

# Garment workers go on rampage in Gazipur

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Agitated workers of two garments factories in Gazipur sadar yesterday went on a rampage protesting underpayment of production wage.

Several hundred workers of Zahir Text and Giveense Garments under Giveense group in Hotapara area vandalised four rooms of security guards inside the factories around 8:30am.

They also attacked the officials of the

factories leaving 20 people injured. Of the injured, two were in critical condition. They were later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital from a local clinic.

Witnesses said the workers took to the street at Hotapara bus stop and blockaded the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway for one hour. Later, at about 10:30am police took the situation under control and restored traffic movement.

Following the rampage, the authorities shut down eight units of the factories

provisionally and two units for indefinite period.

Workers alleged that they were paid less and monthly payment was not given regularly.

AKM Shafiul Alam, general manager of Giveense group, denied the allegation claiming they paid better salaries compared to that of other factories.

Officer-in-charge of Joydevpur Police Station Abdur Rashid said no case was yet filed in this connection.

# College student succumbs to injuries in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A college student succumbed to his injuries yesterday four days after he came under attack from a gang of miscreants at Upashahar in the city.

The victim was identified as Shahriar Kabir Shajal, 17, son of M Abdus Salam and a student of Sujauddoula College.

Police said the criminals waylaid Shajal at Darikhorbana area Friday morning while he was going to his private tuition by a bicycle.

As Shajal tried to resist the bullies, a scuffle erupted between them. Shajib, a welding factory worker, hit Shajal in his head with a bamboo, said the victim's father.

Shajal was rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH). The doctors released him the following day stating his condition normal.

On Sunday, he was taken to the hospital again as his condition deteriorated. The duty doctors sent him home asking Shajal's father to follow

the earlier prescription.

As Shajal's condition worsened further early yesterday, his father took him to the hospital again and the doctors declared him dead.

Head of Microsurgery Department of RMCH Sheikh Muhammad Ekramullah said the patient was found quite normal during medical examinations. "We did not even consider to carry out a Computed Tomography (CT) Scan," added Ekramullah.

Shajal's father filed a murder case accusing Shajib and four to five other unidentified bullies in this regard.

Sub-inspector Monirul Islam, the investigation officer of the case, said the hospital authority in its death certificate mentioned that Shajal was brought dead to the hospital.

After carrying out the post-mortem yesterday, head of Forensic Medicine Department of RMCH Monsur Rahman said brain haemorrhage caused the death.

The law enforcers are on the move to hunt down the accused.

# ACC CASE Mahmudur arrested

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Detained Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the recently closed daily Amar Desh, was shown arrested yesterday for defying an Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) order asking him to submit his wealth statement.

Metropolitan Magistrate Konika Biswas of Dhaka passed the order in response to an appeal by ACC Deputy Director Nur Ahmad, also investigating officer of the case.

Earlier on Monday, the High Court granted bail to Mahmudur Rahman in criminal cases filed with different police stations on different dates.

The anti-graft watchdog on June 13 this year filed the first information report with the city's Gulshan police station against the former Board of Investment chairman, who has been in detention since June 2.

In the case statement, the ACC accused Mahmudur of committing punishable offence by not submitting his wealth report within the stipulated period after receiving its notice.

The commission served a notice to former energy adviser Mahmudur on April 19 asking him to submit wealth statement in seven days.

But he did not comply with the commission's order.

Tejgaon police filed the case on June 2 against Mahmudur and seven others for preventing the lawmen from discharging their duties after they entered the Amar Desh office at Karwan Bazar to arrest him.

On the day, police arrested him from the office following a fraud case filed by the daily's former publisher Hasmat Ali Hasu with Tejgaon police station.

Later, he was shown arrested in four other criminal cases and remanded for a total of 11 days.

The cases were filed on charges of obstructing police, his links with banned Hizb ut-Tahrir and sedition.

# TWO KILLINGS Barisal court asks law enforcers to produce reports on Aug 26

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday asked the law enforcers to produce on August 26 the police inquest and autopsy reports of Majnu Kha and Kalam Sarder killed in a gun-fight with Rab at Muladi upazila in the district.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Mohammad Altaf Hossain passed the order upon a complaint filed with the court by Majnu's sister Rina Khan on July 7.

In her complaint, Rina accused 30 persons including Rab-8 Commander Lt Col Monirul Haq and number one Company Commander Rashedul Haq.

She alleged Majnu had a land dispute with his rivals who bribed Rab into killing her brother.

Rina said she lodged the complaint with the court as she failed to file a case with Muladi police station.

Rab said Majnu and Kalam were the two robbers in the area killed in a "shootout" on July 5 midnight.

The court fixed August 26 for next hearing.



Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar, also former Indian minister, calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday at her residence. He is seen with a business delegation from West Bengal and northeastern states of India.

# MANI SHANKAR MEETS HASINA PM for joint efforts to eradicate poverty

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday described poverty as common enemy for South Asian nations and called for collective efforts to eradicate poverty.

She made the call when a visiting ten-member Indian delegation led by Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar met her at Gonabhaban. Aiyar was accompanied by his wife and Indian High Commissioner Rajeev Mitter.

