

# DMP boss asks cops to avoid custodial deaths

**BSS, Dhaka**

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner AKM Shahidul Haque yesterday instructed all police officials to ensure basic human rights of all detainees and avoid any more custodial death.

He gave a set of instructions quoting Article 33 and sub section 5 of 35 of the Constitution following some recent reports of custodial deaths that negatively affected the image of the police force.

He also alerted the officials of the DMP to be careful about the violation of human rights of the detained persons.

The instructions included ensuring well-being and human behaviour with the detained persons in the thana custody and checking their physical condition specially heart disease, blood pressure, jaundice, epilepsy and asthma, if necessary.

The instructions were given for those who are to be sent to the hospital for treatment. In case of sudden sickness, the detainees would have to be rushed to the hospital immediately.

According to the instruction, there would be no physical or mental torture during remand, special care would be provided to the convicts while taking them to the court and the custody, special care for women prisoners, special check up for the persons detained by other agencies, not using additional force and follow the Criminal Procedure Code while arresting anybody, following instructions of senior officers during hartal and not to get involved in any illegal activity.

Departmental actions would be taken against those who would be involved in any illegal activity, the DMP commissioner said.

He also made the jail hajrat (cells) visit compulsory during inspection to any police station, outpost or lines for senior officers.

## BDR mutiny trial begins at Satkania

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

A special court-4 of Bangladesh Rifles yesterday began hearing on the BDR mutiny case against 153 jawans of Rifles Training Centre and School (RTC&S) at Satkania in the district.

The three-member special court led by BDR Director General Maj Gen Md Rafiqul Islam sat at about 10:30am and continued hearing till 12:25pm.

Of the 153 accused, 75 were arrested earlier while the court ordered the rest 78 from the training centre and to produce them before the court along with 49 witnesses at 9:00am today.

Plaintiff Shariful Islam, a BDR nayak subedar, placed charges against the accused while Prosecutor Major Muhibur Rahman read them out.

## Make students worthy citizens: Nahid

**BSS, Rajshahi**

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday called upon the teachers to devote themselves to making the students worthy citizens to supplement the government's effort to build digital Bangladesh.

"We are pledge-bound to equip the young generation with modern and technology-based power for expected development of the nation," he said while addressing a meeting of teachers, guardians and the elite at Rajshahi Medical College.

Terming the teachers as the vital force for building the students as competent human resources, he urged upon them to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity, honesty and patriotic zeal to attain the goal.

Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton and Fazley Hossain Badsha, MP, spoke at the meeting with teachers leader Shafiqur Rahman in the chair.



Dhaka Medical College Hospital arranges a drill on casualty management on its casualty block premises in the city yesterday. This photo shows that a mock patient is being taken to the block on a trolley with critical condition as part of the drill.



Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) forms a human chain in front of the Shishu Park in the city yesterday as part of BNP's nationwide human chain programme demanding unconditional release of the party men arrested before and during the July 27 hartal.

## Trial of war criminals demanded

**BSS, Rangpur**

Leaders of Rangpur district unit of Shwechchha Sebak League yesterday demanded immediate trial of the war criminals to free the country from the 'stigma'.

They said all the anti-liberation forces, including Razakars, Al-badrs and Al-shams, must be tried for the crimes against the humanity during the War of Liberation in 1971.

They urged the countrymen to remain alert against all sorts of conspiracies being hatched by Jamaat-Shibir in collaboration with BNP.

They were addressing a protest rally on the premises of press club here.

## Need for training of journo stressed

**BSS, Dhaka**

Prof Dr Gareth Stanton of London University yesterday underscored the need for rigorous training of journalists to raise the quality of journalism for preservation of the fragile environment.

Praising the quality of environment reporting in Bangladesh, he said it could be flourished further with proper training and skill development at Dhaka University.

Mass Communications and Journalism Department in collaboration with Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) and Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) and similar media institutions.

Prof Dr Gareth, head of department of Media and Communications, made the comments while attending a discussion at FEJB.

Dhaka University's head of Mass Communications and Journalism Department Prof Dr Geeti Ara Nasrin, FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, General Secretary Hasan Hafiz, Prof Shameem Reza and Prof Shudangshu Shekhar Roy, Rafiqur Rahman of Reuters, Ashish-ur-Rahman Shubho of Daily Prothom Alo, Shawkat Jamil of The Daily Star, Harun Jamil of The Daily Naya Diganta, Qader Gani Chowdhury of The Daily Ittefaq, Shamima Chowdhury, Fawzia Nasrin, Shahidul Islam, Anisur Rahman also spoke at the discussion.

