

46 killed in 'crossfire' last month: Report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty-six people were killed in 'crossfire' with the law enforcement agencies in the last one month.

Fourteen of them were killed by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), according to a report of Odhikar, a human rights organisation.

Of the other victims, 26 were killed under police custody and Rab and police killed four people in joint operation.

In addition, 40 people were killed in political violence during the

period, the report added.

In another report, the Bureau of Human Rights Bangladesh said a total of 314 people were killed across the country last month.

Also, a total of 403 children fell victim to violence last month, said a report of the Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF).

Of them, 18 children were murdered, 111 were tortured and 81 died unnatural death. Ten children, including six girls, were abducted and 27 were raped, the report added.

Rickshaw owners, workers threaten 48-hr strike

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Owners and workers of rickshaws and rickshaw vans yesterday placed a six-point demand, including issuance of 43,000 new rickshaw licences.

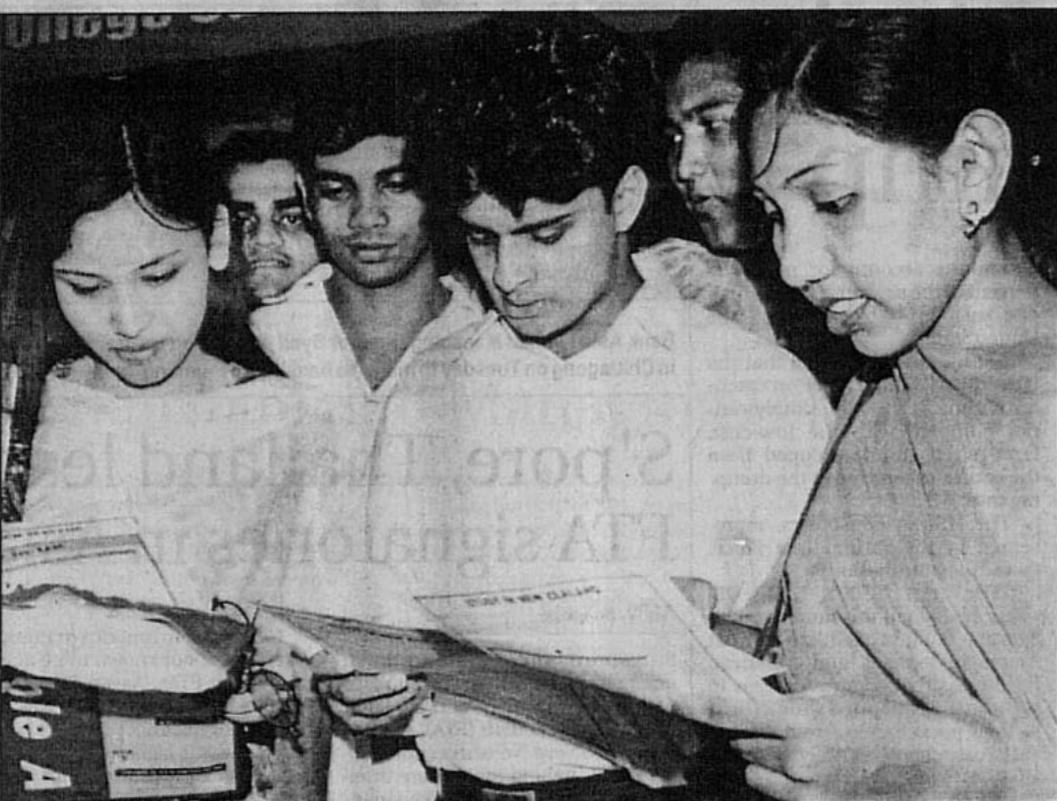
They also threatened to call a 48-hour strike on December 18 and 19 if their demands are not met by December 16.

At a protest rally at Muktagang, Bangladesh, Rickshaw-Van Mahikram Sangram Parishad also demanded withdrawal of the ban on

plying of rickshaw and rickshaw van on 10 city roads.

The government should rehabilitate the rickshaw pullers before continuing to crack down on rickshaws, said Ali Akbar, president of the rickshaws.

Habibur Rahman, labour secretary of the Awami League, Nurul Islam, president of Trade Union Kendra, Sultan Ahmed, finance secretary of Jatiya Samik League, and Tayab Ali, senior vice-president of Jatiyatabadi Rickshaw Malik Dal, also spoke.



Students are seen busy searching for the right destination for their higher studies at home and abroad at a three-day international education fair organised by BSB Global Network at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel in the city yesterday.

