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Five university teachers remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Courts in Dhaka and Rajshahi yesterday placed on remand the five university teachers picked up early Friday at their campus homes on charges of breaching the emergency power rules.

General Secretary of Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) Prof Anwar Hossain and DU Social Science Dean Prof Harun-or-Rashid each were remanded in custody for four days in a case filed by the police for making provocative and anti-state statements.

In Rajshahi, former Rajshahi University (RU) vice-chancellor Prof Saïdur Rahman, Convener of RU Progressive Teachers Society Prof Abdus Sobhan and management professor Moloy Kumar Bhowmik were put on a 10-day remand each.

The three were shown arrested under section 16(2) while Anwar and Harun under section 3 (4) of the Emergency Power Rules (EPR), 2007.

None of their names was in the first information report (FIR).

According to the emergency rules, processions, rallies and protests are banned during the state of emergency to maintain security of the state or people or discipline. However, any procession or rally can be organised for religious, social, state or government purposes.

Violators will be sentenced to a

The detained Dhaka University teachers are being taken to a Dhaka court yesterday.



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maximum of five years' and a minimum of two years' rigorous imprisonment, plus fine.

Shahbagh police produced the DU professors before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka at around 2:15pm. They petitioned the court to order for the two to be remanded for 10 days.

Granting the remand for four days, the court directed the investigation officer (IO) to exercise caution while grilling the educators. It also asked the police to take prompt measures for treatment if necessary during the remand

period. In two petitions, the defence lawyers sought court orders for carrying out medical tests of the detainees in line with a High Court observation asking to determine if the person to be grilled is fit.

The counsels also told the court that the two were tortured mentally and physically after being hauled in.

Both Harun and Anwar stood in the dock with a long face in the jam-packed courtroom while their wives and children looked worried. In his submission, Mahubey

Alam said it is unfortunate that those who have dedicated themselves to moulding the students into nation-builders have been arrested.

In no way were they involved in the incidents mentioned and the court should not place them on remand, he contended.

Security personnel whisked the two off to unspecified places for interrogation after picking them up at their residences on the Fuller Road. The families were completely in the dark till the senior

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Move to form panels for mayoral jobs

UNB, Dhaka

The Council of Advisers yesterday approved six separate draft ordinances for the country's six city corporations with provisions for forming a three-member panel of mayors in each corporation and remuneration of the ward commissioners.

One female commissioner will be included in the panel that will carry out mayoral responsibilities in absence of the mayor.

Chaired by Chief Adviser (CA) Fakhruddin Ahmed, the council in its weekly meeting gave approval to the new ordinances, which will be made into laws through presidential ordinances.

The ordinance amends the existing Act or Ordinances of the six city corporations.

The meeting also approved the Pesticide (Amendment) Ordinance 2007, aiming to prevent misuse of agricultural pesticides.

In the new ordinance the existing various fines have been increased from Tk 1,000 in one slab to Tk 20,000, from Tk 2,500 to Tk 25,000, while Tk 3,000 to Tk 50,000.

The council was apprised that Tk 32 crore from Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund was allocated for reconstruction of houses damaged by the floods.

Earlier, Tk 18 crore was allocated from the CA's fund for the flood-affected districts in aid of the flood victims.

The meeting was informed about the latest situation of food stock, its procurement and supply

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Design to destabilise country foiled

Moeen says crores of taka poured in to instigate vandalism

UNB, Shariatpur

Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed yesterday said an evil force wanted to destabilise the situation of the country but its design was foiled.

"An evil force taking the cue of a trifle incident on the Dhaka University campus on August 20 wanted to create anarchy in the country. Within 24 hours, they poured in crores of taka to instigate vandalism on the street."

"But the design could not succeed as we were vigilant. Their plan to destabilise the situation and



Moeen U Ahmed

undermine the government has been foiled," said Gen Moeen justifying the imposition of curfew on Wednesday night in Dhaka and five other cities.

The intelligence agencies are investigating to find out the evil force engaged in creating anarchy and undermining the image of the government, he added.

The army chief, who flew in here yesterday, was talking to a cross section of people at Shariatpur Circuit House at noon.

Earlier, he visited the relief centre at Water Development

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Life turns normal as curfew relaxed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The capital experienced almost a normal life yesterday as the government suspended the curfew for 17 hours starting at 6:00am.

