

Law, order situation under control

Says Rab DG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Director General (DG) of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) Hassan Mahmood Khandker yesterday said the overall law and order situation in the country is under control but there is no scope for complacency.

"The activities of the religious militants and outlawed party members in the southwestern zone are now under our control as well as the law and order situation," he said while exchanging views with the journalists at Rab headquarters in the city.

He said Rab had identified how many groups of outlawed outfits are active and also the people involved in the process. But he refused to disclose the number of the groups and their members.

Commander SMAK Azad, chief of legal and media wing of Rab, said a total of 603 people were killed under Rab custody. Of them, 577 people were killed in 472 incidents of gunfights. Among the killed, there were 180 were topnotch criminals.

Among the arrestees, 641 are members of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and 64 are members of other militant organisations.

Besides, punitive measures were taken against a total of 756 Rab members for their involvement in illegal activities.

PALTAN INCIDENT Legal action to be taken for excesses by cops

UNB, Dhaka

The government will take legal actions against any excesses by members of the law enforcement agencies during Wednesday's protest programme of the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports in the city's Paltan area.

A Home Ministry press release on Thursday mentioned that Prof Anu

Muhammad and some other leaders and activists of the committee were injured during a clash with police at Bijoy Nagar on Wednesday afternoon. It termed the incident "unwarranted and unfortunate".

Over 30 people, including 12 policemen, were injured when police swooped on the activists of the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports as they were proceeding towards the Petrobangla headquarters to protest offshore gas-block leasing to foreign firms.

Mobile co staff shot, robbed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A sales representative of a private mobile operator sustained bullet injuries yesterday when muggers opened fire and snatched Tk 2.7 lakh and pre-paid cards worth Tk 80,000 from him in Tongi area on the outskirts of the capital.

Rubel Haque, 27, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bullet wound in his head. His condition was stated to be critical.

Tongi police said, a gang of armed muggers swooped on Rubel and two other staff of Banglalink around 1:30pm when they were collecting money from dealers at Modhumati road. The gang fired four bullets on them.

Supply drinking water from Dhaleswari, Padma

JS body asks Wasa

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary standing committee yesterday asked Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) to take measures to bring and treat water of Dhaleswari and Padma rivers for distribution among the city dwellers who have been suffering from acute shortage of drinking water.

The committee on public undertakings also asked the state-run utility service provider for proper testing of drinking water from modern laboratory instead of testing it from the laboratory of the Department of Public Health and Engineering as its laboratory is not a standard one.

"The committee today came to know that Wasa cannot ensure drinking water for more than 80 percent people of greater Dhaka and cannot provide sewerage facilities to most of the city dwellers. Then what is the justification of its existence?" asked Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, chairman of the committee, while talking to reporters after a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

"There are some serious inconsistencies in Wasa's activities and its accounts," said Alamgir, a ruling Awami League lawmaker.

He said the committee has asked for reconstituting the board of directors of the state-run organisation to bring dynamism in its activities.

"Wasa's ability to provide water to low-income and slum people is very limited. Its activities in removing waterlogging in the city is also not enough," commented the

committee chief.

Besides, Wasa had built overhead water tanks at different areas in the capital which have been proved technically dysfunctional, he said.

The committee has asked Wasa to find out the persons behind the building of those overhead water tanks and take actions against them, said Alamgir.

"We have asked Wasa officials to take measures on a priority basis to ensure drink-

ing water and sewerage facilities for low-income and slum people. If needed, it can set up tubewells to ensure drinking water for them," he added.

The committee also termed Wasa's bottled water project 'Shanti' unnecessary as it involved illogical and huge expenditure.

"The bottled water project should not be a priority one when it cannot ensure drinking water for a large number of city dwellers," Alamgir added.

IN MEMORIAM

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Sales executive dies in city road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A sales executive of a private firm was killed in a road accident at Kalyanpur in the city yesterday.

The dead was identified as Alamgir Hossain, 43, sales executive of Tistom Electronic Limited of Kalyanpur branch.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when a Mirpur-bound bus from Gulistan hit the bicycle of Alamgir when he was heading towards Darussalam from Kalyanpur around 10:00am.

Local people put up barricade on the Mirpur road for over one and half hours following the death of Alamgir, causing severe traffic congestion on the road and the adjacent areas.

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