

# 102 more Shibir activists arrested in Chittagong

## CMP additional commissioner closed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday picked up 102 more activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir in overnight raids in the city in connection with the Sunday's violence by Jamaat.

Meanwhile, additional commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) was closed Sunday night to the police headquarters for his failure to take measures to contain the violence.

CMP police arrested them hours after the arrest of 41 Jamaat-Shibir men in connection with the vandalism.

The law enforcers also raided Shibir dominated students' messes at the city's Chakbazar and Chandanpur.

Two separate cases were filed with Halishahar and Double Mooring police stations against the Jamaat and Shibir activists for vandalising over 100 vehicles and business establishments demanding the release of their arrested leaders.

Police had arrested Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, its Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid and Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain

Sayedee last week on charges of hurting religious sentiment of the Muslims.

Jamaat-Shibir carried out the destructive agitation in a planned way to create panic, police sources said.

Among the 143 arrestees, 103 were accused in the case filed with Double Mooring Police Station and 16 others in the case filed with Halishahar Police Station.

Double Mooring police produced the arrestees before the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Osman Gani yesterday afternoon seeking five-day remand for each while Halishahar police produced the 16 arrestees before the court seeking 10-day remand for each of them.

The court fixed July 8 for the hearing on remands.

Sources said the Jamaat-Shibir men took advantage of the absence of top CMP officials in carrying out the destruction.

The vandalism took place at a time when CMP Commissioner Moniruzzaman, Deputy Commissioner (Port) Kishum Dewan and Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Halishahar Police Station

Humayun Kabir were on leave.

Assistant Commissioner of Double Mooring Police Station SM Tanvir Arafat said police rushed to the spot within fifteen minutes of receiving information about the attack.

Meanwhile, the police headquarters Sunday night closed CMP Additional Police Commissioner Abdul Jalil Mandal. Jalil, also an additional deputy inspector general, has been asked to report to the headquarters immediately as he went on leave on Sunday without the permission of the commissioner, said

Additional Inspector General of police NBK Tripura.

"He left a leave prayer on the table of the commissioner in his absence," the additional IGP said.

CMP Commissioner Moniruzzaman, however, went on leave with the approval of the headquarters.

Assistant Commissioner of Detective Branch of police Jahangir Alam said CMP had received orders from the police headquarters regarding the closure of the additional police commissioner.



A mass signature campaign was launched demanding trial of the war criminals in front of the Nasirabad School in the port city of Chittagong yesterday. Khelaghar, Projanma '71, Proma and '71 Baddhabhumi Sangrakhan O Bastobayan Parishad organised the event.

# Hajee Danesh tech varsity closed sine die

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) was ultimately closed indefinitely yesterday—five days into the incident of violent protests by the students for closing the university on June 29.

University sources said that the decision was taken at an academic council meeting chaired by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Afzal Hossain.

On June 29 the university authority suspended all academic activities till July 8 which triggered students to go on a rampage that night. They went berserk and damaged a number of vehicles and buildings including residence of the VC and confined him for seven hours protesting against the HSTU authority's decision. The police had to use batons and fire tear gas cells to bring the situation under control.

After the incident, on June 30 Professor SM Dr. Harun Ur Rashid filed a case accusing 21 students, of whom 14 could be identified, pressing charges for damaging university property.

Meanwhile, Shamajtantrick Chhatra Front of Dinajpur demanded immediate withdrawal of the case and re-opening of the university.

Sources said the agitators had been protesting since June 22 for penalising 15 students for violating the discipline of the university.

Of them, one was fined Tk6000, nine were temporarily expelled and fined Tk5000 each and five students had their scholarships cancelled.

The students in a letter, urged the HSTU authorities to cancel their decisions but it had no effect.

The following day, the students held a press conference at Dinajpur Press Club and announced tougher programmes to realise their demands and decided to call for a hartal.

On Tuesday morning, the students started boycotting the classes which led the HSTU authority to decide to close the university till July 8 in a bid to mitigate the tension on the campus.

This angered the students who gathered at the administrative building with processions and confined around 12 people including the VC, registrar and lecturers inside the building.

# Govt plans 20-bed burn units in 13 medical colleges

BSS, Dhaka

Against the backdrop of increasing fire incidents and serious casualties, the government has planned introduction of burn units in the country's 13 medical colleges and at upazila level.

According to the plan, each of the 13 medical colleges would get a 20-bed burn unit. The unit would be equipped with modern equipment and trained physicians to deal with burn patients, official sources said yesterday.

The health authorities are expecting the burn units will help them manage emergency situations like the Nimtoli incident.

"The process is now underway to introduce burn units in all 13 medical colleges to ensure proper treatment of fire victims," Head of Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit of Dhaka Medical

College and Hospital (DMCH) Prof M Shahidul Bari said at the conference of Bangladesh Assistant Nurses Association (BANA).

