

Jamaat trio asked

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Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee are being quizzed at the Detective Branch headquarters in the city in connection with two cases filed with Paltan Police Station.

A member of the interrogation team said they had asked Nizami about the training on small arms.

In reply the Jamaat chief said blasting bombs and using arms to kill people are the features of JMB, not Jamaat's, he added.

Officer-in-Charge of Paltan Police Station Shahidul Haq yesterday told The Daily Star that they are now interrogating the Jamaat leaders about the cases for which the trio were placed on remand.

Nizami is on remand in a case filed for obstructing police in discharging their duties while Mojahid and Sayedee are being quizzed in a case filed for blocking a motorcycle of the president.

Meanwhile, the 24 Jamaat-Shibir leaders and activists picked up from a meeting in the port city Thursday, were shown arrested in two separate cases and sent to jail yesterday.

Among the arrestees, 10 including Majlish-e-Sura member of Chittagong unit Jamaat Mafizur Rahman were shown arrested in a case filed with Double-mooring Police Station in connection with Sunday's rampage in Halishahar and Agrabad areas. They were produced before the court of Metropolitan

Spain in final

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Minutes when Piotr Trochowski, in for the suspended Thomas Mueller, shot from distance and forced Iker Casillas into a sprawling save low to his left.

Mesut Ozil thought he should have had a penalty on the stroke of half-time when he went down under a challenge from Ramos but his appeals were waved away by referee Viktor Kassai.

For all their pretty approach play, Spain were struggling to get into the box and started hitting pot shots from distance with Alonso, twice, and Villa shooting wide.

Neuer then saved from Pedro, who moments later shot wide while Villa was inches away from a tap-in after Iniesta jinked into the box and squared the ball across goal.

Up the other end substitute Marcell Jansen's cross was flicked on by a Spanish head, but on the turn Miroslav Klose could only volley high.

And on 69 minutes Germany created possibly their best chance of the match as substitute Toni Kroos arrived unmarked at the back post onto Lukas Podolski's cross but his finish was weak and straight at Casillas.

But then came Puyol's great leap to propel Spain into the final.

Spain had several chances on the counter attack late on but Pedro wasted the best of those as he tried to turn Arne Friedrich once too often instead of squaring to the unmarked substitute Torres.

JU infighting

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demanding withdrawal of the temporary expulsion of one of the Sangskritik Jote leaders from the university.

Mahi Mahfuz, president of Sangskritik Jote, was expelled temporarily with 16 students for their alleged involvement in Monday's clash that left at least 33 people injured at the university.

The organisation leaders from a rally claimed the university authorities expelled Mahi only on suspicion. They said stern action should be taken against the real culprits after a proper investigation.

Sources said the clash between BCL factions stemmed from attempts to establish supremacy and the possession of a plot of land.

There had been a dispute between the supporters of the BCL unit president and its general secretary over possession of a plot of land at Pandua near the university, they said.

Besides, BCL activists are involved in land grabbing and extortion in and around the university campus, the sources added.

JU Jatiyatabadi Shikhhak Forum strongly condemned the incident. In a statement signed by 78 teachers, they said the incident happened due to incompetence of the university authorities.

Magistrate Fazlul Bari with a five-day remand prayer for each.

The court fixed July 11 for the hearing on the remand prayer, sources said.

The other 14 arrestees were shown arrested in connection with assaulting police on October 28, 2009 at Chittagong Medical College under Panchlaish Police Station.

The court of Metropolitan Magistrate Muntasir Ahmed sent them to jail.

Remand prayer against the arrestees would be placed in the court later, said Sub Inspector Mohammad Alamgir, investigation officer of the case.

Police claimed they held 25 activists of Jamaat and Islami Chhatra Shibir Tuesday afternoon during a "secret" meeting on destructive activities in the name of a reception to freshers at a city restaurant.

Detained Ali Haider was released later as police found no link of him with Jamaat-Shibir.

EU imposes flight ban on Iran Air over safety

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Most of Iran Air's jets will be banned from flying to the EU because of safety concerns, the European Commission says.

