

KILLING OF DR TUTUL IN 'CROSSFIRE'

Security beefed up in northern dists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Security has been beefed up at all vulnerable points and important installations in five northern districts, including Rajshahi, in the wake of the killing of Dr Tutul, chief of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (red flag), in 'crossfire' between the police and his accomplices in Naogaon.

All police stations, outposts and camps in the division have been put on high alert, sources in Rajshahi divisional police said yesterday.

The sources said that the operations of outlawed parties see Tutul's death as a blow to their two decade-old underground struggle for socialism.

The law-enforcement agencies, including the Rapid Action Battalion

(Rab), have also intensified their combing operations to track down the listed outlawed party operatives.

Tutul, a physician-turned-outlaw, was also known by the names 'Rafiqu', 'Masum', 'Masud', 'Milon' and 'Dabba'. He was killed in 'crossfire' between the police and his comrades in Raminagar upazila of Naogaon early on Friday night.

According to the police, Tutul had unleashed a reign of terror in Rajshahi division and in many southern districts by killing a number of politicians and policemen.

Our correspondent from Jhinaidah adds: Namaz-e-Janaza for Tutul was held on the Court Madrasa premises and at Kotchandpur yesterday morning and he was buried in his home village at Elangi amid tight security.

Many unknown people, even some from Dhaka and from across the country, attended his Janaza.

Sripur mayoral aspirants pledge no tax without meeting major demands

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Three mayoral aspirants for Sripur municipality yesterday pledged that they would not take any tax from the citizens without fulfilling their major expectations and demands.

They also promised to make the municipality a public welfare institution and free from drugs.

The candidates made the commitments at a face-to-face election dialogue at Sripur Model High School auditorium in Gazipur on Sunday.

Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) organised the dialogue in collaboration with the daily Prothom Alo, The Daily Star and

Channeli.

At the programme, three out of five mayoral aspirants signed a 13-point agreement in front of the citizens.

Points in the agreement include working for a free and fair election, making the municipality effective and free from corruption, working for establishing citizens' basic rights, giving wealth statements of their own and family every year, announcing open budget on the basis of local planning, saving environment and ensuring transparency and accountability of their activities.

The candidates are Nurul Islam, general secretary of Gazipur district Jatiya Party, Sheikh Nazrul

Call to raise awareness about dengue

106 admitted to hospitals since July 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a meeting yesterday underscored the need for creating awareness among mass people to keep their houses clean in order to reduce the number of dengue cases in the city.

"To save the people from dengue it is very important to build awareness in every sector, including at school, college and university levels," said Prof Nazrul Islam, chairman of University Grants Commission, at the advisory committee meeting on dengue held at Nagar Bhavan.

Chief Health Officer of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Shawkat Ali said a total of 106 dengue patients have been admitted to different hospitals and clinics in the city since July 1 till yesterday.

Popular writer Imdadul Haque Milon said due to awareness programme taken over the last six years, the number of casualties that was 93 in 2000, came down to zero in the last two years.

In the last six years people of different big cities, including Dhaka became aware of dengue due to awareness campaigns, said Milon who is involved with the awareness campaign of DCC along with many other prominent citizens since 2002.

Chairman of Gonoshasthaya

Kendra Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury said DCC should take actions against those who keep their home unclean.

DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka said it is not possible for the DCC cleaners to clean each house and its premises, as they do not have access.

People have to clean their houses themselves, he added.

He said although in different modern cities at least two cleaners work against 1000 people, Dhaka city has only 750 cleaners against over one crore people which should at least be 20,000.

"It is possible to keep the city clean if we get proper fund and manpower to cover the huge areas," he said.

Ward commissioner ATM Mostafa Badsha suggested involving different local organisations in a ward to clean the premises of different houses.

Ward commissioner Rabeya Alami said a meeting was held at Uttara Model High School recently to create awareness among the students and local people and this kind of programmes should be organised in every school and college.

