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Fresh tension grips Pabna

Pro-admin group holds rally, pro-lawmaker bunch to demonstrate today; AL attackers told to surrender

M ABUL KALAM AZAD and AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, from Pabna

The situation in Pabna has heated up again with the district Awami League clearly divided centring the attack on administration officials by some Jubo League and Chhatra League activists on September 17.

Protesting the attack, a group of local Awami League and its other affiliated bodies' leaders at a rally yesterday condemned the attack and demanded punishment of the attackers.

"We've taken stand against some criminals who are involved in various criminal activities including the attack on government officials on instructions of a lawmaker," Ragib Hasan Tipu, district Jubo League secretary, said at the rally.

The city is set to become hotter today, as the

other section of local AL, Jubo League and Chhatra League have decided to lay siege to the DC office and stage demonstration against the district administration today.

The decision came at an emergency meeting of AL's Pabna municipality unit yesterday to press home their demand to withdraw AFM Monjur Kadir, the deputy commissioner (DC).

The agitation is aimed at giving the district administration a "reply" for its Thursday's view exchange meeting with local elites, party insiders have said.

Supporters of Pabna sadar lawmaker Golam Faruk Prince, who is now in a tug of war with the DC, will bring out processions and a hold rally, they said.

Asked about the overall atmosphere of the



A trader of Gabtoli cattle market in the capital sends a cow to his home in Sngrai of Savar after it was found to be sick. The photo was taken at Amin Bazar on Dhaka-Aricha Highway.

Quader rallies behind press

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Awami League presidium member Obaidul Quader yesterday said the severe criticism against the press in the Jatiya Sangsad was not acceptable.

Quader, also president of the parliamentary standing committee on information ministry, said the parliament and the press are not rivals but help each other out. The lawmakers and journalists should restrain themselves, he added.

He said, of the 305 lawmakers of the ruling party in the House, around seven harshly criticized some newspapers. The party or the government should not be lambasted for remarks made by a handful of

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Ibrahim Murder Shaon's bodyguard and aide arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department yesterday arrested two more persons in connection with the murder of Awami League activist Ibrahim Ahmed.

Of the arrestees, Delwar Hossain is a bodyguard and Shimul an assistant of AL lawmaker Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shaon.

The two were picked up from different places in the capital's Malibagh area,

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Youth's body recovered from city dustbin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of an unidentified youth from a roadside dustbin near the Ansar camp at Mirpur in the city yesterday.

They suspect the victim, aged around 22, might have been strangled.

After recovering the body around 8:30pm, Mirpur police sent it to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Zahid Hasan, a rent-a-car driver, told police that two youths hired his car from Mirpur Section-1 and got a

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Robber beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

An alleged robber was beaten to death by a mob at Alekerchar village in Comilla Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Md Abdul Matin alias Motinya Dakat of the upazila's Amratoli village.

Police and locals said, at about 2:30am, a gang of six robbers stormed into the house of a local businessman of Alekerchar village. When the villagers came to know, they surrounded the house, the sources added.

Comilla Kotwali Police Station Office-in-Charge Mohiuddin Mahamood said, though the other bandits managed to flee the scene, the

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Prayer Timing		
September 26		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-35	5-10
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	6-00	6-05
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

Mir Kashem set up torture cell in Chittagong

War crimes investigators told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Jamaat-e-Islami central leader Mir Kashem was allegedly involved in crimes against humanity as coordinator of a torture cell in the port city set up by the occupation forces during the Liberation War in 1971.

Witnesses told the visiting investigation team of International Crimes Tribunal yesterday that Pakistani army personnel and their local collaborators including Mir Kashem set up the torture cell at Dalim Hotel on Nazir Ahmed Chowdhury lane. Kashem was the then president of Jamaat's student wing Islami Chhatra Sangha and an Al Badr commander.

The probe team was also told of alleged involvement of the then Islami

Chhatra Sangha leader Abul Kalam (now a director of TK Group) in the crimes committed against humanity.

Earlier on Friday, BNP leader Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury's name came up during the team's enquiry into the crimes. He however denied the allegation at a press conference later.

The seven-member team that ended its two-day visit to the city yesterday got firsthand information from witnesses on how people were massacred in Chittagong during the Liberation.

Headed by Chief Prosecutor Golam Arif Tipu, the team yesterday visited three crime scenes including Dalim Hotel,



Pahartali mass killing ground and women torture cell near Foy's Lake to gather evidence, and talked with many of the victims' families and witnesses.