The ban affects Airbus A320, Boeing 727 and 747 jets - two-thirds of Iran Air's fleet.

The Commission said the ban was on safety grounds, and was not related to sanctions imposed on Iran because of its nuclear programme.

Iran has denied a claim that its planes are being prevented from refuelling at some foreign airports.

Earlier an Iranian aviation official had accused the UK, Germany and the United Arab Emirates of refusing to supply fuel for Iranian airliners.

But a foreign ministry spokesman said on Tuesday that "no such limitation has been imposed". And the UK, Germany and UAE all denied the claim.

Last week the US approved new sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programme.

Tehran says its nuclear industry is for peaceful purposes, but Western powers fear it is trying to develop a bomb.

A US ban on spare parts for Iranian jets has hit Iran Air's maintenance operation, the Associated Press news agency reports.

On its updated blacklist of airlines banned from the EU the Commission now includes Blue Wing Airlines from Suriname.

Two Indonesian airlines - Metro Batavia and Indonesia AirAsia - were removed from the list.

Samiul killed

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Contradicting Arif's earlier accounts of the killing, Chowdhury Manzurul Kabir, deputy commissioner (Tejgaon Zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said Arif alone killed the boy and the victim's mother was completely unaware of it.

"She asked Arif over the cell phone about Samiul's whereabouts. But Arif did not tell her anything," Kabir told journalists.

And the government will implement the High Court directives to stop any illegal killing, he the minister said.

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They tortured Mujibur to death and dumped the body to the Turag river, the complainant said.

Ibrahim alleged that they killed his son for failing to meet their demand for Tk 50,000.

He filed a murder case against seven people including the four policemen on July 2. But police dropped the names of the law enforcers from the first information report.

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BSF kills 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot a Bangladeshi farmer dead at Char Majardiar border under Paba upazila of the district early yesterday.

The victim was identified as Faruk Hossain, 25, of Rajpara area of Rajshahi city.

The BSF men opened fire on Faruk while he was crossing the border, killing him on the spot, sources in BDR said.

Immediately after the incident, BSF took away the body.

Contacted, Major Arif Hossain, second-in-command of the 37th Battalion of BDR, confirmed the incident.

A protest letter was sent to BSF asking them to return the body.

Society

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"We are not allowed to even touch any vegetable or chicken or anything for that matter in the market," Robi Das explains, as he comes out of the tea stall empty-handed. "They say if we touch anything, it spoils."

In Jessore, about 5,000 Dalits live in about 50 villages. Throughout the country there are about 55 lakh. They are the low caste Hindus, and the caste system that started in India ages ago--the exact time and how it was introduced is still debatable--keeps the children of the Dalits secluded in schools. Nobody sits next to them. Nobody plays with them. They just live like shadows, as Robi Das does.

"Football was my life," Robi Das said. "The smell of the leather football, the sound of ball bouncing off the ground... ahh. I had to leave that too."

When he was 16 or 17, his playmates one day told him to stay off the ground. They said football required physical contact and they can't do it with an untouchable. Robi's passion for ha-du-du also had to end for similar reasons.

"I was not even allowed to watch football matches standing by the ground," he said. "I tried badminton, but again nobody would play. No Hindu or Muslim would take me for a carrom game or even chess."

At 45, Robi feels aged twice. An excruciating burden of existence weighs heavy on him and his family. He feels numbed when he finds his 17-year-old son going through the same grinding machine of the caste system.

"He can't play with anyone outside the caste. He has to receive anything he buys from the shop wrapped in banana leaves specially kept for the Dalits. I watch him grow in the same wilted society that I was born into," Robi says, as he walks away from the tea stall.

HR Commission

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Mizanur noted that extrajudicial killings are not acceptable in any civilised country.

The commission will take decisions on this issue at its first meeting scheduled for today, he said.

The law minister later told newsmen that the government has already taken action regarding allegations of lock-up killings.

The NHRC will get all kinds of assistance from the government so that it can work properly to establish human rights in the country, the minister said.