Chief Executive Officer of DCC Md Alauddin apprised the meeting of the initiatives they had taken to create awareness, including distribution of posters and leaflets.



Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members arrested a person with an antique statue made of black stone during a raid on Akmal Ali Road area in Chittagong city yesterday.

Relief Int'l-Schools Online signs MoU with D. Net

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Relief International-Schools Online (RI-SOL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with D. Net (Development Research Network) recently to implement the Global Connection and Exchange Programme through 20 school-based Computer Learning Centres (CLC) in rural areas, says a press release.

RI-SOL will support D. Net to connect the 20 CLCs to the Internet. This co-operation will also focus on educational activities including online-based collaborative projects coordinated centrally by RI-SOL Dhaka and USA office, Teacher Professional Development (TPD) training, ICT Youth Leadership training, Technology Volunteer Corps training and international teachers and students exchange.

This agreement marks a significant leap for RI-SOL in connecting rural schools to the information super highway.

D. Net is a not-for-profit research institution which envisages to use Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for economic development of Bangladesh. RI-SOL is a USA-based non-profit organisation working in Bangladesh since 2005 to promote the use and integration of ICT in education and development.

Stop extrajudicial killings: CPB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) has urged the government to stop extrajudicial killings in the name of crossfire.

In a statement yesterday, CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim expressed concern over the rise in incidents of extrajudicial killings.

They said that during the BNP-Jamaat regime, many extrajudicial killings took place with the same excuse of 'exchanging fire during arms recovery operation'.

"Though the number of such incidents declined at the beginning of this government, it has gone up again at an alarming rate," they added.

The CPB leaders also said every people have the right to self-defence in courts.

Deal to provide tele-health services

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Japan Bangladesh Friendship Medical Services Limited and Teletalk Bangladesh Limited have signed a deal yesterday to provide round-the-clock tele-health services to the Teletalk subscribers.

The subscribers would enjoy tele-health services by dialling 10600 from the Teletalk numbers. Furthermore, courtesy of the deal, they would be able to make appointments with the physicians and get ambulance service, on call doctor, on call pathology, on call nursing and on call physiotherapy services.

Chairman of Japan Bangladesh Friendship Medical Services Limited Dr Jonayed Shafiq, its Managing Director Dr Sardar A Naini and Managing Director of Teletalk Bangladesh Limited Mujibur Rahman were present at the agreement signing ceremony at a city hotel.

Postage Stamp Day today

BSS, Dhaka

The postal department decided to observe the first Postage Stamp Day today, marking the release of the first postage stamp 37 years ago.

The Mujib Nagar government released a set of eight postage stamps on July 29 in 1971, which had played an important role in creating opinion in favour of the Liberation War.

Zafar Ullah Khan said the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) fell from 6.4 in mid 1970s to 3 in 2004 and population growth rate declined from 3



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Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman speaks at the first high-level meeting on gas and power crises at Chittagong Circuit House in the port city yesterday. (Story on Page 16)

Build capacity of instts, professionals to achieve ICPD goals, MDGs

Speakers tell meeting

BSS, Dhaka

percent to less than 1.5 percent in same period.

He said Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) has increased to 58 percent in 2004 from 48 percent in 1994 with increasing use of modern methods.

The health secretary said, "We sincerely look forward to strengthen our partnership and expand our united efforts to achieve tangible and sustainable development in the field of reproductive health services and rights, family planning and population in

developing countries."

Harry Joosey said, "Global warming, environmental degradation, rising food crisis, increasing displaced population, and an ever increasing erosion of the purchasing power worldwide, with prices of fuel escalating day by day are all interconnected and likely to affect the very existence of human species on earth, if we do not act responsibly now."

He said no regional, continental or global problem could be solved, unless there is a concerted efforts

and partnership building among nations.

Pornchai Suchitta said well functioning national and local institutions are key to ongoing societal, economic and human development.

He said by developing capacities on this scale, countries could create a strong foundation for achieving International Conference for the Population and Development (ICPD) goals and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



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