



BCL FLEXES MUSCLE AGAIN

Two factions of ruling Awami League's students' wing Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) clash on the Rajshahi University campus yesterday to establish supremacy on the campus. The BCL cadres used machetes, Chinese axes and sharp weapons during the clash. (Story on Page 1)

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Woman brought dead to city hospital

Relatives say she was killed by her husband

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police on Friday night recovered a body of a woman from the emergency department of National Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases (NICVD). She was brought and left by three unidentified persons, police and NICVD officials said.

Post mortem report of Dhaka Medical College says the deceased Sonia, also known as Rinky, 24, was strangled to death.

Rinky's relatives suspect that her husband Jobair, who is now on bail in a case in connection with torturing her, might have killed her.

"Three persons brought her here and immediately left," NICVD ward master Hamidul Haque quoted his staff as saying. Hamidul filed an unnatural death case in this connection.

Azim Uddin, sub-inspector of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station, said they started investigating the case, but have yet to get any clue to arrest anyone.

Khandker Zahurul Islam, a relative of Rinky, said Jobair and Rinky got married in 2001 following an affair. But Jobair used to pressurise

and torture Rinky, an orphan, for dowry.

About six months ago, Jobair beat Rinky and drove her out of their house keeping their only son with him. Following this, Rinky filed a case under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act against her husband, Islam told The Daily Star.

Jobair was sent to jail following his arrest but was released on parole over a month ago for 15 days, which was later extended by another month, he said.

Rinky was trying to get her son back.

"Receiving a phone call from her husband promising to take her to their son Joy, 5, Rinky went out," he quoted his wife as saying. Rinky came to visit Zahurul Islam, her brother-in-law, in his Motijheel bank colony house on Wednesday.

An anonymous caller, who identified himself to be from NICVD, informed Islam later in the evening that a body was lying there and asked him to see if it was any of his relative's.

He then went to the institute and identified the body, he said.

Call to demolish illegal structures

'Ban Jamaat, Shibir politics'

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Members of different civil society organisations staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding demolition of all illegal structures and implementation of detailed area plan (DAP) for the Dhaka city.

Speakers at a rally said the prime minister has approved the DAP for Dhaka city but the main obstacle to implementing the project is some illegal structures, including the BGMEA Bhaban.

Citizens Rights Movement (CRM), Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (BAPA), Initiative for Peace, Sheba and some other social organisations participated in the rally in front of the BGMEA Bhaban in the city.

They demanded demolition of 5,000 illegal structures, including those on 43 canals in the city, and improvement of the drainage system.

CRM President Majeed (Retd) Md Mafizul Haque Sarker, BAPA General Secretary Abdul Matin, Executive Director of Initiative for Peace Muhammad Shafiqur Raman and Dr Md Nuruddin of Sheba spoke at the rally.

Jamaat leader Taher sued

UNB, Dhaka

Separate general diaries were lodged against Jamaat leader and former lawmaker Dr Abdullah Mohammad Taher in Khulna and Satkhira yesterday and Friday night for his provocative speech at a discussion in Dhaka.

Firoz Ahmed, Satkhira district organising secretary of Awami League, lodged a GD with Sadar police station against Dr Taher yesterday.

Khulna Correspondent said a general diary (GD) was lodged with Digholia police station on Friday night against Dr Taher.

Leaders of Amra Muktijoddhar Santan, an organisation of freedom fighters' children, demanded that the government ban Jamaat-e-Islami and Chhatra Shibir from politics forever.

They also demanded immediate arrest and trial of war criminals.

They placed the demands at a protest rally organised by Uttara thana unit of the organisation in front of Shahjalal International Airport in the city yesterday, says a press release.

They burnt an effigy of Jamaat leader Syed Abdullah Abu Taher for making derogatory comment on prime minister.

They also demanded immediate arrest of Golan Azam, Saiauddin Quader Chowdhury and Abu Taher.

Unit President Farhad uz-zaman presided over the meeting. Central committee President Humayun Kabir and Presidium member Nuruz-zaman were also present.

