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Mahmudur charged with not placing wealth report

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday pressed charges against Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the recently shut daily Amar Desh, in connection with a case filed for not submitting wealth statement within given period.

ACC Deputy Director Nur Ahmad, also investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, with 10 people shown as prosecution witnesses.

Meanwhile, Dhaka

Unfit buses off the streets as drive starts

Only 4 old buses seized; 236 fined; 20 vehicles vandalised, 15 hurt as transport workers clash with police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 236 buses and minibuses were fined Tk 1.94 lakh in the capital for not having fitness, tax and insurance certificates yesterday, the first day of a drive launched by the communications ministry against unfit vehicles.

Only four old buses could be seized as the owners of most of 4,000 unfit buses and minibuses did not press the vehicles into service fearing legal actions by mobile courts.

Meanwhile, 20 vehicles were vanda-

lised and at least 15 people including six policemen sustained injuries as transport workers protesting the drive clashed with law enforcers at Gabtoli last night.

Witnesses said the clash erupted when police tried to disperse the workers who barricaded the Dhaka-Aricha highway at Gabtoli with buses and trucks around 8:30pm, causing several kilometres of tailback on Mirpur Road and the highway.

Abdul Malek, officer-in-charge (OC) of Darussalam Police Station, along with five other policemen was injured in the clash.

The OC said the workers started pelting brickbats at them when police tried to clear the road.

After about two and a half hours, police managed to convince the workers to remove the vehicles parked haphazardly on the highway around 11:00pm.

Officer-in-Charge of Darussalam Police Station Abdul Malek, who suffered injuries when the transport workers pelted brickbats at the law enforcers, said he along with five more police personnel were injured in the clash.

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Grassroots AL leaders worried at party image

Seek Hasina's bold action as ALCWC meets today

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Grassroots level leaders of the ruling Awami League will urge Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to take tough action against those AL men including lawmakers, and Chhatra League and Jubo League leaders and activists who are destroying the image of both the party and the government through their activities.

They will also urge Hasina, president of AL, at a meeting of the party Central Working Committee to make the organisation more dynamic at all levels so that it can help the government implement its electoral pledges, a number of grassroots leaders told The Daily Star yesterday.

A stalemate in the activities of the ruling party has been

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Bulbul Ahmed no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bulbul Ahmed, the celebrity silver screen actor popularly known as Devdas, passed away at 1:00am yesterday at the age of 69.

Doctors on duty

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People wait for buses at the capital's Farmgate during the evening rush yesterday. Many vehicles were kept off the city streets due to the communications ministry's drive against outdated and unfit automobiles.

PHOTO: STAR

Law enforcers hunt for hidden JMB arms

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Banned militant organisation Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh has destroyed all the explosives it had in northern region, claimed detained outfit leader Anwar Alam. Law enforcers, however, have doubt over the account.

Police suspect Anwar Alam alias Nazmul alias Bhagne Shahid might have huge explosives and firearms stashed in the region.

Anwar, the acting JMB chief, told police during an interrogation yesterday that they had announced northern region as an area free from bomb-making factories, interrogators said.

"As part of a new strategy taken around three

months back, they [the organisation leaders] have already dismantled their explosives in the area," Bogra Superintendent of Police Humayun Kabir told The Daily Star quoting Anwar.

A top police official, who led the drives to catch Alam and former JMB chief Saidur Rahman, said, "We suspect Alam has kept explosives hidden in dens in northern region."

"We're worried about it as we seized powerful belt-bombs in Narayanganj in May. Those bombs can kill 50 to 60 people at a time if blasted in a gathering," added the official seeking anonymity.

The Bogra SP also quoted Anwar saying,

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Two held with links to illegal share trade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab yesterday nabbed two men with alleged links to illegal trade through private placement in capital market.

The two accused are Nabiullah Nabi alias Shafiq Alam Nabi and Sattaurzaman Shamim. Both are officials of Green Bangla Group that the company's website says operates in stock brokerage.

But it appears that it has no member registration on the website of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

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Mojahid on fresh remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid on a three-day fresh remand in a case filed for killing 345 people during the country's Liberation War in 1971.

Meanwhile, Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami was also shown arrested on Wednesday in the case following an application submitted by the Criminal Investigation Department. CID also prayed for a ten-day remand to interrogate Nizami.

The hearing on the remand prayer will be held in the court after he is produced before the court on expiry of his remand

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Arrests put Jamaat in deep trouble

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

Jamaat-e-Islami now struggles to come up with an effective strategy to face the current crisis arising from the large number of arrests of its party leaders across the country.

Party leaders said they would observe the whole situation while keeping in touch with their international contacts and fight legal battles to free their leaders including Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami.

ATM Azharul Islam, acting secretary general of Jamaat, said, "We are observing the situation. The legal battle to free our leaders will continue along with a peaceful movement."

Jamaat lawmaker and its Dhaka unit general secretary Hamidur Rahman Azad said they cannot take the arrests of the party's top leaders lightly but being a political party they would put emphasis on a peaceful movement.

Law enforcers on June 29 arrested Motiur Rahman Nizami, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid and Delwar Hossain Sayedee and also detained Abdul Quader Molla and Mohammad Kamaruzzaman on 13 July.

Of them, Molla and Kamaruzzaman were arrested on charge

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Ministries not paying heed to JS body suggestions

PM pledges enquiry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chiefs of different parliamentary standing committees yesterday raised allegation before Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that many ministries are not sincere to implement their recommendations to improve governance.

In response, Hasina assured them of an enquiry into the allegation, a number of chiefs told The Daily Star after a meeting with the premier at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Chiefs of the parliamentary bodies told the meeting

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DHAKA BOARD RESULTS Institutions outside city show strength

NAJMUL ALAM NABIN

None of the colleges in Dhaka city could keep the first two places under Dhaka Education Board after yesterday's HSC results due mainly to the newly introduced criteria.

Breaking the years long trend, Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College and Mirzapur Cadet College secured the first and second position respectively with 89.6 and 85.36 rank points this year.

According to the data available from the education boards, Notre Dame College, Viqarunnisa Noon College and Dhaka City College dominated the top three positions in the past five years.

Last year three colleges of the capital secured the top

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Eden student knifed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth stabbed to death an Eden College student at her Mirpur residence yesterday for her 'denial to continue' relationship with him.

Police arrested the youth Tariquzzaman Kabir, 28, from the house of the slain girl Muhsina Rabbani Menoka, 23, who was a masters student of Eden College.

Kabir from Faridpur sadar Police Station told The Daily Star that he killed Menoka as she had developed an affair with another youth cheating on him.

"I am pleased to kill her as she cheated on me and I willingly surrendered to police", Kabir said, adding, "I closed the door and stabbed in Menoka's abdomen first and then in different parts of her body. After the killing, I asked her mother to call police who arrested me."

Menoka's family members, however, denied any affair between Kabir and Menoka.

Lutfur Rabbani Badal, victim's father, said Kabir had access to their house as he was their relative.

"But we did not know that Menoka had an affair with Kabir," he said.



Muhsina Rabbani

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OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think the arrest of top Jamaat leaders is a chance for its next generation leaders to get rid of bad records and start afresh?

Yes (37.3%)
 No (60.1%)
 No Comments (2.6%)

Total votes: 765

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the custodial deaths will be stopped against the backdrop of several cops being sued & sent to jail in recent weeks for such incidents?

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July 16

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-50
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-58
Esha	8-15	8-45

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