Hundreds of people came onto streets and went to markets to start again their daily activities, but government offices were closed because it was a weekly holiday.

The city markets got their regular bustle back. A large number of shoppers were seen in the markets as city residents flocked there to make sure they have enough provisions for the days to come.

Many people gathered at banks to draw money as they appre-

hended the curfew, which would resume at 11:00pm, might continue for the next couple of days with similar breaks.

Many schools also opened but most of the students were absent due to a sense of uncertainty, while all universities and colleges were closed as the government had shut those down in six divisional cities until further notice.

Traffic situation was also normal in the city. Vehicles were seen on the streets. Inter-district buses also operated from the city's Gabtoli, Sayedabad and Gulistan bus terminals, but no bus left the city for any divisional head

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No curfew from 5am to 11pm today

UNB, Dhaka

The government has further relaxed curfew in the six divisional cities, including Dhaka metropolis.

According to an official announcement last night, there will be no curfew in the six divisional cities, including Dhaka Metropolitan city, from 5:00am to 11:00pm today.

The government had declared indefinite curfew from 8 on Wednesday night in the wake of student violence.

Notice

Star Campus magazine has not been published today due to unavoidable circumstances. It will come out on Wednesday.

HSC results today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations, 2007 under seven education boards, Alim, Fazil and Kamil examinations under Madrasa Education Board and HSC-Business Management under Technical Education Board will be published today at 4:00pm.

The results of Diploma in Business Studies and Diploma in Commerce under Dhaka Education Board will also be published simultaneously, said a handout yesterday.

Examinees have been asked to collect their results from their

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13 firearms seized in Cox's Bazar

BSS, Cox's Bazar

Navy personnel in separate drives recovered 13 firearms from Moheshkhali yesterday and on Friday.

The firearms included ten rifles and three light guns.

Police said a team, led by Commander Azharul Islam Khan, recovered five firearms from Kalamarchhara hill area at Moheshkhali on Friday night. No one was arrested during the drive.

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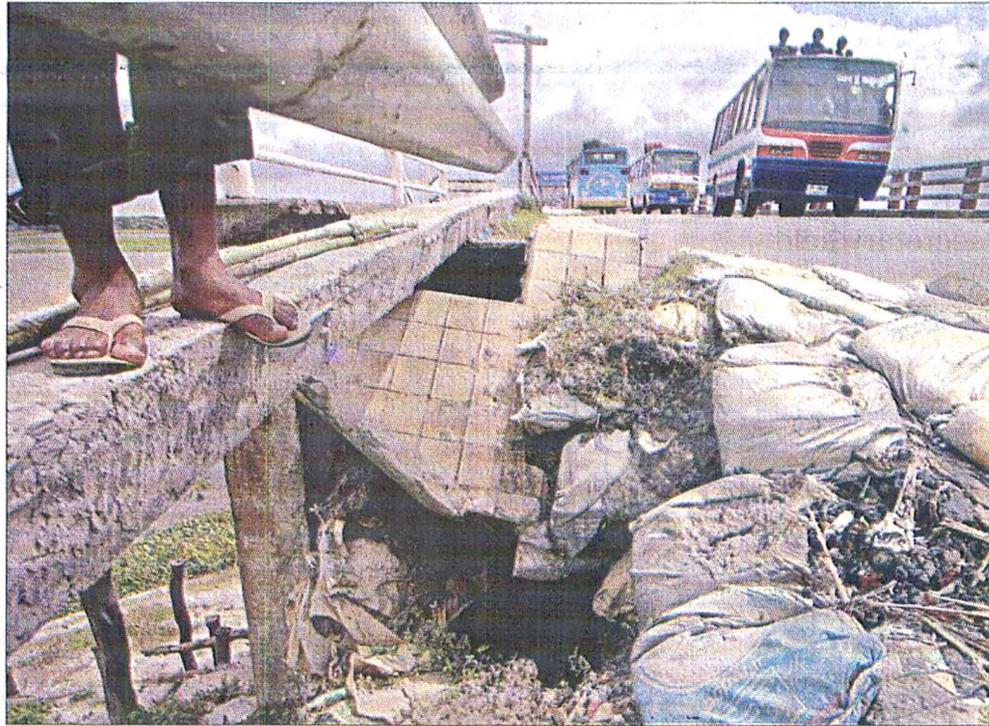


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Soil moves from under the second Dhaleswari bridge on Dhaka-Mawa highway posing a threat. Roads and Highways Department uses sandbags to protect the bridge.