Traffic sergeant among 12 killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

At least 12 people, including a traffic sergeant, were killed and 35 others injured in separate road crashes in Gazipur, Narsingdi, Rangpur, Rajshahi and Satkhira yesterday and on Friday.

A correspondent from Narsingdi adds: At least six people were killed and 20 others injured in a head-on collision between a Dhaka-bound bus and a truck at Shibpur on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Narsingdi early yesterday.

Two of the deceased were identified as Kawser, 35 and Jashim, 25. The other four deceased could not be identified.

The accident occurred at around 9:15am when a bus from Bhairab crashed into a rice-laden truck in Kundarpara area of Shibpara.

Shibpur police sent the injured to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital.

UNB from Gazipur adds: An on-duty traffic sergeant was killed when a speeding truck ran him over at Dhaka-bypass crossing at Vogra in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Belal Hossain, 35, from Kaliganj upazila of Lalmonirhat district.

Police said a Tangail-bound truck fled after running the sergeant over at around 7:00am. Belal was taken to Sadar Hospital but succumbed to his injuries at about 8:30am.

A case was filed.

A correspondent from Rangpur says: Three traders were killed and five people injured when a truck carrying vegetables lost control on the Rangpur-Bogra highway at the Bish

Mile area of Pirganj upazila in the district on Friday night.

The deceased were identified as Monnaf, 25, Ramzan, 38, and Mizan, 25, all from Pirganj.

According to the police, the accident occurred when the vegetable carrying truck tried to make way for another truck coming from opposite direction and fell off the road.

Two people died on the spot and the third succumbed to his injuries on his way to the hospital.

Staff correspondent from Rajshahi adds: An elderly woman was killed and 10 others were injured when a human hauler carrying a bridal party was hit by a passenger bus at Trimohini crossing on the Rajshahi-Naogaon road in Mohonpur upazila of the district on Friday night.

The deceased identified as Kanchan Biwi, 70, wife of Saber Ali of Kharoil village of the upazila, died on the spot.

Of the injured, all passengers of the human hauler, two were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and the rest at the upazila health complex.

Police said no case has been filed regarding the accident.

Our correspondent from Satkhira says: An owner of a diagnostic centre was crushed by a covered van while riding his motorbike at Gonali Nalta on Tala-Paikgachha road in Tala upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shahidul Islam, 40, owner of Shuva Diagnostic Centre.

An unnatural death incident was filed with the Tala Police station.

'Keep Tk 100cr in DU budget for research'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A separate fund of Tk 100 crore should be allocated in the Dhaka University budget for research programmes, said speakers at a launching programme to support young researchers yesterday.

Nagorik Shanghati, a civil society organisation, organised the programme to encourage young researchers at the RC Majumder auditorium at Dhaka University.

Speakers said the programme was launched in an effort to encourage the masters-level students of the university who conduct thesis as part of their academic activities.

In the first phase of the programme, Iqbal Hossain

Chowdhury, a former DU student of Mass Communication and Journalism Department, presented his thesis paper on "Role of Amitav Reja in Advertisement Industry."

Mustafizur Rahman, another former DU student of Social Welfare presented his thesis on "Activities of NGOs in Rural Bangladesh."

Dhaka University Vice-chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique was present as chief guest on the occasion while ASM Atiqur Rahman, professor of Social Welfare Department of DU, also the president of Nagorik Shanghati and associate professor of Mass Communication and Journalism Department of DU Robaet Ferdous were also present.

Speedy war crimes trial demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally yesterday demanded fast trial of the identified war criminals and called for national unity to foil any attempts against the ongoing trial process.

The rally was organised by Sammilita Sangskritik Jote at

Central Shaheed Minar where lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor, Mofidul Haque, Golam Kuddus, Hasan Arif, among others, were present.

After the rally, the speakers and other participants marched in a procession till Shikha Chironton. They also held a symbolic execution of the war criminals.

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