Health and Population Affairs Secretary of Awami League Bodiuzzaman Bhuiyan spoke as the chief in the DMCH auditorium.

Praising the efficient role of nurses in providing treatment to the Nimtoli fire victims, Bodiuzzaman said it has been proved that ensuring better healthcare is quite impossible without the round-the-clock support of the nurses.

That is why, he said, there is no alternative to improved healthcare system without a greater unity among physicians and nurses.

He came down heavily on the previous government for not recognising the occupation of nursing and said the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina has recently upgraded the posts of nurses to second class from third class.

Bodiuzzaman listed the government's plans including creation of additional 500 posts of assistant nurses, promotion of diploma-holder nurses, turning 50-bed burn unit at DMCH into 100-bed and introduction of burn units at upazila level.

Secretary General of Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad (SWACHIP) Prof Iqbal Arslan speaking as chief guest described duties of physicians and nurses in the healthcare system as a team and said a doctor can never cure a patient completely without active participation of nurses.

Echoing the role of burn unit nurses in giving treatment to Nimtoli fire victims, Project Director of 100-bed Burn Unit of DMCH Samanta Lal Sen said about 80 percent fame or bad

image of a hospital depends on the performance of nurses.

Nursing service is the key to improved healthcare facilities, said Shahidul Bari adding that they are stepping up the process of introducing burn units at all medical colleges as treatment process at the DMCH is being hindered due to overburdening of patients.

Sincerity of nurses could help brighten the doctors' image to a large extent said Assistant Professor of Ear, Nose and Throat Department of DMCH Abu Yusuf Fakir. He stressed the need for imparting language course training to nurses to cater the demand for trained nurses in the world.

With BANA President Delwar Hossain in the chair, Vice Principal Ismail Khan, and General Secretary of BANA Anisur Rahman spoke on the occasion.

# Khoka, 12 others get bail in graft case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted anticipatory bail for four months to Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka and 12 other officials in a corruption case.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case with Shahbagh Police Station on June 29 against them on charge of illegally recruiting a huge number of officials and employees to DCC through illegal ways from October 18, 2006 to November 20, 2006.

An HC bench of Justice Afzal Hossain Ahmed and Justice Muhammad Abdul Hafiz also issued a rule upon the government and ACC to explain within three weeks why the accused should not be granted regular bail in the case.

The court passed the order following two separate petitions filed by the DCC mayor and officials seeking bail in the case.

The petitioners appeared before the HC bench yesterday for anticipatory bail.

# Two die in Gazipur boat capsizes

## Schoolgirl killed in road accident

METRO DESK

Three people, including a schoolgirl, died in two incidents in Kaliganj upazila of Gazipur district on Sunday and yesterday.

A correspondent from Gazipur adds: two people died when a boat capsized in Belai Beel at Bamangaon in Kaliganj upazila on Sunday.

The dead were identified as Faruk Mia, 17, and Makmudul, 8, of Kapsia upazila of the district.

Police said Faruk along with Makmudul was going to his sister's house at Bamangaon by a boat. Suddenly the boat carrying them capsized in the water body in the evening.

Local people rescued them

and took them to the upazila health complex where doctors declared them dead.

In another incident, a schoolgirl was killed in a road accident at Barodi in Kaliganj upazila of the district yesterday.

The victim was identified as Bristi, 13, a student of class seven of Kaliganj Rayerdia High School and daughter of Bacchu Mia of Talia village of the upazila.

Sources said students of the school in a bus were going to Comilla for a picnic. Around 11:00am, they stopped the bus beside the highway at Barodi of Rupganj for a break.

At one stage, a speedy truck ran over Bristi while she was crossing the road.

# \$72m WB help for skills enhancement

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will receive 72 million US dollar from the World Bank (WB) under the 'Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP).

To this effect, an agreement will be signed in Dhaka between the government and International Development Agency (IDA), a soft lending arm of WB, at Economic Relations Division at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on Thursday, a press release said in the city yesterday.

# 4TH EBL DEBATE COMPETITION Motijheel Ideal School grabs title

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Motijheel Ideal School and College of Dhaka has become the champion in the '4th EBL Saint Gregory National School Debate Competition-2010', said a press release. The runner up is Saint Francis Xavier's Girls High School.

The three-day debate competition from July 2 was organised by the Gregorian Debating Club at St Gregory's High School.

The participants debated over topics that included World Cup football, National Budget 2010-2011, cyber crime, peace and conflict, climate change and religion based politics during the festival.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Awami League lawmaker Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin and president of Bangladesh Debate Federation Dr Abdun Nur Tushar were the special guests with the headmaster of St. Gregory's High School Brother Robi Purification in the chair at the concluding session.

