

## CG urged to prepare fresh list of criminals

BNP-Jamaat behind August 21 grenade attack: AL

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) Joint General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said the previous BNP-Jamaat four-party alliance government was the mastermind behind the August 21 grenade attack on an AL rally that killed 24 leaders and activists of the party.

"If the former prime minister Khaleda Zia, her son Tarique Rahman, former state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar and former ministers Moudud Ahmed and Nazmul Huda are interrogated, everything will come out in the light," Quader said at a press briefing at AL's Dharmundi office last night.

The AL leader also demanded that the newly formed caretaker government prepare a fresh list of criminals and their godfathers, corrupt people and black money

holders through a proper investigation in every area of the country and arrest them.

Quader, a close aide to Hasina, also said the present list that the law enforcers are now using was prepared by the previous government and a number of people have been included in the list over political consideration.

He alleged that the previous government filed thousands of false cases against thousands of their 'innocent' leaders and activists during the period 2001-2006. He also alleged that the previous government withdrew some 70,000 cases of killing, terrorism and arson filed against the criminals.

"It would be wrong and unwise if the drive is conducted on the basis of these false cases," he said, adding that the people would appreciate this caretaker government if it takes initiatives against

the true culprits.

AL leaders Tofail Ahmed, Suranji Sengupta, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, Matia Chowdhury, Mukul Bose, Abdur Rahman, Abdul Mannan and Mostofa Jalal Mohiuddin, among others, were present at the briefing.

Quader briefed the journalists on behalf of Sheikh Hasina when family members of Patuakhali district Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader Mizanur Rahman Tuhin, who was killed allegedly by the 'BNP' carders on January 7, came to meet the AL chief at her Dharmundi office in the city.

Following the meeting with Tuhin's family, Hasina held a meeting with the leaders of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) led by its president Hasanul Haque Inu at the same venue but detail could not be known immediately.

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People foil Rab attempt to arrest ward commissioner in Barisal

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Local people foiled an attempt of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) to arrest a BNP-backed ward commissioner in Barisal town yesterday.

The incident took place in Balurmath slum area at 3:30pm when Rab members, acting on a tip-off, arrested Jaina Abedin, an alleged listed extortionist of the area, for his alleged involvement in various criminal activities.

As news of Jaina's arrest spread in the locality, hundreds of slum-dwellers encircled the law enforcers and forcibly freed him from them.

After the release, Jaina immediately went into hiding.

Later, Jaina contacted a news-paper office over mobile phone denying all allegations against him and claimed that Rab members tried to arrest him violating a court order.

**RU women's hall named after Rahmatunnessa**

### RU CORRESPONDENT

The newly constructed fifth women's dormitory of Rajshahi University (RU) has been named Rahmatunnessa Hall.

The name was finalised at a university syndicate meeting on January 10.

Earlier, the left-leaning student organisations and teachers of the university have been demanding for long for naming the hall after Ila Mitra, a legend of Nanchal Tebhaga Movement.

Many students and teachers have expressed their angry reaction over the naming of the hall.

Talking to newsmen Vice-Chancellor Prof Altaf Hossain said as the syndicate found the name of Ila Mitra as controversial, it was avoided.

He also spoke about the reasons for naming the hall after Rahmatunnessa.

"She was one of the pioneer of women movement in Rajshahi and the first women lawyer at the local bar. She was a founding member of Rajshahi University, life-long member of Red Crescent Society and a lawmaker between 1979 and 1982.

Rahmatunnessa was born in the city in 1930 and died in 2002," he added.

Prof Abdus Sobhan, convener of RU Progressive Teacher's Society backed by Awami League, said the image of the university would have increased if the hall was named after Ila Mitra.

Bangladesh Chhatra League of RU unit has demanded the renaming of the hall after Sheikh Fazlunnessa.

The syndicate meeting also decided to name the fourth arts building after Ismail Hossain Siraji.

Born in Sirajganj in 1880, Siraji was a leader of anti-British movement and fought for establishing the rights of Muslim.

He was the member of All India National Congress, Muslim League and Krishak Samity, and author of several books.

Many students however demanded the building to be named after Palli Kobi Jasim Uddin.

### Obituary



Md Shahed, son of late Alhaj Anwarullah of 28 Gour Sundar Roy Lane, Lalbagh, Dhaka, passed away due to a cardiac arrest recently, says a press release.

A social worker of Lalbagh, Shahed left behind his wife, daughter, mother and brother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

### Dr Enamul Haq

BSS, Jamalpur

Dr Enamul Haq, a valiant freedom fighter, passed away due to brain tumour at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Friday at the age of 52.

He left behind his wife, one son and a daughter to mourn his death.

He was buried at Boira in Sarishabari upazila of the district with state honour.

**DHAKA TODAY**

### BELTA workshop

BELTA will hold a workshop on English Language Teaching and Developing Reading Skills in English. Venue: British Council Auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.



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Participants at a roundtable styled 'State of the Country: State of Emergency and Imperatives' held at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday. Sitting from left are Brig Gen (Retd) Shahedul Anam Khan, Maj Gen (Retd) Amin Ahmed Chowdhury, Lt Gen (retd) M Harun-Ar-Rashid, Lt Gen (Retd) Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman, Lt Gen (Retd) Hasan Mashud Chowdhury, Maj Gen (Retd) Golam Qader, Maj Gen (Retd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim, Brig Gen (Retd) Sakhawat Husain and Joint Editor of Prothom Alo Abdul Qaiyum. Prothom Alo organised the roundtable.