Prof Geeti Ara said Dhaka University Journalism and Mass Communications Department was now considering to introduce both under-graduate and post-graduate courses on environment reporting and photography from next year.

Quamrul briefed about the evolution of environment journalism in Bangladesh and challenges of both electronic and print media reporting in the face of environmental degradation and adverse impacts of climate change.

He handed over sets of FEJB publications to Prof Dr Gareth Stanton and Prof Dr Geeti Ara.

## Schoolboy among 7 killed in road accidents

**METRO DESK**

Seven people were killed and 50 more injured in separate road accidents in Lalmonirhat, Gopalganj, Mymensingh, Manikganj and Satkhira yesterday.

Lalmonirhat correspondent adds: A class three student was killed on the spot as a truck hit him in Lalmonirhat yesterday morning.

The schoolboy was identified as Nazmul Hossain, 8, son of Ashraf Ali at North Gobdha village under Aditmari upazila.

Nazmul was a student of Gobdha Primary School.

Police said the truck owned by local Jahangir Alom, hit the schoolboy standing by the road. Local caught the truck but its driver managed to flee.

Gopalganj correspondent adds: A head-on collision between two buses left a woman dead and 40 others injured on Dhaka-Barisal Highway in Gopalganj yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Santi Cakrabarti, 70, of Sadarpur in Faridpur.

The accident occurred at Raghdhi under Muksupur upazila of the district. The bus going to Madaripur from Dhaka and another bus going to Faridpur from Gopalganj ran into each other said Liakat Ali, officer-in-charge of Muksupur Police Station.

The injured were admitted to Faridpur Medical College, Madaripur Sadar Hospital and Rajur Upazila Hospital.

Both drivers fled the spot following the accident.

UNB adds: Two people were killed and 10 others injured as a truck plunged into a roadside ditch on Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway yesterday.

Identities of the deceased could not be known immediately.

Police said the truck driver lost control over the wheel and it fell into a roadside ditch at Darirampur in Trishal upazila, leaving two people dead on the spot.

The victims were traveling on the truck.

Two of the injured were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Police later seized the truck, but its driver managed to escape.

Manikganj correspondent adds: A man was killed when a truck hit his motorcycle on Dhaka-Aricha Highway in Manikganj yesterday.

The victim was identified as Abdul Halim, 50, son of Abdul Jolil of Ghonapara, son of Shivalaya upazila in Manikganj.

Police said the accident occurred at around 3:15 pm when an Aricha-bound truck hit the victim's motorcycle from behind, killing him on the spot.

Satkhira correspondent adds: Two people were killed in separate road accidents in Satkhira yesterday.

The deceased were Abu Bakar Siddique, 30, son of Abdul Bari of Baburabad in Debhata upazila and Bidhan Chandra Mondal, 33, son of Shib Pada Mondal of Kapsadanga in Tala upazila.

Police said the accident occurred when Abu Bakar Siddique's motorbike was knocked down by a bus at Gazirhat in Debhata upazila on Satkhira-Kaliganj Road, leaving him seriously injured. He succumbed to his injuries on the way to Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex.

In another incident, police said a microbus ran over fish trader Bidhan Mondal while he was crossing the Satkhira-Khulna road near Kapsadanga in Tala upazila. He died on the way to Satkhira Sadar Hospital.

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### BSMMU IRREGULARITIES DU teachers demand probe

**UNB, Dhaka**

Some 325 teachers of Dhaka University demanded formation of a judicial enquiry for investigating into all irregularities and corruption in Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

In a joint statement yesterday, they also called for making the investigative reports public and restoring congenial atmosphere for medical treatment at the country's lone university.

They said they noted with deep concern that skilled, experienced, meritorious and senior physicians from country's lone medical university were sacked and transferred while non-meritorious, party cadres and those having political affiliations were appointed in order to destroy the country's healthcare system, they said.

Quoting newspaper reports, they said that over 100 teachers, who have no experience and publication and have connection with a party, were appointed to higher post without Public Service Commission's recommendations, advertisements and tests.

They called upon the authorities concerned for restoring congenial atmosphere for medical treatment at the university.

Signatories to the statement include Prof Aminur Rahman Majumdar, Prof Sirajul Islam, Prof Anwarul Islam, Prof Akhter Hossain Khan, Prof Jahidul Islam, Prof Ashrafur Islam Chowdhury, Prof Kamrul Hasan, Prof M Abdur Rashed and Prof Abdus Sattar.

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