

Govt waits on CID report

Says home minister on Aug 21 attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There was not enough security on August 21 as Sheikh Hasina deserved as the leader of the opposition, said Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday adding that the persons responsible should be made accountable for the loose security on that day.

She also said the government will find out the perpetrators of the August 21 grenade attack soon and will try them.

"The investigator will submit charge sheet soon. Then we will take further action to try the criminals," she said while speaking as the

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BNP, Jamaat had direct links

PM tells Bangabandhu Avenue rally about Aug 21 grenade attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has claimed that the previous BNP-Jamaat coalition government had direct links with the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League rally in 2004.

No matter how powerful the culprits might be, they would be brought to justice, Hasina said at a rally on the Bangabandhu Avenue commemorating the sixth anniversary of the grenade attack.

"Certain activities of the then BNP-Jamaat coalition government point to the fact that they had direct links with the attack and there is no doubt about it," claimed Hasina.

"Investigation is going on. Those who killed so many innocent people must be tried and punished to put an end to the politics of killing in the country," she said.

Hasina, also president of Awami League, said the BNP-led four-party coalition government tried to protect the attackers by different means.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the sixth anniversary of August 21 grenade attack talks to some of the victims on Bangabandhu Avenue -- the place of the bloodshed.

Toxic liquor kills ten

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 10 people died and three were hospitalised in a span of 24 hours due to drinking of toxic liquor at a village in Osmani Nagar till yesterday.

About 15 to 20 people consumed the poisonous liquor at Paschim Goalabazar between Friday afternoon and yesterday afternoon and fell sick within the next few hours, said Nirmalendu Chakravarty, officer-in-charge of Osmani Nagar Police Station.

The patients were severely vomiting and had other complications when they arrived, hospital sources said.

Two of the deceased Faruk Miah, 45, from Eolotoi village and Harun Khan, 35 from Shosharkandi died at MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital Friday afternoon.

Five others including the seller of the liquor Goyesh Miah, 30 from Nograkapon, Chittaranjan Das, 40 and Kanu Chandra Das, 50 from Das Para, Jhontu Dev, 30 of Ekarai and Zilu Miah, 40 from Brahman Gram died on Saturday.

Superintendent of Police, Md. Shakhawat Hossain told the Daily Star yesterday afternoon, that the police caught the dealer, Goyesh Miah, Saturday morning. However, as he had consumed

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Tailbacks mock bids to tackle traffic

MUKHLESUR RAHMAN

Motorised vehicles will ply in rows ignoring the modes," he said adding they again started manual system for controlling traffic instead of the traffic lights, which was introduced in last November.

The way the three-lane system has been introduced will not give commuters respite from tailback, said Shamsul Haque, director of accident research institute of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. It just made things worse, he said.

Most vehicles approaching intersections change lanes so that they could go to their desired directions and this changing of lanes clogs the streets, the

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A huge tailback at the capital's Mouchak yesterday. City dwellers are not spared the trouble even on the weekly holidays.

Rejoinder, our reply

In a rejoinder to our report headlined "20-storey building, Noor Ali admits to crime" published on August 6, Unique Group said the report based on different sources is not informative and is completely confusing.

Singed by Col (ret) ABM Shamsuddoha, director of Unique Group, and tagged with the name of senior reporter Anwar Hasan Babu of Daily Adhinayok, a sister concern of the group, the rejoinder says that Borak Real Estate did not do anything illegal during construction of the building.

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Koko placed 2009's medical certificate

Home ministry says parole cancelled as per rule; Koko's lawyer submits fresh plea for parole extension

HASAN JAHID TUSHER and RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

Violation of conditions and the opposition's threat to forge movement to bring BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's sons Arafat Rahman Koko and Tarique Rahman back to the country apparently led to Koko's parole cancellation.

As per the parole conditions, Koko was supposed to inform his whereabouts to the Bangladesh Embassy in Bangkok every three days but he did not do so, said a top home

ministry official yesterday asking not to be identified.

Moreover, he applied for further extension of parole a couple of weeks ago and attached a medical certificate to substantiate the cause. But the medical certificate was issued on November 17, 2009, which is very old and unacceptable to the government, the official added.

These are the main reasons why the government cancelled the parole on August 14 and asked Koko to surrender before a court

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Highway robbers kill 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Two people were killed and five others injured in a bus robbery Friday night on the Dhaka-Aricha highway at Dhamrai upazila of the district.

The deceased were identified as Rasel, 20, helper of the bus, from Faridpur, and Akkas,

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AMAR DESH CPJ requests SC to review its judgment

UNB, Dhaka

The Committee to Protect Journalists, a New York-based rights body, requested the Supreme Court (SC) to review its judgment on journalists in Bangladesh, which sentenced them to jail and fines on

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