

## JCD men run riot again

100 hurt, bomb blasts near rally at DU, 3 probe body members resign; exams postponed

DU CORRESPONDENT

Pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists ran riot on Dhaka University (DU) campus again for the second day on trot, assaulting workers of all the opposition-backed student organisations after a bomb went off near the JCD rally, wounding at least 100 yesterday.

The new assault prompted seven opposition-backed student organisations led by pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) to call a countrywide student strike for tomorrow in protest.

Witnesses said a bomb exploded at the main entrance to the Arts

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A gang of JCD members roughs up a BCL activist, second left, inside the Dhaka University Teacher-Student Centre blaming the main opposition-backed student body for a bomb blast near a JCD rally yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## 15 hurt in fire at chemicals depot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 15 people including 10 firefighters were injured, two critically, in a fire that broke out in a chemicals depot at Dayaganj in the capital yesterday.

Firefighters or the owners of the chemical company could not ascertain the origin of the fire. The depot on the ground floor of a three-storey building of Nazma Chemical Works on Jelepura Lane caught fire at around 5:30am and engulfed the adjacent buildings.

Containers full of chemicals, rubber and chemical oil exploded one after another during the incident, causing panic in the densely populated area.

Forty-eight large and 40 small drums of shoe solution and 40 containers of chemical oil were burnt, said Ruhul Amin, assistant

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## 11 killed in Pak riot

US fast food outlet torched after Shia mosque blast

AFP, Karachi

Six workers of the US fast food chain KFC died when a restaurant was torched by a mob protesting the suicide bombing of a mosque in the Pakistani city of Karachi that killed five others, police said yesterday.

Monday's attack on the minority Shiite mosque in a middle-class neighbourhood and the ensuing riots have triggered fears that a new wave of sectarian violence might spread across the volatile Islamic republic.

Four employees of the restaurant, whose outlets are often targeted during outbreaks of anti-American anger in Pakistan, burned to death while another two froze to death after hiding in the walk-in cold storage, police said.

"It was very sad scene. When we found the bodies in the freezer one of them had a cellphone in his hand with a missed call from his wife," Karachi fire brigade chief Azam Ali told AFP.

The mob went on the rampage after three attackers believed to be from a militant Sunni Muslim organisation stormed the Shiite Madinat-ul-Ilm mosque in Karachi's Gulshan district during evening prayers late Monday.

One of the assailants died in a gunbattle with police who were standing guard at the door of the building. The other blew himself up and the third sustained a serious head injury, apparently in a fall, city police chief Tariq Jamil told the news agency.

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## OC closed for highway robbery link

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Sitakunda Police Station in the district was closed on charge of involvement with highway robbery on Monday.

The OC, Quamrul Hasan, was closed and sent to the district police headquarters in Halishahar at the directive of the higher authorities following Rapid Action Battalion's (Rab) informing the police headquarters of the OC's alleged involvement with the crime.

Members of Rab-7 in Chittagong in a pre-dawn raid on Monday arrested seven highway robbers while they were hijacking two trucks loaded with 140 maunds of garment cotton and six tonnes of scrap from KSM Jute Mills area in Sitakunda upazila.

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## NARSINGDI BY-POLLS

Decision on giving AL symbol to Asad today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Main opposition Awami League (AL) leaders will sit today to decide whether it will give party election symbol to its Narsingdi unit president advocate Asaduzzaman for contesting in the Narsingdi-1 by-polls as a candidate of the opposition-backed Nagorik Committee.

Sources in the AL, however, said most leaders are in favour of its previous decision to boycott the by-polls protesting the unilateral appointment of MA Aziz as the new

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## 3 killed in 'encounters' with Rab, police

STAR REPORT

A Jubo League leader and two alleged criminals, including a robber reportedly close to a minister, were killed in three incidents of shooting involving law enforcers in Dhaka and Rajshahi yesterday.

Rab (Rapid Action Battalion) identified Abul Kalam Azad alias Sumon, 22, the Jubo League leader, as a notorious criminal.

The other two who died in yesterday's 'encounters' were Saidur Rahman, 35, and Badiuzzaman Buddu, 34.

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A Rab press release said one of their patrol teams went to road No. 4 of Block F in Bansree Project at around 3:30am on information that a gang of criminals had assembled there to commit a crime.

As soon as they reached the area, the gang opened fire on them, prompting the Rab men to return fire.

After the criminals fled the scene, the Rab team found bullet-riddled body of a criminal and a revolver loaded with two bullets.

Khilgaon, police later identified

him as Sumon alias Goaliya Sumon of East Goran, the press release said.

Sumon was the acting joint convenor of ward No 25 unit Jubo League, the youth front of the main opposition Awami League (AL).

Witnesses and Sumon's family members said Rab arrested him at a cable operator's office in Goran at around 8:30pm Monday. A local ward commissioner runs the office.

Sumon's father Abdul Hakim later found him sitting in a Rab jeep parked inside Rab-3 office at Tikatuli at about 2:30am yesterday.

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## Manmohan for better Indo-Bangla ties

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has stressed the need for bilateral cooperation between India and Bangladesh to resolve all issues between them.

Talking to foreign journalists based here in Delhi Monday evening, Singh noted that India has "emotional ties" with Bangladesh and underpinned the importance of the two countries working closely to work out a solution to all outstanding bilateral issues.

The Indian PM said he looked forward to attending the twice-

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## Rab's 'shootout' claim shrouded in questions

SHARIFUL ISLAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) claimed that Jubo League leader Abul Kalam Azad Sumon was killed in a "shootout" in Rampura early yesterday but witnesses and other sources said he was killed in Rab custody for mistaken identity.

The sources also said there were no proof of Sumon's involvement in criminal activities and his addresses mentioned in the charge-sheets of two cases were full of discrepancies that raise questions about the Rab allegation

against him.

A Rab press release dubbed Sumon as notorious "Goaliya Sumon" saying he was accused of murdering one Fazlu at Bhuiyanpara in Khilgaon and slaughtering one Belait near Goran Shahi Masjid in the same area.

But the officer-in-charge (OC) of Khilgaon Police Station told The Daily Star that there was no case against Sumon in the police station.

Sabujbagh police said "Goaliya Sumon" is accused in three cases including one for murder. The cases are 62/6/96 (murder), 20/1/97 (rape) and 21/1/97 (theft).



Abul Kalam Azad Sumon

But according to sources the killed Jubo League leader and the

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