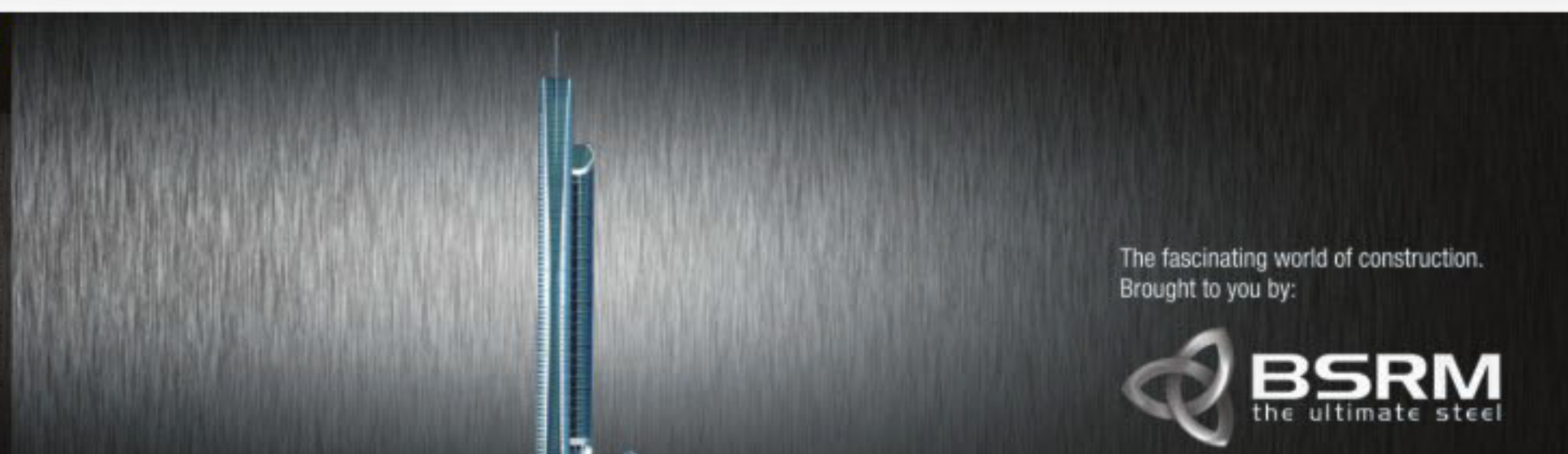


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JAMAAT MEN HELD  
Cops claim outlaw link of 1 arrestee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police identified one of the 20 Jamaat men arrested at the city's Mirpur on Thursday as a member of an outlawed party.

Moazzem Hossain, an outlawed party leader, of Kanherpol village under Shoilakupa upazila in Jhenidah district, was arrested earlier several times with firearms and served jail sentences, said Monirul Islam, deputy commissioner (DC), south, of Detective Branch (DB) of police.

He, however, said police are yet to gather information about the other arrestees and suspect that they also have connection with various criminal activities.

"We received information that the Jamaat men were holding the meeting at Mirpur that day to plan some subversive activities to destabilise the country," he said. The

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A four-storey structure of wood and corrugated sheet in the capital's Begunbari at a risk of collapse. In recent months, collapse of similar structures claimed many lives in the area. The photo was taken yesterday.

Photo: Anisur Rahman

Babar taken to Ctg jail

To be produced in court Nov 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar was brought to Chittagong Central Jail from Dhaka yesterday to produce before a court here in cases linked to the 10-truck arms haul in Chittagong in 2004.

Babar was brought to the Chittagong jail around 7:45pm, said Altaf Hossain, senior jail super.

He will be produced before a court on November 1 for hearing on a 10-day remand petition filed by investigation officer Mohammad Moniruzzaman.

Earlier on October 3, Babar was accused and shown arrested in the country's largest ever arms haul cases. On the same day, Moniruzzaman submitted the remand petition to the Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

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Private bus operators obstruct BRTC services

State-run agency compelled to suspend operations in several districts

SHAHNAZ PARVEEN

Private bus operators and their associations are obstructing Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) to operate in many districts compelling the state-owned transport provider to suspend operation on different routes.

The private operators have been putting barricades on roads, intimidating

passengers and threatening to damage BRTC buses in many areas demanding cuts in the number of its buses or complete withdrawal, BRTC General Manager (operations) Major Quazi Shafique Uddin told The Daily Star.