Former president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Nurjahan Khan alleged that some local collaborators took away her husband Saifuddin Ahmed Khan, then a leader of

National Awami Party, and some others from their Madarbari residence on November 25 in 1971 and tortured them brutally at Dalim Hotel till December 16. The others included Chittagong University student Irshad Kamal Khan,

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Mirpur Road blocked over student's death

25 hurt in clash as cops try to remove blockade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 25 people including policemen were injured in a clash between students of a private university and law enforcers on Mirpur Road in the capital yesterday morning.

Of the injured, three police were admitted to LabAid Hospital and the others were released after first aid treatment from the hospital, said Shah Alam, officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi Police Station.

Dhanmondi police, meanwhile, picked up seven students and one teacher of World University of Bangladesh from in front of the hospital.

A group of students of the university formed a human chain at Dhanmondi 5 near the hospital around 10:00am and blocked the Mirpur Road protesting against the death of a fellow student in a road accident on Friday, witnesses said.

Sub-Inspector Mohammad Ashraf of the police station said the students vandalised some 10 private cars.

Dhanmondi police then rushed to the spot and asked the students to withdraw the blockade. But the students started pelting them with brickbats. To control the situation, the law enforcers charged truncheons on the demonstrators triggering a clash that left 25 people injured including the OC.

Vice-Chancellor Abdul Mannan Chowdhury of the university told The Daily Star yesterday that the clash occurred due to a misunderstanding between students and police personnel.

OC Shah Alam said the detainees would be released soon. Some 200 policemen were deployed in the area fearing further clash.

Mustafizur Rahman, 25, a first year student of machatronics department of the university,

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PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

This is not a photo of the autumn mist over Chittagong city. Yesterday smog blanketed the Bayazid Bostami area, which is home to several industries.

UK goes after cyberstalking

More than 10 lakh women, 9 lakh men are stalked a year

BBC ONLINE

A new survey has been launched in an effort to find out the true level of cyberstalking in the UK.

It comes a day after the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) unveiled new guidance to prosecutors and promised to get tough on cyberstalkers.

More than one million women and 900,000 men are stalked in the UK every year, according to the British Crime Survey.

But until now no research has been done to find out how many people are stalked or harassed online.

On Friday the Electronic Communication Harassment Observation (Echo) survey, commissioned by the charity Network for Surviving Stalking, was launched by researchers at the University of Bedfordshire.

They are hoping to find people who have been stalked, harassed or threatened through e-mail, on Internet chatrooms or on social networking sites like Facebook.

Project leader Dr Emma Short said: "There are stalkers for whom the Internet and mobile phones are just convenient 'tools of their trade'."

"But we think there are also vast numbers of Internet users who are engaged in harassing behaviours simply because they don't know the rules of appropriate online communication."

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BOMB THREAT

Pakistan jet evacuated

AP, Stockholm

Swedish police evacuated a Pakistan International Airlines jet diverted to Stockholm due to a bomb alert yesterday and detained a passenger on suspicion of preparing aircraft sabotage, officials said.

No explosives were found on the man, who was being questioned by investigators, or on the aircraft, which was parked on a ramp at the end of a runway at Stockholm's Arlanda airport, police said.

The Boeing 777 was travelling from Toronto to Karachi when the pilot asked to land after Canadian authorities received a tip

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Good governance at stake

Noted personalities decry situation in Pabna, remark of health adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Politicians and civil society members yesterday censured the government for the recent feud between local administration and ruling party members of Pabna and the remarks of a prime minister's adviser on recruitment in the health sector.

They observed that the standard of the country's governance is far below the people's expectation.

They were speaking at the third national conference of Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Sujan) in the capital's Institution of Diploma Engineers,

Bangladesh.

In the meeting former Awami League organising secretary Mahmudur Rahman Manna said we have seen government officials of Pabna in tears but the government is doing nothing in this regard.

About recruitment under the health ministry, he said, "The prime minister's health adviser said that all recruitments in the sector would be from the ruling party men. Is this the face of good governance in the country?"

On September 20, PM's health adviser Syed Modasser Ali said in Gopalganj, "Some 13,350 employees will soon be recruited in community clinics. We have

decided that none outside the party [Awami League] will be recruited."

Researcher and columnist Syed Abul Maksud said it is confusing as to who are running the country, the government or the PM's advisers. The advisers just say whatever they want, he observed.

BNP leader Inam Ahmed Chowdhury said this kind of remark is unprecedented and unacceptable in any democratic country.

On September 17, more than 100 Jubo League and Bangladesh Chhatra League activists swooped on two examination centres in Pabna during a recruitment

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OnlinePoll

Do you agree with Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad that the government believes in full freedom of the press?

Yes (11.8%)
No (87.4%)
No Comments (0.8%)

Total votes: 499

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with AL Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif that BNP doesn't want to join parliament to hinder war crime trial?

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