Jaundice panic still grips DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jaundice panic still grips Dhaka University (DU) campus as the authorities could not yet ascertain the sources of the viral disease while final examinations of different batches of students have already started.

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Meanwhile, tests of water of reservoirs at the three dormitories at Banagabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University showed the water was virus-free.

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He also claimed that according to the DU medical centre report, there are not more than 140 students affected with jaundice. But the students at the three dormitories said more than 500 students are suffering from the disease. Many of them are undergoing treatment elsewhere.

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Many students of jaundice-affected Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman Hall, Ziaur Rahman Hall and Kabi Jasimuddin Hall have left the

halls to stay with their relatives in Dhaka or have gone to their village homes. They are hesitant to take meals or water at the dormitories although the university authorities are now providing boiled water and have initiated a cleanliness drive.

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The memorandum demanded modernisation of the medical centre and keeping it open round the clock, free check up of hepatitis virus A, B and C, and vaccination for hepatitis-B.

Exhibition of liberation war documents begins

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A 16-day exhibition of liberation war documents collected by late diplomat SA Jalal began at the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday.

Japanese Ambassador Matsushiro Horiguchi inaugurated the exhibition of documents, the largest single collection of documents on the liberation war.

SA Jalal, who studied in Japan in the 60's, launched a solidarity campaign in favour of the then Mujibnagar government. He organised various activities in Japan to mobilise support for Bangladesh's liberation war.

His collection contains about 3,500 press clippings from both national and international newspapers published during the War of Liberation.

Speaking on the occasion, the Japanese ambassador recalled the contribution of Jalal to the independence war.

Mofidul Haque, a trustee of the Liberation War Museum, said these documents will help the future generation know about the liberation war struggle.

Dr Sarwar Ali, another trustee, said people could know many untold stories of the liberation war from these newspaper clippings.

Selima Jalal, wife of SA Jalal, and Razia Hasan, a former diplomat, also spoke.

The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily till December 16 except Sunday.

Qulkhwani

BSS, Dhaka

The qulkhwani of vice-president of BCS (Information) Association and Deputy Principal Information Officer Mustafizur Rahman will be held after Asr prayers today at his residence at Godhuli in Dhannondi.

Colleagues, friends, relations and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Strengthen preventive measures against Aids

President tells World Aids Day function

UNB, Dhaka

available data, the number of Aids-affected people in the world is 39.4 million - half of them women. Some 3.1 million people died of Aids in 2004, he added.

The rate of Aids infection among women has increased in recent times, he said adding that nearly 13 million children became orphans due to Aids.

"We're determined to prevent HIV/Aids in coordination with our bilateral and multilateral development partners through national, regional and international cooperation," he said.

The president was addressing as the chief guest a function marking the World Aids Day.

The president also called upon the countrymen to make the movement against HIV/Aids a success to free the people from the deadliest disease.

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and staff in the educational institutions, and including Aids-related essays and articles in academic curriculum.

The president suggested holding of workshops and seminars for university students imparting training to imams of mosques and priests of shrines and temples, and launching social movement in the rural areas to make people aware of the fatal consequences of HIV/Aids.

He also asked all to refrain from belittling the Aids victims and showing any discrimination towards them, "as we have some social and humanitarian obligations to them."

He called upon all to remain conscious so that the social and economic bindings could never push women into more risks.

"Half of our population is women. It's our duty to ensure all sorts of safety of the womenfolk for development and prosperity of the nation."

He stressed the need for formulating a national work plan through reviewing HIV/Aids situation in Bangladesh and analysing risky behaviours.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosarrat Hossain and State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha were special guests at the function at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre in the morning.

BBC World Service Director meets PM

BSS, Dhaka

BBC World Service Director Nigel Chapman called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

The BBC director presented Khaleda a documentary on the Hymalayan countries.

Khaleda thanked Nigel Chapman for the documentary and the publication.

She mentioned the popularity of BBC radio in Bangladesh and sought the support of BBC in training of the electronic media personnel on the country.

Nigel recalled with gratitude the introduction of broadcasting BBC radio programme through FM band in Dhaka and BBC television programmes through Bangladesh Television during last BNP regime.

He also expressed willingness to expand FM band service in some other areas of the country.

A press release adds, Information Minister M Shamsul Islam inaugurated a new bureau of BBC at Noor Tower at 73 Sonargaon Road in the city on Tuesday. British High Commissioner in Dhaka, Anwar Choudhury was present at the function.