In the last few months, the corporation faced obstruction in Bagerhat, Thakurgaon, Brahmanbaria, Bogra, Rangpur, Panchagarh, Nilphamari,

Kurigram and Kishoreganj, officials said. "Passengers are feeling unsafe. Recently, we had to request police protection in several cases to continue our service. We've also filed a number of cases in this regard," said a BRTC official in return for anonymity.

A few months ago, private operators in southwestern region called a strike

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DCC to survey state of city playgrounds

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) is going to carry out a survey in different areas of the city to know the present status of playgrounds for children, DCC officials said.

A surveyor team comprising magistrates would be engaged in 10 regions of the capital next week to recover those playgrounds from the hands of unscrupulous persons.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently directed the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to recover all the children's

parks and playgrounds in the city.

Contacted, DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka said evicting illegal occupants from the playgrounds is a regular task of DCC.

"We have taken necessary steps according to the directives of Prime Minister and will conduct a survey to get back playgrounds under DCC," he said.

The DCC, according to its estate list, has now 53 playgrounds in the metropolis. Of them, 12 are children parks and six are playgrounds.

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OnlinePoll

Do you think the practice of strike to realise demands in institutions like hospitals and airlines is justified?

- Yes (26.1%)
- No (70.7%)
- No Comments (3.2%)

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TODAY'S POLL

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Piled up construction materials of a commercial building narrows the Rokeya Sarani in the capital's Mirpur. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

BDR mutiny trial begins in C'nawabganj today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A special court of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in Chapainawabganj will begin trial of 30 accused jawans in connection with the case of 39 Rifles Battalion mutiny today.

Lt Col Yahia Azam, sector commander of Rajshahi BDR, will lead the court at 39 Rifles Battalion headquarters. The other members are Lt Col Khalid Hossain and Major Touhidul Islam.

All the 30 jawans are now in jail.

BDR sources said the accused jawans revolted to express their solidarity with the mutineers of BDR headquarters (Pilkhana) at 39 Rifle Battalion on February 26 last year.

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Indonesia battles to aid survivors

Tsunami toll tops 400

AFP, North Pagai

Indonesia battled yesterday to deliver aid to remote islands where a tsunami has killed over 400 people, as bodies lay strewn on beaches and buried in debris days after the wave hit.

Disaster response officials believe the final death toll from the huge wave that pummeled the Mentawai island chain off the west coast of Sumatra Monday could exceed 600, with many victims sucked out to sea as the tsunami receded.

Almost 13,000 people are living in makeshift camps on the islands after their homes were wiped out in the killer wave, which was triggered by a powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake.

Survivors in a village reached by an AFP photographer said as many as 30 of the community's 100 children had been killed. One man complained they still had not received any assistance from the government.

Elsewhere in the disaster-prone archipelago, the nation's most active volcano, Mount

Merapi in central Java, was spewing lava and searing gas, after an eruption on Tuesday killed 34 people.

Volcanologist Heru Suparwoko said the clouds were "definitely dangerous" for people who had refused to obey orders to evacuate the danger zone.

Some 50,000 people have fled to temporary shelters but many are returning to their fields on the volcano during the day, despite the threat of another deadly eruption.

On the Mentawais, a legendary destination for foreign surfers but an otherwise poor and neglected part of Indonesia, officials said helicopters had started dropping aid on Friday.

"We've started sending relief supplies, which are still limited but enough for the people to survive," national search and rescue spokesman Gagah Prakoso said.

The latest official death toll from the tsunami stood at 408, with 303 still listed as missing. Officials said as many as 200 of the missing

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UP member beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A union parishad (UP) member died of his wounds at Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) yesterday after he came under attack allegedly of AL-backed Motor Sramik League activists in Sakoya Bazar of Sadar upazila Thursday night.

The deceased is Rafiqul Islam, 44, a member of Mogholhat union parishad and also the secretary of Ward-8 of the union unit BNP.

Incensed at the killing, local people blockaded Lalmonirhat-Mogholhat road at Sakoya Bazar around 10:00am yesterday. They also brought out a protest rally during the blockade.

The blockade was withdrawn around 2:00pm after

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Jamaat declares fresh agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday announced a fresh programme for four days across the country, demanding unconditional release of the party leaders and workers detained from Mirpur on Thursday.

Starting from today, the programme will continue until November 3 with one day's break tomorrow. As part of the programme, Jamaat leaders and activists will organise rallies in divisional cities, district and upazila

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Prayer Timing		
October 30		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-50	5-25
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-32	5-35
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

বিআরটিএ'র জরুরি সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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