

BSF guns down Bangladeshi farmer

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Border Security Force (BSF) of India shot dead a Bangladeshi farmer on Beurjhari border under Baliadangi upazila of Thakurgaon district yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Nur Hossain, 30, son of Bardukh Hossain of Moralhata village under the upazila.

BDR sources said the BSF troops of Charkai camp opened fire when Nur Hossain along with other farmers was working on croplands near pillar no 380. Nur Hossain died on the spot.

The BSF personnel took away the body and did not return as of 6:00pm yesterday.

BDR officials of 20 Rifles Battalion, Thakurgaon, strongly protested the killing and asked the BSF authorities to hand over the body through a flag meeting.

Arrests of Quader, Mohiuddin demoralise AL leaders

Hasina calls Quader 'clean', protests being 'lumped together with thieves'

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Leaders of Awami League (AL) have become frustrated by the recent arrests of some of their party colleagues including the party's Joint General Secretary Obaidul Quader, and Chittagong City Corporation Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

Out of frustration no party leader visited AL President Sheikh Hasina's Sudha Sadan residence, AL's central office on Bangabandhu Avenue, and Hasina's political office in Dhanmondi following the caretaker government's ban on 'indoor politics'.

Earlier, Hasina instructed her party leaders at a central working committee meeting to come to the offices regularly to have internal discussions in a bid to bring reforms in the party.

About the arrest of Quader, the AL chief told reporters at Birdem Hospital in the capital that Quader is a 'clean man but unfortunately he has been lumped together with the thieves'.

"I have no grief for the ban on politics, but my sorrow is that we have been lumped together with the thieves," said Hasina while visiting her party's ailing Presidium Member Zillur Rahman in a city hospital where he had been admitted on Wednesday.

The frustrated leaders including some presidium members kept their cellphones switched off till filing of this report at 7:30pm yesterday. While trying to contact AL presidium members Abdur Razzak, Tofail Ahmed and Suranjit Sengupta, their cellphones were found to be switched off.

But AL Presidium Member Kazi Zafarullah told The Daily Star yesterday that they are closely observing the present situation when the present caretaker government slapped a ban on 'indoor politics'.

"We are observing the situation and trying to understand the context," said the AL leader adding that senior leaders of the party will talk to the party chief on the current situation today.

About the arrests of Quader and Mohiuddin, he said it was not right to arrest the two AL leaders without specific charges. "As we support

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37 more deer rescued in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

The joint forces rescued 37 deer from the possession of a BNP leader and two businessmen at Sahebganj under Rangpur Sadar thana and two places of Haragachh municipality under Kaunia upazila on Thursday night.

Raiding the National Tobacco at Sahebganj on Thursday night, the joint forces rescued nine deer from the factory owned by BNP district unit President Rahim Uddin Bharsa.

The joint forces rescued 17 deer from the house of Mofazzal Hosen at Sarai Bazar under Haragachh municipality. Mofazzal Hosen is the owner of Horin Bidi Factory.

The forces also rescued 11 deer

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Reared without permission from the authorities, these deer were rescued from the house of Ershadul Hoque, a businessman in Haragachh municipality, Rangpur, yesterday.

Two kids injured in Kamalapur fire die at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two minor siblings, severely injured in Thursday's fire at their house at Kamalapur in the capital, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) early yesterday.

The deceased are Surjo, 2, and Chad, 5. Their father Sohrab Sarder, an employee of an optics shop at Fakirapool, also received burn injury while trying to save his sons.

Keeping the children in his tin-roofed bamboo-fenced house on the rooftop of a two-storey building on Jasim Uddin road in Kamalapur, he went to buy tea from a nearby tea

stall, Sohrab said. His wife Hosnara had been to her workplace at that time.

While returning, he saw fire in the rooftop that soon spread through the building.

He rushed to find his wards severely burnt and took them to the DMCH.

Sohrab returned to his house to collect money and when he entered the building, Sayed and his companions beat up Sohrab, holding him responsible for the fire, he said.

Hosnara demanded Sayed's trial for beating her husband.

'EVM will make voting process easy, reliable'

Demonstration held at seminar

DU CORRESPONDENT

changes and add-ups, he said.

"Rechargeable battery-run EVM does not bring any radical change in the traditional voting system. Keeping the main voting structure unchanged, it introduces 'vote switch' system instead of using seal," Prof Kabir said.

The machine comprises four units -- ballot, control, display, and battery units.

The ballot unit contains the candidates' names and their electoral symbols with separate buttons below them.

After getting green signal from

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Holiday market on the road adjacent to the GPO in the capital gets busy with a large number of sellers and buyers yesterday.

Film artiste Rosy passes away

BSS, Dhaka

Noted film artiste Rosy Afsari died of kidney failure at Birdem Hospital in the city at 4:30 pm yesterday. She was 60.

Family sources said she was suffering from kidney disease for the last four years.

The first Namaz-e-Janaza of Rosy Afsari, wife of filmmaker Malek Afsari, will be held at 11:00am today at Purana Paltan while the second one at 12:15 pm at Film Development Corporation (FDC).

Later, she will be buried at

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ICC WORLD CUP 07 Tigers cruise to victory

AFP, Bridgetown

Bangladesh sent Scotland spinning to a seven-wicket defeat in a World Cup warm-up here on Thursday to make it two wins out of two after their stunning dismissal of New Zealand.

Scotland made a paltry 152-9 off their 50 overs at the 3Ws Oval before Bangladesh stormed to victory with the best part of 16 overs left thanks to an unbeaten 57 from skipper Habibul Bashar.

Seamers John Blain and Paul Hoffman dismissed Bangladesh openers Tamim Iqbal (7) and the highly-rated Shahriar Nafees (0) respectively but Habibul and Sakib Al Hasan (45) laid the groundwork for the Asian side.

Sakib fell to a catch by Neil McCullum off Dougie Brown with the total at 108 leaving his skipper and Mohammad Ashraful (23 not out) to see Bangladesh to a comfortable win.

Habibul's 57 was made off 76 balls and featured five fours.

Scotland had made a solid start to their innings reaching 73-2 with Navdeep Poonia (32) and Fraser Watts (28) showing some form.

But both were undone by slow

left-armers Abdur Razzak (3-25) and Mohammad Rafique (2-16).

It was the second match in succession in which Razzak had caught the eye after he snared four wickets in the two-wicket win over New Zealand on Tuesday.

Bangladesh now head to Trinidad for their Group B matches against India, Sri Lanka and Bermuda while Scotland go to St Kitts for Group A games against defending champions Australia, South Africa and the Netherlands.

Manipur rebels kill 6, injure 18

AFP, Guwahati

Five people were shot dead in a bakery and another person killed by a bomb in separate late night attacks by militants in India's restive northeast, officials said yesterday.

Gunmen burst into the bakery in a village 40 kilometres south of Imphal, capital of the tiny state of Manipur, late Thursday.

"The unidentified militants entered the bakery and fired indiscriminately on a group of workers killing five on the spot," police official A. Singh told AFP by telephone.

"Investigations are on and security forces have since launched a hunt to nab the rebels," the police official said.

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Prayer Timing		
March 10		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-05	5-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-12	6-15
Esha	7-30	8-00
Source: Islamic Foundation		