PHOTO: AL

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina consoles the family members of slain Mirzaganj Chhatra League leader Mizanur Rahman Tuhin at her Dharmundi office in the city yesterday. Tuhin was killed allegedly by BNP-Jamaat cadres on January 7.

## 2 schoolboys injured in blast in Chandpur

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Two schoolboys were injured when an abandoned bomb went off on the bank of a pond near TB Clinic in Chandpur yesterday morning.

The injured are identified as Zahir Bhuiyan, son of Shahjahan Bhuiyan, and Suhed, son of Mizanur Rahman. Both of them are students of class III of Hasan Ali Government Primary School.

They were playing on the bank of the pond when they spotted an object wrapped in red tape, which looked like a tennis ball.

As Zahir picked it up and tried to remove the tape, the bomb exploded. He received serious injuries in his right hand while Shahed received minor injuries.

Zahir was rushed to Sadar Hospital.

## Cop dies under wheels of train

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police Nayek died under the wheels of an inter-city train in Tejgaon area in the city yesterday.

Abdul Gani, 50, of Mirpur 14 Riot division was hit by a Dhaka bound Tista Express while crossing the rail lines at Nakhalpara at 9:45am and died on the spot.

Government Railway Police (GRP) sent the body to Dhaka Medical College Morgue.

Police however is not sure whether it was an accident or a suicide.

### RISE IN SEAT RENT

## RU students stage demonstration

### RU CORRESPONDENT

Students of different dormitories of Rajshahi University (RU) staged a demonstration on the campus on Friday night protesting increase in seat rent of their dormitories.

Campus sources said agitating students of Modar Bux halls brought out a protest procession that paraded different halls and held a rally.

At the rally, they said they would go for a tougher movement against the university authorities and resist the attempt of the authorities to increase seat rent at any cost.

Police however did not arrest anyone.

The students too avoided any destructive activities during the demonstration, sources said.

Earlier, RU authorities have decided to increase seat rent in the 16 halls, which will be effective from January this year.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Temperature may rise

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country with chances of light rain or drizzle at one or two places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Tangail and Mymensingh in the next 24 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Light to moderate fog may also occur over the river basins during late night till morning. The prevailing cold wave may abate during the next 15 hours, Met Office said.

Night temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius, it added.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 27.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessor and the lowest of 7.2 degrees at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:37pm today and rises at 6:43am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in Celsius	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	25.6	11.2	70	51
Chittagong	26.0	12.4	79	76
Rajshahi	25.5	08.9	88	56
Khulna	26.5	11.5	93	56
Barisal	26.0	10.0	91	69
Sylhet	24.0	11.1	81	64
Cox's Bazar	27.0	13.6	73	--



PHOTO: STAR

Shahbagh Police arrested two muggers and recovered 50 cellphone sets yesterday. The cellphones were snatched from a businessman in front of the Eastern Plaza on Friday.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) leader Muzahidul Islam Selim speaks at a memorial meeting at the party office in the city yesterday marking the sixth anniversary of Paltan bomb blast.

PHOTO: STAR

## Five killed in road accidents

### STAR REPORT

Five people were killed in separate road accidents in the city and different parts of the country yesterday and Friday night.

BSS adds: A student of Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School who was injured in a road accident on Friday night died at a city hospital yesterday morning.

He left behind his wife, one son and a daughter to mourn his death.

He was buried at Boira in Sarishabari upazila of the district with state honour.

The accident took place when he along with his friends was returning home after attending the wedding reception of his elder brother Flight Lieutenant Ishtiaque Ahmed Chowdhury.

Our correspondent in Gaibandha reports: Two people were killed and five others injured in separate road accidents in Sadullapur and Sunderganj upazila yesterday.

He was identified as Humayun Kabir Mithu, 60, of Iqbalnagar Mosque Lane of the city. According to witnesses, a Dhaka-bound bus ran over him while he was crossing the road.

Angry mob damaged the bus belonging to Doel Paribahan and caught driver Habibur Rahman, 35. He was handed over to the police.

A case was filed with Sadar Police Station.

Our correspondent in Manikganj reports: A cattle trader was killed in a collision between two trucks at Uthuli-Patua point on Dhaka-Aricha highway at around 3:00am yesterday.

The victim was identified as Shahjahan Mia. Two separate cases were filed.

Our staff correspondent in Khulna adds: A freedom fighter was killed in a road accident at about 10:30pm on Friday near a police box at Mollapota intersection in the city.

Three others traders were also injured in the accident that took place at around 3:00am. They were rushed to Uthuli Health Complex.

Nine cows were also killed in the accident as one of the trucks was carrying cows to Dhaka from Meherpur.

Meanwhile, BNP leader and UP chairman Gafur Molla of Batiaghata upazila of Khulna district was sent to court yesterday being shown arrested under Section 54.

An accused of 35 criminal cases, including six for murders, the UP chairman was arrested from his house at Batiaghata upazila on Friday morning.

## Six robbers arrested in Khulna

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police arrested six robbers from Labonchora area under Khulna Sadar Police Station yesterday morning.

The arrestees were identified as Tuku Mallick, Feroze Hossain, Halim Shaikh, Faruque Hossain, Kabir Hossain and Moksed Ali.