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Govt fails

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gives preference to institutions chosen by the ruling party men even if opposition leaders recommend institutions with better standards. Thus many better private schools and colleges never appear on the list.

To stop this malpractice, this year the government formulated a policy setting some specific criteria -- student-teacher ratio of an institution, results, infrastructural facilities and number of institutions in accordance with population.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid tried to follow the rules in preparing his first MPO list of 1,022 institutions published on May 6. But he had to yield to politics immediately.

Nahid's colleagues and many AL lawmakers did not welcome his rule-abiding list. They got upset because the institutions of their choices, many of which merely fulfilled the criteria, were not on the list.

Ministers and lawmakers started pressing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to change the list and finally they won the race against rules. The prime minister stood by them and assigned her political and education adviser Dr Alauddin Ahmed to review the list.

Dr Alauddin took the chance of making the ministers and lawmakers happy. He sought DO letters from them with a list of priority institutions in their areas. The lawmakers rushed to Alauddin's office with their demand to include their chosen institutions.

The adviser dropped 139 institutions from the minister's list following allegations by lawmakers that those were backed by BNP men. He included 600 new institutions, more than half of Nahid's list, to the fresh list of 1,483 published on May 31.

But the new list made some lawmakers more aggrieved who expressed their shock to find that the new list contained institutions not only backed by BNP but also by Jamaat. They even filed allegations to the minister that huge amount of money changed hands before preparing the list.

The MPs wanted to know why and how those institutions got into the list without their recommendations. They also complained to the prime minister against Dr Alauddin.

The premier felt uncomfortable when she herself found fake DO letters and forged signature of a few ministers and lawmakers on the letters of recommendation. The entire process became a fiasco.

Against this backdrop, the prime minister again assigned Nahid in parliament to prepare another list by dropping the controversial institutions.

Getting this chance, the MPs and party leaders started

Hasina meets

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for intensifying cooperation to boost bilateral trade for the benefit of the two countries.

During the meeting, entire gamut of bilateral cooperation, expansion of trade and business and common issues of international forums like the UN, Commonwealth and NAM were discussed prominently.

The Nigerian president lauded the prudent and farsighted leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in different international forums especially in the COP-15.

"Globally you have proved yourself as an accepted and farsighted leader through your visionary leadership," Azad quoted the Nigerian President as saying.

Earlier, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived in the Nigerian capital to attend the 7th D-8 Summit beginning there today.

Nigerian Transport Minister Yusuf Solaiman received the premier at Abuja Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport at 10:45am (local time).

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, who reached the Nigerian capital on Monday to attend the 13th session of D-8 foreign ministers' council, and senior officials of the foreign ministry were present at the airport to receive the PM.

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thronging the minister's office with their priority list. This time, they set about intense lobbying for schools, colleges and madrasas of their choice.

Finally on June 16, the education minister came up with a list of 1,612 institutions ending a month-long stalemate. In the latest list, he included some 140 new institutions and dropped some 60 institutions.

After six long years, the Awami League-led government decided to resume the process of listing educational institutions for MPO facilities considering the woes of teachers and employees who were eagerly waiting for this.

The lawmakers in parliament demanded immediate resumption of the task to enrol educational institutions in MPO system as they are facing public wrath in their constituencies for its non-operation.

On June 13 last year, the government formed a high-powered committee headed by Alauddin Ahmed to formulate a policy for formulating procedures of allocating government's share in their payroll.

It allocated Tk 112 crore for that purpose.

Around 3.25 lakh teachers and several thousand employees of 26,340 institutions including 2,386 colleges, 15,515 secondary schools, 7,344 madrasas and 1,095 technical institutes are currently receiving MPO facilities.

Money laundering

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pressed the money-laundering charges against the duo for laundering Tk 20.41 crore between 2003 and 2007.

ACC Assistant Director Mohammad Ibrahim submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka.

Tarique realised the money in foreign currencies from different companies and organisations. In exchange for the sum of money, he promised to win them contracts using his clout as son of the then prime minister Khaleda Zia, the charge sheet says.

To conceal his identity while drawing the money, Tarique used a supplementary debit card issued against Mamun's account with Citibank Singapore.