Padakkhep Manobik Unnayan Kendra took out a procession in the city to mark the World Aids Day 2004 yesterday.



Office of the Project Director-PIU-PROMOTE

EC Project No. ALA/95/07
House # 3, Road # 112, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212
LOCAL OPEN TENDER NOTICE FOR EDUCATION KITS
BATCH # EK-02, PACKAGE # 03

TENDER

Memo No. PIU/PROMOTE/Batch # EK-02/Pkg # 03/TN/BS/1532 25 November, 2004
The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh received a grant from the EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EC) towards the cost of Programme "PROMOTE" and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for which this Tender Notice has been issued only to Experienced Firms/Companies of Bangladesh/Member States of European Union for supply and delivery of Education Kits (office stationery and items related to education), by the supplier of Education Kits for PIU-PROMOTE which are termed as Batch # EK-02, Package # 03.

Tenders in sealed envelopes as described in the tender document are hereby invited by the undersigned from the Firms/Companies, who are engaged in the similar nature of supply work and will meet the criteria put up in the tender dossier. The type of tender is a local open tender in one envelope system with technical and financial offers.

The supplier shall in principle supply and deliver Education Kits (office stationery and items related to education) manufacture either in Bangladesh or in the Member States of European Union. Supply to be made to "PIU-PROMOTE". Date, time & place of selling tender : From 09 December, 2004 to 09 January, 2005
9:00AM to 5:00PM (Sunday-Wednesday) & 9:00AM to 3:30PM (Thursday). Selling shall remain closed on Friday, Saturday and Govt. holidays.

Tenderer intending to purchase the tender document must submit an application in the letter head of the firm/company the tender document will be issued by an officer designated by the Project Director, PIU-PROMOTE.

Tender documents will be issued from the address as mentioned below on payment of non-refundable amount of Tk. 500.00 (Taka five hundred) only in the form of Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, PIU-PROMOTE.

Clarification Information Meeting will be held at 10:30AM on 20 December, 2004 in the Office of the Project Director, PIU-PROMOTE, House # 3, Road # 112, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

The tenderer have to provide the following documents with the offer: Evidence showing that the tenderer is a genuine dealer/importer/supplier of Education Kits (office stationery and items related to education).

• Up-to-date Trade Licence from the City Corporation/Pourashava which will prove that the tenderer is engaged in the trading of Education Kits (office stationery and items related to education).

• VAT Registration Certificate.

• TIN number and payment Certificate of Income Tax for the assessment year 2003-2004.

• Bank Solvency Certificate with access to credit facilities.

• Company Profile.

• Satisfactory Performance Certificate or reference from at least 2 (two) similar contract with client in last 3 (three) years.

Copy of all the above documents must be attested by Class-I Gazetted Officer. The tenderer must provide a tender guarantee (earnest money) for an amount of Tk. 84,000.00 (Taka eighty-four thousand only) in the form provided in Section-D of tender dossier in favour of the Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, PIU-PROMOTE, Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The tender in complete form will be received up to 5:00PM on 10 January, 2005 in the "tender box" kept in the Office of the Project Director, PIU-PROMOTE, House # 3, Road # 112, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

The tender will be opened in public session at 11:00AM on 11 January, 2005 in the Office of the Project Director-PIU-PROMOTE, House # 3, Road # 112, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason whatsoever. The Tender Notice will form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the contractor.

Project Director

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UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA WANTED

Applications in prescribed form obtainable from the office of the Registrar are invited from the Bangladesh nationals for filling up one permanent post of Professor in the Department of Sociology.

Pay Scale of Tk 11,700-300-13,500/-.
QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must be distinguished scholars preferably with a PhD or an equivalent degree in Sociology. They should have at least 12 (twelve) years' teaching and research experience in a University or an Institute of Advanced research. They should have original research works published in recognised research journals. Experience and performance as a teacher as well as significant contribution to different areas of university activities especially in guiding the overall educational and co-curricular activities of the students will also be treated as qualification. In special cases the condition of period of experience may be relaxed.

Eleven copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials and mark-sheets along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk 300/- (three hundred) only, payable to the Registrar, should reach him on or before 31-01-2005. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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This is for information of all concerned that telephone number of the office of the Vice-Chairman, Export Promotion Bureau, Dhaka has been changed. All concerned may kindly take note of the changes of the telephone number as under :

Old telephone number

9144897

New telephone number

8159140

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Secretary

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