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Killers still at large

16 out of 27 accused identified from video footage; one arrested; quiet hartal in Natore; police role under scrutiny

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Natore police yesterday identified 16 people from video footage of the Friday's attack that killed Boraigram upazila chairman Sanaullah Noor Babu, but arrested only one of them in this connection.

The 16 are among the 27 accused by name in the murder case filed late night on Saturday by Mohua Noor Kachi, wife of Babu.

Natore Superintendent of Police Rafiqul Islam said, "Some 16 of the accused have been detected in video footage we collected."

The arrested, Russell Hossain Rappu, is a Bangladesh Chhatra League activist of the upazila. Natore Detective Branch arrested Rappu from his Mohisdanga village home in the early hours of yesterday.

Inspector General of Police Hassan



Rappu: Lone arrestee

Mahmood Khandker said the culprits would be arrested within the shortest possible time through a massive hunt. Babu murder case was transferred to the Natore DB for intensive investigation.

In another development, the government is probing if the law enforcers present at Bonpara Bazar during the incident had any negligence in their duty.

Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder and IGP Hassan Mahmood said the role of the local law enforcers, who were present on the spot during the killing, would be examined and actions be taken if their negligence is found.

"The government has taken the issue very seriously and some outcome will be visible soon," the secretary told The Daily Star.

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CONTEMPT CHARGE High Court 'exonerates' EC Sohul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday "exonerated" Election Commission Commissioner Muhammed Sohul Hussain from a contempt of court charge, while observing that he was grossly contemptuous.

An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain said the election commissioner was contemptuous of the court by making comments on a sub judice matter regarding the Jatiya Sangsad membership of Awami League leader MK Alamgir.

The "exoneration" was granted because the accuser, MK Alamgir, himself had requested for the relief, it added.

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A section of Jubo Dal activists, three of them wearing masks, shoots at rivals during a factional clash centring the council of the organization's South Comilla district unit yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

2 criminals beaten to death after trader killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A shrimp trader was shot dead by two criminals at Lata Bazar in Paikgacha upazila of Khulna last night.

Immediately after the killing, locals caught the two and beat them to death.

The deceased trader was identified as Dulal Mandal, 35, son of Janek Mandal of Putna Khali village in Lata union.

Humayun Kabir, officer-in-

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City bus plunges into river

One dead, more than 40 missing; search in Turag goes on for passengers, vehicle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least one passenger died with many more feared dead after a speeding bus plunged into Turag river near Salehpur Bazar bridge in the capital's suburb Savar yesterday.

Rescuers were yet to trace the bus with more than 50 passengers on board as of filing this report at 1:00am, some 14 hours after the accident.

The rescue operation, however, was still on.

A Sound Navigation and Ranging (SONAR) machine, which is used to detect drowning objects, reached the spot from Chittagong around 12:20am to trace the sunken bus.

Shamsul Hoque Tuku, state minister for home, visited the spot and hoped a breakthrough in the search operation with the arrival of SONAR.

Navy diver Mohammad Moniruzzaman and fire brigade Deputy Director Abdul Baten told

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AL delegates meet CEC

Discuss local govt polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's adviser HT Imam yesterday said the government will take necessary measures to maintain environment conducive to free and fair elections to local government bodies beginning from December.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda on Saturday expressed concern over the

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Jubo Dal men on the rampage

Factions turn its district conference into battlefield in Comilla

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Feuding factions of Comilla District (South) Jubo Dal yesterday turned Kadirpara area of the district town into a war zone, exploding Molotov cocktails, and firing sawed-off rifles, pistols, revolvers, and homemade guns.

The incident, which was sparked centring a conference of the BNP youth front's unit, left 30 persons including four police personnel wounded.

The injured police personnel are Officer-in-charge (OC) of Kotwali Model Police Station Mohiuddin Mahmud, sub-inspectors (SI) Mosaddekul Maula and Md Shahjahan, and a havildar.

Police picked up 15 persons on charges of involvement in the

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CTG PORT Army help sought for smooth berth operations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Private berth operators here yesterday demanded that army personnel be deployed at Chittagong Port to ensure smooth berth operation.

Leaders of Berth Operator Owners' Association asked the government for the army deployment at a press conference around 2:00pm at a city restaurant.

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Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of DBBL inaugurated DBBL's 1000th ATM booth at the factory premises of the GlaxoSmithKline Bangladesh Ltd., Fouzderhat Industrial Area, Chittagong. Among others, Mr. Sarwar Azam Khan, Finance Director, Mr. Razeb Barua, Site Director of GlaxoSmithKline Bangladesh and other senior officials of both the organizations were present in the inauguration ceremony.

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