

REMAND FOR 12 SHIBIR MEN Hearing on prayer tomorrow

Bail petition rejected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court will hear tomorrow a petition on the five-day remand for 12 Islamic Chhatra Shibir activists arrested with arms, ammunition and bomb-making materials.

The court of Metropolitan Judicial Magistrate Hossain Mohammad Fazlul Bari fixed the date for hearing yesterday and also rejected a bail petition of the arrestees.

Earlier, the Investigation Officer of the case AKM Manjurul Haque Akhanda submitted the remand prayer.

The police arrested 11 Shibir activists and a Jamaat-e-Islami man from a mess at Mistiripara in the port city in the early hours on Monday.

Chittagong Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Kamal Uddin said the magistrate also asked the police to produce the arrestees in the court during the hearing.

Advocate Manjur Ahmed Ansari, the lawyer for the arrestees submitted the bail

petition, said Assistant Commissioner (Prosecution) Nirmalendu Bikash Chakrabarty.

The mess was running under the banner of a Jammat-backed trust -- Education and Research Centre -- at the four-storey 'HaqueVilla'.

During the raid, the police recovered four revolvers (three made in Pakistan), three Light Guns (LGs), 26 bullets, 11 cartridges, bomb-making materials, half a kilogram of gunpowder and some jihadi books from the first and top floor of the building.

The Shibir activists are Lutfur Rahman, 16, Mohiuddin, 20, Jahed Muntasir, 17, Arif Hossain, 17, Jahir Uddin Babar, 23, Manjur Alam, 20, Ekramul Haque, 19, Syed Al Amin, 24, Mizanur Rahman, 19, Rafiqul Hossain, 18, and Golam Azam, 16.

The other arrestee was one of the mess-building owners and Jammat activists Dr Ekramul Haque, an elderly physician and father of arrested Golam Azam. Ekramul also chairman of the trust.



Successful students stand in a queue to submit their admission forms to history department at Dhaka University yesterday, the first day of the strike called by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

NATIONAL HR COMMISSION Committee members to suggest 5 names for each post

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A search committee formed to look for the right persons for the posts of chairman and members of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) decided that each committee member would recommend a maximum of five names for each post of the commission.

The seven-member committee led by Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid at its first meeting yesterday also decided not to advertise for qualified and competent people for the posts, meeting sources said.

The search committee was formed in October last year.

A member of the committee told The Daily Star that they are looking for individuals who are mentally, physically and socially fit.

"We will come up with the names in the next meeting of the committee," he said, adding that the tenure of the present chairman is about to expire due to the age limit stipulated in the NHRC law.

The search committee will forward the names to the president, who will finally appoint the right persons.

The NHRC is supposed to be comprised of a chairman and a maximum of six members. But the commission, at present, has only the chairman and no members.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed, Home Minister Sahara Khatun, AL lawmaker Prof M Amanullah and Law Commission Chairman Justice Abdur Rashid attended the meeting at the Speaker's office at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban in the city. The Speaker chaired the meeting.

The previous caretaker government promulgated the NHRC ordinance and formed the human rights body in December 2008 by appointing Justice Amirul Kabir Chowdhury as its chairman and two members.

On expiry of the effectiveness of the ordinance, the government enacted a new law in June last year with some new provisions to make the NHRC stronger.

Guard stabbed to death in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A security guard of Group-4 Securitas was stabbed to death by a gang of muggers in Banani Staff Road area in the city's last night.

The deceased was identified as Yunus Ali, 30, hailed from Khulna recently joined the private security company.

The victim was declared dead after he was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Yunus, along with his colleague Mushfiqur Rahman Shawon, were crossing the Banani rail crossing at 8:00pm when a group of three muggers intercepted them and snatched their mobile phones.

Muggers stabbed Yunus in his chest randomly, leaving him critically injured, said Shawon, who managed to flee the scene, told reporters at DMCH.

45 Rohingyas held in Cox's Bazar

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Police and BDR members yesterday arrested 45 Rohingyas from different parts of Cox's Bazar.

Police in separate raids on Kalatoli and Larpara hills in the town arrested 12 Rohingyas, including four women, at 11:00am. Police said they were living in different parts in the town and were getting involved in different criminal activities.

On the other hand, BDR men stopped a jeep and

arrested 19 Rohingyas at Howaikong Check Post on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway at 2:00pm. They hired the jeep from Teknaf and were going to Kutupalong in Ukhia. BDR men also arrested 24 Rohingyas at the check post at 5:00pm.

Check post company commander Subedar Siddiqur Rahman said, 33 arrested Rohingyas have been handed over to Teknaf Police.

BDR jawans have been kept on alert at the border to prevent Rohingya infiltration.

Strike paralyses Benapole port

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Workers at Benapole Port enforced an indefinite strike from 12:00noon yesterday demanding payment of arrear salaries.

The strike had virtually paralysed the port since loading and unloading of goods remained suspended at the port.

However, after meetings were held between the port authorities and the labour leaders, the workers joined their workplace in 26 out of the 37 godowns, but workers in 11 godowns did not join.

The workers had previously warned the authorities of the strike if the latter fail to pay the

arrears by 12:00noon yesterday.

The firm of MA Hashem, one of the four establishments the government has contracted for goods handling at the port, did not pay the workers the last two months' salary, which led to the strike.

Several thousand workers staged a demonstration in front of the port administrative building and held a protest rally, closing the main gate of the port.

Vice President of port workers union Jahangir Alam Lal said they had also been demanding compensation to the family members of the workers killed in accidents and Tk 20 for handling every ton of goods.

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Chief of Air Staff of Indian Air Force Air Chief Marshal PV Naik calls on Chief of Army Staff Gen Md Abdul Mubeen at Army Headquarters at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

Indian air chief meets Gen Mubeen

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Chief of Air Staff of Indian Air Force Air Chief Marshal PV Naik paid a courtesy call on Chief of Army Staff General Md Abdul Mubeen at Army Headquarters at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

Indian air chief discussed matters of professional interest with the army chief.

Earlier, Marshal PV Naik called on Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral ZU Ahmed at Naval Headquarters at Banani in the city. He discussed matters of professional interest with the navy chief.

Later, Indian Air Chief called on Principal Staff Officer of Armed Forces Division Major General Abdul Wadud at AFD, Dhaka Cantonment.

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