Discussing about the proposed deep seaport in Chittagong, Hasina said India, China and other neighbouring countries of Bangladesh would be able to use it.

They also discussed bilateral issues apart from introducing border bazar, river dredging, shipbuilding and food security.

Prime Minister's press secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed journalists after the meeting.

Mani Shankar highly appreciated Hasina's leadership and said the friendly relation between Bangladesh and India has been strengthened in recent days as democratic governments are in power in the both the countries.

The Congress leader said the friendly ties of the two countries are very positive sign for the betterment of common people. He hoped that trade relations between them would be strengthened in the days to come.

The delegation emphasised the trade relations between Bangladesh and India's north-eastern region knows as seven sisters.

Ambassador at Large M Ziauddin and principal secretary to the Prime Minister MA Karim were present during the meeting.

# GRAFT CASE Tariqul surrenders to court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Former forest and environment minister Tariqul Islam yesterday surrendered to a Dhaka court and sought bail in connection with a case filed for misappropriating Tk 3.21 crore.

Judge (In charge) Mohammad Ismail Hossain of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka took up the bail petition and fixed July 26 for hearing.

Earlier on April 20 this year, Tariqul appeared before the High Court (HC) and sought anticipatory bail in the case. After the hearing, it asked the petitioner to surrender before the Sessions Judge's Court within three months.

Assistant director of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Shahidur Rahman filed the case with Shahbagh Police Station on November 16, 2008.

In the case statement, the ACC accused Tariqul, chief forest conservator Mohammad Anwarul Islam and former acting secretary to the forest and environment ministry Zafar Ahmed of misappropriating Tk 3,21,42,602 by selling timber without inviting any tender.

But Anwar and Zafar were later granted bail from the HC on different dates.

# Dr Ibrahim re-elected NGO Fed chair

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dr Muhammad Ibrahim, chairman of Centre for Mass Education in Science, has been re-elected as NGO Federation Chair in its biennial election held on July 10, says a press release.

AHM Nouman, executive director of DORP and Abul Haseeb Khan, director of RIC have been elected as vice-chairs while SN Kairy, director finance of BRAC, as treasurer.

The new members of the federation's national executive board are -- SMA Rashid, Zakir Hossain, Tapan Kumar Karmakar, Iqbal Ahmed, Musbah Alim, MA Quader and Azharul Islam.

# Muggers shoot 2 businessmen Snatch Tk 3.8 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of muggers shot at and snatched Tk 3.80 lakh from two businessmen at capital's Pallabi area yesterday.

The injured businessmen are Atiqur Rahman, 38, owner of a sawmill named Tisha Timber and Traders at Mirpur Mazar Road and his manager Mohammad Shahidullah, 50.

As Atiqur Rahman and his manager were going by a rickshaw through Chalantika Club on Mirpur road no 7, six muggers riding three motorbikes shot on their right legs and snatched the bag containing the money.

Local people recovered the two injured businessmen and admitted them into Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Injured manager Shahidullah said they withdrew Tk 11.80 lakh from an account of Mercantile Bank at Mirpur road no 7 and deposited Tk eight lakh to another account with the bank's same branch. They were going to Standard Chartered bank's Mirpur branch to deposit the remaining money.

Pallabi police said none of the muggers could be arrested and the snatched money was also could not be recovered.

# Contempt of court charge against BTRC chairman, telecom secy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Land phone company RanksTel has filed a contempt of court petition with the High Court (HC) against the chairman of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) and the secretary to the ministry of post and telecommunications on charge of violating its (HC) directive.

The HC on May 11 in a verdict directed the BTRC and government authorities to appoint an administrator to run operation of RanksTel, which the BTRC had shut down in March this year on charges of running illegal Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) business.

The higher court also asked the authorities to decide within seven days whether they will cancel the licence of the company.

If they decide to cancel the licence of the company, the court asked them to appoint an administrator to run it.

The authorities have cancelled the licence, but did not appoint an administrator for running the company. The RanksTel authorities on Monday filed the contempt of court petition against the BTRC and telecommunication secretary for not appointing the administrator as per the HC order.

Barrister Shakhawat Hossain told The Daily Star that the HC might hold hearing on the petition today (Wednesday).

# Enam Chy, Enamul elected C'wealth Society president, secy general

UNB, Dhaka

Enam Ahmed Chowdhury and AJM Enamul Islam were elected president and secretary general of Commonwealth Society of Bangladesh, says a press release.

Other office-bearers are Vice-presidents: Major General (ret'd) KM Shafiullah, Taleya Rahman and Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly; Assistant Secretary Generals: Mobaidul Islam and Dr MA Kamal; Treasurer: Azimur Rahman; Education Secretary: Barrister Harunur Rashid; Cultural Secretary: Asaduzzaman Noor, MP; Press and Publication Secretary: Farid Hossain and Sports Secretary: Saiful Alam.

