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DACOITY, GANG RAPE Two Jubo League men remanded

A CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Two Jubo League workers arrested on Friday night in connection with dacoity and gang rape of a teenage girl at Morakia village of the district were taken on a three-day remand yesterday.

Dhanshalik union Jubo League president Zahirul Islam, 26, and its worker Hedayet Ullah, 32, were produced before the court yesterday seeking a five-day remand. The court granted three days' remand for the two accused.

Kabirhat police and local sources said a dacoity was committed at the house of a Jubo Dal worker in the village on the night of November 16.

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Traffic goes haywire

Lack of awareness and respect for law, out of order signal lights fail automated system initiative on first day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The city dwellers suffered increased traffic mess on the first day of using automated light signals due to people's lack of awareness, their tendency to break it and the system's failure to work in sync.

Moreover, traffic signals at several intersections were found out of order while Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) stopped manual control from yesterday.

The existing automated traffic signals will not be effective unless they are synchronised and traffic infrastructures are enhanced, said a traffic department engineer of Dhaka City Corporation preferring anonymity.

Rezaul Khan, a Kalabagan resident, had to wait for 50 minutes yesterday in front of city's Square Hospital on Panthapath due to faulty signal and congestion at Russel Square.

"A signal light remained red for 21 minutes

and then the on-duty traffic police had to override it," said Khan.

Sheikh Enamul Hasan of Mughda got stuck in the traffic jam on the Khilgaon flyover along with his class-VIII student son, who was on way to attend final examination at Willes Little Flower School in Kakrail, and at one stage Enam had to ask his son to go on foot.

A daily commuter from Uttara section-14, Syed Hasan said he had to spend around two and a half hours to reach Karwan Bazar yesterday though it usually takes him less than an hour.

"I had to wait in the traffic gridlocks at Khilkhet, Natun Bazar, Banani and all the way from Mohakhali to Karwan Bazar," said Hasan.

The DMP on Saturday decided that they would switch from old-school manual control to traffic light signals to ease traffic congestion in the capital.

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Traffic flow heading for Phulbaria can't move forward despite a green signal at the city's Zero Point yesterday as vehicles from the left are still entering the intersection violating a red light.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

Confusion over BNP council

Top leaders blame ruling party interference; grassroots leaders say most units unprepared

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The doubt over BNP council in time continues to get stronger, with top leaders going on record with a claim of ruling party threat and grassroots leaders confiding most units just unprepared.

BNP has alleged the administration and ruling party activists are creating obstacles to holding of party (BNP) councils across the country.

But other sources in the party said suggestions are coming from grassroots level party units to defer the national council since most of the units are yet to hold their councils.

However, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, office secretary of the main opposition party, yesterday insisted that the council must go on.

"The national council of BNP will be held on December 8 regardless of conspiracies being hatched to thwart it," he said.

Speaking at a press briefing held at the party central office, he said they will make the grassroots level party councils a success ignoring all obstacles.

"Councils will be held at alternative venues if the administration imposes section 144 in any area in the country," said Rizvi, also convener of office and communications sub-committee

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Separated twins beat the odds

Parents offered to see daughters

STAR REPORT

Bangladeshi conjoined twins Trishna and Krishna appeared yesterday to have beaten the odds with their miracle story of survival, both awaking from landmark separation surgery happy and well, reports AFP from Melbourne.

As they faced the prospect of looking at each other face-to-face for the first time, the successful separation of the two-year-olds who were born joined at the head has been hailed as a medical triumph.

Their guardian Moira Kelly, who has cared for the girls since their arrival in Australia two years ago, said it was hoped that the children's cots could be brought together soon so they could touch each other.

"They're too weak to look at each other, they're too sleepy so we're not there for that yet, but we're early days and you know, take it day by day," said Kelly, from the Children First Foundation charity.

Krishna and Trishna, who turn three next month, were separated by a 16-member medical team on Tuesday and are recovering slowly from the 32-hour marathon surgery at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

Trishna woke up on Thursday but Krishna, the weaker of the pair, emerged fully from the medically induced coma on Saturday. Both appear to be neurologically sound.

Meanwhile, Lovely and Kartik Mallick, the biological parents

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Govt alert to foil any bid to attack PM

Says Sahara

UNB, Dhaka

Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday reassured that the government is alert so that 'no hyena' can attack Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Hasina came under attack 19 times after 1975 but no political killing would be allowed to be staged in the country in future, she said.

She made the remarks to

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Twin blasts rock Assam: 7 killed

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Guwahati

Two powerful explosions shook Nalbari town in Assam yesterday, killing seven people and wounding at least 55, officials said. A security alert has been sounded in the state.

The blasts took place in a span of about 20 minutes. Nalbari is about 70 km west of Assam's main city Guwahati.

"Seven people were killed and 55 injured in the explosions," a senior police official said.

Police had earlier said there were three explosions. They later said there were just two blasts and the third explosion was that of firecrackers going off in a nearby locality.

The first blast occurred around 10 am just outside the Nalbari police station and the second about 20 meters away

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BCL men beat up reporter, Shibir leader

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists of Dhaka University (DU) beat up a reporter and also its student in presence of police yesterday for taking photo of a beaten Islami Chhatra Shibir leader.

Witnesses said some 20-25 BCL men swooped on Saiful Islam, university correspondent of the news agency UNB

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Bangla may be used in net domain name

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (Icann) has agreed in principle to include Bangla as one of the languages to be used in top-level domain name, said a parliamentary committee yesterday.

"When I recently met Icann CEO Rod Beckstrom in Egypt he agreed in principle to include Bangla as one of the languages to be used for top-level domain names," Hasanul Haq Inu, chairman of the parliamentary standing

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OnlinePoll

Do you think Tarique Rahman's return to politics will help BNP rebuild its image and organise the party effectively?

- ☐ Yes (26.8%)
- ☐ No (69.7%)
- ☐ No Comments (3.5%)

Total votes: 1001

TODAY'S POLL

What is your experience with the new traffic signal system in the capital?

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