a press conference in the city yesterday, SCBA leaders reiterated their demands and presented a list of 12 questions they sent to the PM and other officials concerned.

Condemning Law Minister Moudud Ahmed's branding the committee as an illegal one, leaders of the SCBA probe committee said it was formed to fulfil the people's demand for a neutral probe into the

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Flooding maroons 3 lakh people in Satkhira, Jessore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Floodwater continues to rush from India into the border areas of Satkhira and Jessore districts swamping roads, standing crop and homesteads, and has marooned over three lakh villagers, many of whom are going without food and drinking water.

Our Satkhira and Jessore correspondents report a daily rise in the water level with Sonai, Ichhamoti, Kopotaksho and Betraboti rivers bursting their banks.

The trade across the border through Benapole Land Port has remained suspended for the last two days while Bangladesh-India rail-link reels under the unusual flooding.

Surging water from the

Kopotaksha swamped fresh areas in Sadar, Kolaroa and Tala upazilas in Satkhira district yesterday after a sluice gate at Joynagar caved in to huge water pressure.

In Kolaroa alone, Deara, Kashiadanga, Khetopara, Khordo, Pakuria, Joynagar, Dolipur, Purulia, Paikpara, Maniknagar, Raita, Baludanga, Sasna, Telkupi, Sarulia and Rajnagar villages are inundated, suffering a rapidly worsening situation.

About 15 villages including Tujolpur, Rajnagar, Devnagar and Govindakathi in Satkhira Sadar are under water. The water level in Tala also rose further and gobbled half a dozen villages yesterday.

Our Satkhira correspondent says the government has allocated 12 metric tons of rice for the flood-affected people, but relief opera-

tions are yet to start.

"For the last two days, we have been living on boiled plantains alone, as no-one came to our help," said Tanzila, a 20-year-old housewife of Khetopara village who has taken shelter in a field at Gazna.

Our Jessore correspondent says the flood situation in the district remained unchanged yesterday with scores of houses in Keshabpur, Chowgachha and Manirampur upazilas under water. The water however has started to recede from Sharsha upazila.

The Kopotaksha also swamped about 20 percent land in Jhikorgachha upazila.

The government has opened 15 flood shelters in Keshobpur and closed nine schools in the flood-affected areas.

Bomb goes off at Jhenidah cinema

UNB, Jhenidah

A bomb exploded at a cinema in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district on Tuesday night.

Police and witnesses said the bomb exploded near the screen at Chhanda Cinema when a show was going on at about 10:00pm. No one was, however, injured.

Panic-stricken people came out of the movie theatre as black smoke filled it, witnesses said.

Police rushed to the spot, ringed the area and raided the hall. They collected samples of the explosives. A general diary was filed.

Truck with Tk 30 lakh Horlicks looted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Robbers looted huge quantity of health drink Horlicks reportedly worth over Tk 30 lakh from a truck on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Sitakunda in the early hours of yesterday.

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21 killed, over 100 hurt in Iraq unrest

AFP, Baghdad

Baghdad was engulfed in violence yesterday as 21 people were killed and more than 100 wounded in a car bomb attack and US-led offensives on Shia and Sunni rebel pockets in the capital.

An official from radical cleric Moqtada Sadr's movement said 15 people were killed and 52 wounded in an apparent push by the US

military to reclaim parts of the Shia stronghold of Sadr City.

Naim al-Qaabi described the ongoing raids as "the most devastating operation in Sadr City" since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in April 2003.

US Major General Peter Chiarelli said in a statement that the operation was aimed at restoring stability in Baghdad by improving the living

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Special drive against Khulna outlaws starts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police on Tuesday midnight launched special operations in the crime-prone areas in Khulna and Satkhira in the wake of outlawed New Biplabi Communist Party's (NBCP) activities.

The special operations, scheduled to be conducted in the NBCP-infested Khulna upzilas and Tala in

Satkhira, are aimed at nabbing NBCP cadres and recovering their arms and ammunition, the superintendent of police of Khulna said yesterday.

However, police could neither arrest anyone nor recover any arms until yesterday evening.

Abu Hena, officer-in-charge of Dumuria Police Station, said the

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Barisal medical college director falls sick after assault by BNP men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The director of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH) fell ill after he was assaulted allegedly by the ruling BNP-backed cadres at his office on yesterday morning.

The cadres also chased the president of Barisal chapters of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) and Doctors' Association of Bangladesh (Dab) out of the campus. The hoodlums tried to break open the locked door of the SBMCH principal's office.

Sources and witnesses said the cadres under the banner of Sarkari

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Prayer Timing		
September 23		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

