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Former Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif speaks at a public meeting at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday. City AL organised the meeting to protest the verdict in historic Jail Killing Case, price spiral of essentials and mass arrests.

AL rejects Jail Killing Case verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) leaders, at a public meeting yesterday, rejected the verdict of historic Jail Killing Case terming it a 'farce and blue-print' of the alliance government. Dhaka City Awami League organised the public meeting at Mukhtangan to protest the verdict of the court, price hike of essentials and the arrest of their activists. The AL leaders said the verdict did not reflect the expectations of the countrymen. "After meeting with the central leaders, we shall go to the higher court for justice," they added. City AL President Md Hanif said the government that can release the killers of national leaders by influencing the judiciary, can cause any damage to the country. "So, this government has no right

to be in power any more," he said. City AL General Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya said, "We shall bring the culprits to justice at any cost." "If needed, we shall sacrifice our lives," he asserted. Jubo League Chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanak said the verdict of Jail Killing Case has once again proved that the judiciary is under the control of the government. The AL leaders also protested the wholesale arrest of people by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab). Former Dhaka City Mayor Hanif said the whole country has now turned into a jail. About the arrest of his son Dipu Chowdhury, Maya said police arrested him without any cause. Despite his bail, police did not release him, he alleged. Nanak said, "In the name of arresting the AL leaders and activists."

Criticising the price spiral of essentials, Hanif said during the AL regimes price never shoot up during the month of holy Ramadan. City AL Joint General Secretary Haji Md Selim came down heavily on the commerce minister for his failure to control the market price. He also criticised the Rab's raid at Khatunganj Market in Chittagong for compelling the businessmen to sell their goods below the purchasing prices. City AL Senior Vice-president



Members of Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka and Rotary Club of Dhaka Central and Junior Chamber International distribute handlooms to the flood-affected weavers of Jamdani Palli in Rupganj on Tuesday.

Boral murder case sent back to Judge's Court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Bagerhat Awami League leader Advocate Kalidas Boral murder case has been sent back to the Bagerhat District and Sessions Judge's Court on Tuesday as the Khulna Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal could not complete trial in 135 workdays as per rule, sources said. Earlier, the murder case was sent to the tribunal on last March 30.

Judge of the Tribunal MA Samad told this correspondent that trial of the case could not be completed within the stipulated time as the investigation officer (IO) had failed to produce prosecution witnesses before the tribunal on the different fixed dates for hearing.

Noor Mohammad, administrative officer of Bagerhat Judge's court, received the case docket on Tuesday afternoon from Khulna Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal. The Additional District and Sessions Judge, Bagerhat ordered further investigation of the case on July 26 last year following a petition filed by the public prosecutor. The IO submitted report on further investigation on December 4 last year instead of September 10.

Complainant Happy Boral said that prosecution witnesses could not be produced before the court for deposition as they had received death threats from the accused.

Happy Boral, also wife of slain Kalidas Boral, said some of the accused were influential and

creating obstruction in the process of trial.

Advocate Kalidas Boral, senior vice-president of Bagerhat district Awami League and Bagerhat District Puja Uddapan Parishad President, was gunned down on August 20 in 2000.

FIR was lodged with Begarhat Sadar thana on August 21. IO pressed charges against 22 people on December 4 last year. All the accused are now on bail.

Two killed in road accidents

UNB, Jhenidah

Two people were killed under the wheels of a truck on Jhenidah-Kushtia highway in Shailakupa upazila yesterday.

The dead were identified as Shamsuddin Bishwas, 70, of Agunipara and Zakir Hossain, 17, of Tribeni.

Police said the Kushtia-bound truck first ran over Shamsuddin near Sheikhpara Bazar while he was crossing the road at noon and then rammed a rickshaw-van, parked on the roadside, killing van puller Zakir on the spot.

Police, however, seized the truck at Madhupur area of the highway. A case was filed.

AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK

GD filed with Motijheel thana

UNB, Dhaka

Awami Sworchhasebak League President Bahauddin Nasim yesterday filed a general diary (GD) with Motijheel police in connection with the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League (AL) rally in the capital.

Advocates Momtaz Mehedi and Monzu Naznin submitted the GD on behalf of Nasim, who is among a large number of people injured in grenade blasts.

Twenty-one people, including AL women's wing chief Ivy Rahman, were killed in the blasts.

Attack on mass dialogue condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More political parties yesterday condemned the attack on the mass dialogue programme of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) and Jatiya Oikya Mancha in Rangpur Town Hall.

An armed group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Jubo Dal allegedly attacked Oikya Mancha convenor Dr. Kamal Hossain and BDB President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, on Tuesday, leaving at least 30 people injured.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President, Hasanul Haque Inu and General Secretary Seyed Jafar Sajjad in a statement said the attack clearly proved that the government won't tolerate the existence of any rival party, as it wants to cling to power forever.

They demanded immediate arrest and punishment of those, responsible for the attack.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) also protested the attack saying the government won't be able to suppress the ongoing oust government movement by such attacks.

In a statement to the press, left leaning 11 Party also condemned the attack and demanded to bring the masterminds to justice.

Bangladesh Bar Council, Sammilita Samajik Andolan, Progressive Teachers Association of Rajshahi, Kendriya Jubo Sangram Parishad and different student organisations of Dhaka University also condemned the attack.



PHOTO: STAR
Jatiya Oikya Mancha, top, and Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh, bottom, stage demonstrations in the city yesterday protesting attack on the audience at a mass dialogue at Rangpur Town Hall on Tuesday.

WEATHER
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Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country till 6.00pm today. Day temperature may remain nearly dry over the country during the period, Met Office said. Highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and lowest 20.3 degree Celsius at Srirangol. **The sun sets in the capital at 5:27pm today and rises at 5:59am tomorrow.** Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.0	22.0	56	52
Chittagong	34.5	23.8	69	74
Rajshahi	31.5	21.8	75	79
Khulna	32.7	23.0	67	--
Barisal	32.5	22.6	76	89
Sylhet	33.5	21.6	71	75
Cox's Bazar	34.0	26.0	77	78

DHAKA
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Tangail sharee fair

The inaugural ceremony of Tangailsharee fair, organised by Manju Gallery of Fine Arts, will be held. Venue: House-8, Road-6, Gulshan-1. The fair will remain open till the last day of Ramadan from 10.00am to 10.00pm daily.

Show

Alliance Francaise will arrange a show titled 'Even the walls have ears' by artist Tayeba Begum Lipi. A projection of a collective video will take place during the show. Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm. The exhibition will remain open till October 31 from 9.00am to 12.00noon and from 5.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

Film show

Dhaka University Film Society will screen two films titled 'Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels' by Guy Richie, and 'The Others' by Alejandro Amenabar. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 1.00pm and 3.30pm.

Seminar

Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited organises a seminar on the 'Role of Jakat in Islami economics' with Industries Minister Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 4.00pm.

Discussion

Dhaka-based Noakhali Forum will hold a discussion on the holy Ramadan. Venue: National Press Club Auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 3.00pm.

Food seminar

Right to Food Movement organises a seminar on agricultural seeds and food security. Venue: VIP Lounge of National Press Club,

Management Net

Net will be held. Venue: ISC Cafeteria of Dhaka University. Venue: 4.30pm.

BRTA seminar

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, in association with Brac, will hold a seminar on 'Road safety awareness' with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Brac Centre Inn Auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 12.00 noon.

Rotary meeting

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held. Venue: House-3, Road-28, Block-K, Banani. Time: 4.30pm.

Blood donation

Quantum Foundation organises a voluntary blood donation camp. Venue: Shankhari Bazar. Time: 10.00am to 5.00pm.

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