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Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, a trustee of the TIB, speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday on the occasion of launching the Transparency International Bangladesh report titled 'Parliament Watch'.

34 killed by law enforcers last month

Says Odhikar report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-four people were killed by the law enforcers across the country last month, according to a report by Odhikar, a human rights organisation.

Of them, 28 people were killed in crossfire with police and two others in crossfire with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

Also, 31 people were killed while 879 others injured, 213 arrested and two abducted in political-related violence, said the report, based on the newspaper reports.

During the period, a journalist was killed in Khulna, 24 others were injured, five arrested and 36 others received death threats.

The report also revealed that 42 women and children were raped last month. Of them, nine were killed after rape. And 13 incidents of acid attacks on women took place during

the period.

In addition, 12 women were killed over dowry and 21 others tortured.

The Odhikar report also revealed that 81 children faced violence and 27 of them were killed during the period. And 12 children were raped, 14 abducted and three arrested.

Besides, five children fell victim to trafficking, seven went missing and one received acid-burns.

Medical stores demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Estate Department of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday demolished several medical stores at the passenger sheds in front of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), including some makeshift slums at Karwan Bazar.

A DCC team, led by a magistrate, bulldozed three medical stores in the sheds and makeshift fruit shops on the footpath near the emergency gate of the hospital.

Several makeshift slums at Karwan Bazar were also demolished to expand the road, said the DCC officials.

Owners of the medical stores alleged that their establishments were demolished illegally as they took the lease of three sheds for 25 years.

They also claimed that a large quantity of medicine was damaged during the drive.

Chief whip's son placed on one-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Akhter Hamid alias Paban, son of Chief Whip Khondoker Delwar Hossain, who had been arrested in connection with an attempted murder case, was placed on a one-day remand yesterday for interrogation.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shafiq Anwar rejected the bail petition placed by the defence lawyers saying their client was implicated in the case as part of conspiracy to harass him falsely, and placed Paban, 30, on a one-day remand.

The Detective Branch (DB) of police had produced Paban before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, at 1:00pm with a prayer for a three-day remand to quiz him for information about his illegal firearms and the whereabouts of his accomplices.

In the remand prayer, DB Inspector Ruhul Amin, who is also investigation officer (IO), mentioned that at about 3:00pm on February 25 Paban and his accomplices went to a fax-phone shop named 'Sim Telecom' at 136 Bangshal Road and made an altercation with the owner of the shop Mohammad Alamgir over payment of phone call. Later, Paban fired several rounds of bullet at the shop owner to kill but Alamgir managed to escape, the IO said.

A team of DB police arrested Paban from a stationery shop near his house in Armanitola on Monday at around 8:30pm.