Besides the amount shown as laundered, Tarique drew \$54,982 (Tk 38.49 lakh) and Mamun \$79,542 (Tk 55.68 lakh) from the account on different dates during 2003-07.

Both avoided straight answers to queries on the matter, the charge sheet said. Though on February 23, Tarique mailed a written statement to the commission.

The ACC filed the case against Tarique and Mamun with Cantonment Police Station on October 26 last year.

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Power cuts up

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and also gas shortage at different power stations," said Mostafa Kamal, member (generation) of the state-owned PDB.

He said the Haripur plant had to reduce its production to 165MW from its capacity of 360MW following a fault at its steam machine.

Similarly, many plants at different power stations have started getting lowered gas supply with the resumption of operation at different fertiliser factories.

As the power supply situation is getting worse, the distribution companies like Desco and DPDC have to intensify the extent of load shedding in different areas in and outside the capital city. Many areas experienced several hours of load shedding on different spells.

Kamal said they hope that the situation would improve from next week with the Haripur plant back to its actual production capacity after the completion of repair works.

In addition, some new rental power plants will hopefully start operation in the coming weeks.

He informed that a 45MW new unit of Aggreko Rental plant at Ghorasal power station is now on test run, while another 55MW will start test run next week at Khulna power station.

Policy soon

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Khatun told reporters after a meeting with the country's mobile phone operators at her office yesterday.

She said the mobile phone operators have been asked to submit their distributors list to the BTRC within September 30.

Cell phone SIM dealers of different companies must be qualified, at least SSC pass. Those who do not fulfil it, will have to undergo training so that they become qualified for selling SIM cards, she added.

She further said that arrangement will be made for on-line identification of those who will buy mobile SIM card from January 2011.

The home minister also sought cooperation of the Election Commission for online checking of particulars of mobile phone subscribers through National ID card.

The meeting elaborately discussed about formulation of draft mobile phone policy.

State Minister for Home Shamsul Haq Tuku, BTRC officials, representatives of different mobile operators and law enforcing agencies, among others, attended the meeting.

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protest by charging truncheons and detaining activists. This is how the government is torturing the opposition," he said.

He, however, congratulated party activists and people for successfully completing the programme despite police interventions.

At a press briefing at the party's central office in Naya Paltan, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said the government exposed its "fascist and autocratic" character by obstructing and attacking the peaceful programme.

He claimed that at least 100 persons were arrested across the country.

BNP organised the human chain to protest the government "repression" on the opposition and demand unconditional release of leaders and workers of BNP and its front and associate bodies who were detained before and during the July 27 hartal. Mirza Abbas, Shamsur Mobin Chowdhury and lawmaker Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anee were among the arrestees.

Some leader of BNP alliance partners Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami Oikya Jote, Bangladesh Jatiya Party, and Jagpa joined the human chain at Jatiya Press Club. No senior leaders of Jamaat were there.

Earlier, Jamaat formally announced that they would also form human chain along with BNP.

In the capital Dhaka, police did not allow the opposition activists even to stand on the side of the roads and in many places BNP workers were not seen at their predetermined spots.

Witnesses said low participation of party leaders and workers was a major reason behind the programme being unsuccessful.

Party leaders alleged that they were barred at different points, including the Jatiya Press Club, Farmgate, Ittefaq and Shapla intersection in Motiheel. They said police charged truncheons on them at Farmgate.

A huge number of police was deployed at all points along the predetermined route of the human chain between Jatrabari and Gabtoli. Party workers were trying to gather on roadsides in at least 15 places to form the human chain but police quickly dispersed them charging truncheons.

Several hundred opposition leaders and workers engaged in scuffles with police when they obstructed the programme at the Jatiya Press Clubgate.

Aman Ullah Aman, Zainul Abidin Farroque, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Gafur Bhuiyan, Abdul Latif Nezami, Shafiqul Alam Prodhan, and Shamim Al Mamun, were seen sitting in front of the main gate of the club from 11:00am after they faced police obstruction.

Syed Nurul Islam, ADC of Ramna Zone told