Executive Council members are M Mokammel Haque, Mohammad Mohsin, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Mohammad Sirajuddin, Farooq Sobhan, Hassan Shahriar, Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury, Ibrahim Saber, Tanvir Newaz Khan, Md Ali Akbar Khan, Prof Farida Huq, Rashedul Hassan Khan and Mumtaz Hossain.

# Afghan soldier kills 3 British troops

AFP, Kabul

An Afghan soldier killed three British troops in a volatile region of the country yesterday, officials in Kabul said, pledging a full investigation into the shooting.

Details of the incident on an army base in southern Afghanistan were not immediately clear but the office of President Hamid Karzai voiced regret.

"We confirm that an Afghan army soldier has opened fire and killed three British soldiers," defence ministry spokesman Mohammad Zahir Azim told AFP.

He gave no further details but said the ministry would soon release a statement.

The shooting drew parallels with an attack by an Afghan policeman last November who shot dead five

British soldiers at a checkpoint in southern province Helmand, where the majority of Britain's troops are based.

A police official in Helmand, where the Britain has about 10,000 troops, said the Afghan soldier had escaped after Tuesday's attack.

The US-led NATO force in Afghanistan earlier announced that three foreign soldiers had been killed in an "attack" in the south, heartland of a nine-year Taliban insurgency, but gave no further details nor their nationalities.

"A joint ISAF and Afghan ministry of defence team is investigating the incident due to allegations the ISAF service members were fired upon by an Afghan national army soldier," it said, referring to NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

# Vow to fight India for Kashmir

AP, Muzaffarabad, Pakistan

The top official in Pakistan-held Kashmir vowed yesterday to fight India for control of the disputed territory in a speech to thousands of people assembled by a coalition of banned militant groups.

The provocative comments by Prime Minister Raja Farooq Haider Khan come amid the worst unrest in years in India-held Kashmir, which like Pakistan is majority Muslim. Residents have often chafed against rule by majority Hindu India.

Khan's comments also come days before India is scheduled to make its highest level visit to Pakistan since militants linked to Pakistan killed 166 people in Mumbai in 2008. The talks are meant to reduce tension between the two countries, but Khan's comments could do the opposite.

"Let me assure you that every home in Kashmir will become a bunker against India," Khan told the crowd in the capital of Pakistan-held Kashmir, Muzaffarabad.

## WEATHER

# Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:49pm today and rises at 5:20am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 33.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 24.2 degrees Celsius at Cox's Bazar.

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	31.0	26.5	86	75
Chittagong	29.8	24.9	79	83
Rajshahi	32.3	26.0	87	93
Khulna	30.4	26.9	88	84
Barisal	28.5	26.2	88	89
Sylhet	33.0	25.6	90	89
Cox's Bazar	30.4	24.2	83	92



# Malik Majeed passes away

METRO DESK

Malik Majeed, a noted film director and producer, breathed his last due to prolonged illness at United Hospital in the city on Monday, says a press release.

Malik Majeed set up Eastern Theatres (now Bari Studio), the first private motion picture studio of Bangladesh.

He was buried at his family graveyard at Ashulia in Savar after namaz-e-janaza at Gulshan and Siddheswary in the city.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.

Malik Majeed produced and directed many films including Matir Pahar, Raja Elo Shohore, Duranta Durbar, Isha Khan, Noder Chand, Asha, Eteem, Raja Shaheb and many other films.

# Jahan Ara Begum

METRO DESK

Jahan Ara Begum, an author, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at a hospital in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Jahan Ara was a regular feature writer for the weekly magazine "Lolona" during the 60's. The short story "Jhumur Mahal", published in 1968 in the magazine "Somokal" is one of her most noted works.

She left behind her two sons, two daughters and a host of admirers to mourn her death.

She was buried at the Azimpur Graveyard in the city after namaz-e-janaza at the Dhaka University Central mosque.

# Abdus Salam Chy

METRO DESK

Alhaj Abdus Salam Chowdhury, father of Prof Dr Abdul Chowdhury of Bangladesh Medical University (BSMMU), passed away at BSMU on Sunday at the age of 80, says a press release.

His qukhwani will be held at his village home in Comilla after Zohr prayers tomorrow (July 15).

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the qukhwani and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

## DHAKA TODAY

**Discussion**  
Bangladesh Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Foundation will hold a discussion. Venue: Biam Foundation multipurpose hall, Time: 10:00am.

**Unveiling ceremony**  
Shilpachariya Zainul Abedin Smriti Parishad will unveil a poster based on the poem "Padachinho". Venue: National Public Library auditorium, Time: 4:30pm.

**Roundtable**  
The magazine Energy and Power will organise a roundtable titled "Energy Sector Mega Plan and its Implementation Challenges". Venue: Cirdap auditorium, Time: 10:00am.

**Exhibition**  
The Trinamool Nari Uddokta Society will organise a fair. Venue: WVA auditorium, Time: 10:00am.

**Launch**  
The Launching and Dissemination Ceremony of Biodiversity National Assessment and Programme of Action will be held. Venue: Lged-Rdce auditorium, Time: 10:00am.

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Diabetic Association of Bangladesh will organise the inaugural ceremony of a new expansion programme. Venue: National Press Club Conference Lounge, Time: 10:00am.

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