# CRACKER BLAST IN FRONT OF KHALEDA'S OFFICE

## Paban, others face arrest warrant

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued an arrest warrant against Khandaker Abdul Hamid Paban, son of BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, and former Jatiyatabadi Chhatradal (JCD) president of Chatkhil thana unit in connection with a cracker explosion case.

The case was filed with Gulshan Police Station against Paban and five others on charge of exploding crackers in front of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office on February 23 this year.

Judge (in charge) Mohammad Ismail Hossain of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court took the charges into cognisance and issued the arrest warrant.

Paban, an accused in several other criminal cases, and Omar Faruk, who is the former president of JCD's Chatkhil thana unit have been absconding since filing of the case on February 24.

Four other accused -- Golam Sabbir alias Shovon, Syed Hasan Rony and Pradip Saha, secretary of Sonamuri upazila of JCD and Dakat Babu -- were arrested on different dates, and are now awaiting trial in Dhaka central jail.

The court also directed Bangshal and Chatkhil Police Stations to submit reports on execution of the arrest warrant to it by August 31.

During the investigation, Shovon, Rony and Pradip Saha had given confessional statements saying that they had exploded cocktails in front of the BNP Chairperson's office as per Paban's direction.

In their confessional statements given before the magistrate under section 164 of the penal code, they said Paban had hired two other young men to carry out a mock bomb attack on himself, in an attempt to earn sympathy of the BNP high-ups.

The whole charade was aimed at consolidating his (Paban's) own position in the party against competing opponents, they told the court.

Detective Branch of police Inspector Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet against Paban and five others on May 27, showing 31 people as prosecution witnesses.

The IO also prayed for issuing arrest warrants against Paban and Omar Faruk and an order to attach their properties as they have been absconding.

# JS body discusses DAP

## Decides to place Rajuk chairman's clarification at next meeting

BSS, Dhaka

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Public Assurance at a meeting yesterday discussed the much-talked about Detailed Area Plan (DAP) and decided to place the clarification of the Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) chairman on his alleged indecent remarks about parliament members in the next meeting.

Chaired by committee Chairman Md Fazley Rabbi Mian, the meeting recommended urgent steps to be taken by the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry to build official residences for judges of the civil courts including Bajitpur.

It suggested the Housing and Public Works Ministry to take prompt measures to resolve the residential problems of the officials and

employees of the Parliament Secretariat.

The committee also recommended sending a report prepared by the director general of health on the progress of construction of the 500-bed Mymensingh Medical College Hospital-2 to the state minister for health and family welfare.

It asked the concerned authorities for resolving the issue of inaugurating Dinajpur Medical College Hospital after discussion with the health ministry.

Committee members Md Abdul Quddus, Md Ekabbar Hossain and Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury attended the meeting.

Acting Secretary of the Housing and Public Works Ministry Khondakar Shawkat Hossain and concerned officials of the health ministry and parliament secretariat were present.

# Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aklima Khanam, mother of the daily Janakantha Soheli Rahman, passed away due to old age complications at Holy Family Hospital on Sunday night at the age of 58, said a press release.

She was buried at Kaliganj of Gazipur.

President of Diplomatic Correspondents Association of Bangladesh (DCAB) Zahirul Alam and General Secretary Imran Alam expressed sympathy and condolence at the death of Aklima Khanam.

# Death anniversary

METRO DESK

Today is the first death anniversary of engineer Syed Mohamammed Muntasar Yusuf, youngest son of the acting president of National Press Club Syed Akhter Yusuf, says a press release.

On the occasion a milad and doa mahfil will be held at Baitul Mamur Mosque at New Elephant Road after Maghrib prayers. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the milad.

# Jasimuddin Kanchan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of Jasimuddin Kanchan, former joint secretary of Bangladesh Hockey Federation, a noted sports organiser and a former player of Abahani Limited.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held at his residence at 106/8/1 Monipurpara in the city, after Maghrib prayers today, said a press release.

Relatives and well-wishers have been requested to attend the doa mahfil and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

# JANATA BANK ROBBERY Night guard on 3-day remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Night guard Milan Ahmed Chowdhury, arrested in connection with Khagrachhari Janata Bank robbery, was yesterday placed on a three-day remand by Senior Judicial Magistrate Abdullah Al Mamun.

Officials of the bank came to know about the robbery after cashier Mohammad Abdul Hye Mollah along with a few others went to the branch at around 10:25am on Friday to complete the classification statement of the last three months and found the vault open with all the money looted.



# Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over Chittagong division, Met Office said.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:50pm today and rises at 5:17am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded today at Jessore and lowest 24.6 degrees at Hatiya.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.7	28.2	81	75
Chittagong	32.8	26.0	69	80
Rajshahi	33.6	26.5	80	70
Khulna	34.2	27.0	83	92
Barisal	33.0	27.0	80	96
Sylhet	32.8	27.0	92	73
Cox's Bazar	30.7	25.5	92	92