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Twin blasts in India kill 34

Govt suspects 'terror attack'

AFP, Hyderabad

Two near-simultaneous blasts tore through the Indian city of Hyderabad yesterday, killing at least 34 people in what a senior state official said was a suspected terror attack.

One explosion ripped through an auditorium in a park where a laser show was underway. Another blast rocked an outdoor eatery in a congested area elsewhere in the southern city.

"Twenty-eight people are dead," Chandrashekar Reddy, the spokesman for the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state, told AFP.

"The chief minister suspects terrorist activity," Reddy said, adding that a "red alert" had been declared across Hyderabad, one of India's most developed cities and an emerging software hub.

It was not immediately clear who might be responsible for the blasts, and police immediately evacuated the areas where the

explosions occurred. Television footage showed a body crumpled under an auditorium seat at the laser show and the injured being rushed to hospital in three-wheel scooters.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh condemned the blasts in Hyderabad, which is the capital of Andhra Pradesh state, and expressed his deep concern, the Press Trust of India reported.

In May 11 people were killed in a bombing at the city's famed 17th-century Mecca Mosque, although police have still not named any group or individual as suspects.

Ten days ago, when India was celebrating the 60th anniversary on August 15 of its independence, authorities stepped up security across the country after new threats by Al-Qaeda and separatist rebels.

Govt says nobody to be held without specific allegation

60,700 unknown persons sued so far

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers sued 60,700 unknown people for their alleged involvement in the violent protests following the Monday incidents of Dhaka University (DU) campus while a home ministry press release yesterday said nobody would be arrested or harassed without specific allegations or evidence.

The government yesterday formed a one-member judicial inquiry committee to probe incidents on DU premises. The committee led by retired High Court judge Justice Mohammad Habibur

Rahman Khan is supposed to submit its report within 15 working days.

Although thousands of people were implicated in 28 cases filed with eleven police stations for their involvement in the protests in different parts of the city, only 18 people were named in the first information report and 17 were arrested, said sources.

The matter of filing the cases against a large number of people was discussed in the advisory council meeting and consequently the home ministry in a press release yesterday said, "The gov-

ernment wants to categorically mention that nobody will be arrested or harassed without specific allegation and evidence."

"If allegation against anyone is not proved, he will surely be released," it said.

The press release said that the government regrets the unwanted incidents that newsmen had to endure in different places after enforcement of the curfew. The government also pledges to take necessary steps to stop their recurrence, it said.

Of the cases, six were filed with

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Taiwan Machinery Trade Meeting

Date : 27 August, 2007 (Monday)
Time : 10:00 a.m. ~ 06:00 p.m.
Venue : Marble Room, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel

The delegation comprise 12 members, including the manufacturers of the following items:

- Machinery for Packaging, Flexographic Printing, Bag Making, PP/PE Monofilament making, T-Shirt Bag, Plastic Waste Recycling, HDPE/LDPE/LLDPE Blown Film
- Machinery for Auto Flat Screen Printing, Screen Printing, Squeegee Washing, Oval Printing for Sock & piece cloth & glove Printing
- Machine for Center less Grinding, Cylindrical Grinding, Internal Grinding
- Machine for Plastic Injection Molding (TPU/EVA/TPR/PVC), Rubber Foaming Molding, Plastic Extrusion Molding (TR/Non-Forming PVC)
- Machine for Vertical High Speed Cutting, Vertical Milling, CNC Machining Center, CNC Lathe, Special Purpose Machinery
- CNC Spring Coiling Machine, CNC Spring Former, Spring End Grinder
- Flexible/Rigid PVC Sheet & PVC Leather Making Machinery, Sponge Leather Making Equipment, Dry & Wet Processing PU and PVC Synthetic Making Equipment, Automatic Screen Printing Machine
- Turbo Belt, Flat Turbo Belt, Turbo Matic, Nir Product Line, Hot Air Circulate, Turbo Steam, Turbo Jet, Turbo Frost, All Kinds of Conveyor
- Gears for Parts, Gear Reducer

You are cordially invited to Join this Trade Meeting



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