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JCD leader shot in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unknown assailants shot a leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) in the capital's Shantinagar area yesterday.

Injured Habibur Rashid Habib, 35, is the convener of Dhaka city (south) unit of JCD, student wing of BNP, and also a contractor of Public Works Department.

Habib's brother-in-law Raihan said the criminals opened fire on him behind Eastern Plus shopping centre around 10:45am.

The JCD leader came under attack near his residence while going to pick up

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3 cops sued for extortion

COURT CORRESPONDENT

An extortion case was filed against officer-in-charge (OC) of Rampura Police Station, along with its two sub-inspectors (SI) with a Dhaka court yesterday.

Begum Ziaun Nahar, the complainant, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court against the OC, Mohammad Saidur Rahman and SI Akbar Hossain and SI Saiful Islam.

She also accused her daughter Shamimun Nahar Lipi and one Delwar Hossain of harassment.

After the hearing,

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HSC EXAMS BEGIN

64 examinees expelled on first day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sixty-four examinees were expelled on charges of cheating while 7,714 candidates were absent on the first day of Higher Secondary and its equivalent Alim and Business Management examinations yesterday.

Both the number of expelled students and absentees on the first day is higher than that of last year. Last year, 47 were expelled while 6,802 were absent.

Eight education boards, one Madrasa Education Board and one Technical Education Board are

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WAR CRIMES CHARGES

Detained Nizami, Mojahid to be quizzed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday allowed the investigators to interrogate detained Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami and Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid at Dhaka Central Jail in connection with war crimes charges.

The Jamaat leaders will be interrogated between 10:00am and 5:00pm on two separate days, the tribunal said, adding that the investigation agency will fix the dates.

The three-judge panel headed by Justice Nizamul Huq, passed the order following two petitions by the prosecution last month seeking to take the two in its custody for three days for "proper interrogation".

The tribunal directed the jail authorities yesterday to arrange a room in the Dhaka Central Jail for interrogation. A counsel for each of the Jamaat leaders will be present in a nearby room but they cannot hear the interrogation, the court said.

Prosecutors Syed Rezaur Rahman, Zead al Malum and Syed Haider Ali placed arguments for questioning the

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Jamaat-Shibir activists pelt police with brickbats from Baitul Mukarram mosque in the capital during a clash yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SUMON

Jamaat men clash with cops in city

25 injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 1,000 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir clashed with police at Paltan area in Dhaka yesterday.

At least 25 people, including 10 policemen, were injured in the half-an-hour clash.

Police used rubber bullets, 40 teargas canisters, water canons and truncheons to disperse the Jamaat-Shibir activists, said Syed Nurul Islam, Ramna division additional deputy commissioner of police, adding that the activists first attacked them with bamboo sticks and brickbats.

Police rounded up 15 Jamaat-Shibir members

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IVORY COAST CONFLICT

Cornered Gbagbo in surrender talks

BBC ONLINE

The UN says three generals loyal to Ivory Coast's besieged President Laurent Gbagbo are negotiating terms for surrender in return for guarantees of safety for him and themselves.

France says negotiators are on the brink of agreeing his departure.

Mr Gbagbo is sheltering with his family in the basement bunker of his residence in the main city, Abidjan.

Troops loyal to Mr Gbagbo's rival, UN-recognised President Alassane Ouattara, say they have surrounded the compound.

The UN says Mr Gbagbo's military and civilian advisers are leaving him.

Three of his generals -- the head of the armed forces, the head of the police and the head of the republican guard -- have opened negotiations, the UN told the BBC's Andrew Harding, who is on the outskirts of Abidjan.

'WAR IS OVER'

"We are very close to convincing him to leave power," French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe told the National Assembly in Paris.

Mr Gbagbo's spokesman, Ahoua Don Mello, told the Reuters news agency there were "direct negotiations based on African Union recommendations which said Alassane Ouattara is president".

"They are also negotiating judicial and security conditions for Gbagbo's camp and his relatives," Mr Don Mello said.

The deputy commander of the pro-Ouattara forces, Cisse Sindou, told the BBC's Focus on Africa programme: "We won the battle. Gbagbo is with the French. He is negotiating how to leave the country."

Mr Gbagbo had refused to leave office even though the Ivorian election commission declared him the loser of November's

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APRIL 4 HARTAL

3,000 sued for arson, vandalism

STAR REPORT

A total of 13 cases have been lodged in Dhaka, Chittagong and Narayanganj accusing several thousand people on charges of assaulting police, vandalism and arson during Monday's hartal in protest of the newly-announced women policy.

Seven of the cases were filed in Dhaka while four in Chittagong and two in Narayanganj.

In Dhaka, 181 leaders and activists of Islamic Ain Bastabayan Committee (Islamic Law Implementation Committee) along with around 1,310 unidentified

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Govt to revive case against Shokrana

M RAHMAN

A government committee yesterday decided to revive the much-talked-about pulse hoarding case against former publicity secretary of Bogra district BNP Md Shokrana.

A Bogra court quashed the case against four people including prime accused Shokrana in November last year following an appeal by district Public Prosecutor Abdul Matin.


The decision to revive the case came at the 28th meeting of the national committee on withdrawal of "politically motivated" cases with State Minister for law Quamrul Islam in the chair yesterday.

The committee, however, recommended for dropping the names of the three other accused from the case. The case was filed in 2007.

Asked if the committee has the authority to revive a case already dismissed by a court, Quamrul said: "We'll take steps to revive the case against Shokrana, as the national committee recommended for dropping charges

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think BGMEA authorities should stop further persuasion to save the building that has been declared illegal and asked to demolish by the High Court?

Yes

No

No Comments

(69.4%)

(29.8%)

(0.8%)

TOTAL VOTES: 386

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam that main opposition BNP and its ally Jamaat-e-Islami sponsored the countrywide hartal on April 4?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING

April 6

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	7-45	8-15


Source: Islamic Foundation



An HSC examinee caught in a traffic jam at Bakshibazar carries out her last minute revision on way to Begum Badrunnesa Govt Girls' College yesterday morning. On the first day of the exams, the city saw a huge congestion mostly to the suffering of examinees and guardians.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

DEATH ANNIVERSARY



TODAY IS THE THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF (LATE) NAZIUR RAHMAN MONJUR, FOUNDER CHAIRMAN OF BANGLADESH JATYA PARTY (BJP), FORMER LGRD MINISTER OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH, FORMER MAYOR OF DHAKA CITY CORPORATION. A DOA MAHFIL HAS BEEN ARRANGED TODAY AT HIS BHOLA RESIDENCE.

ALL RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND WELL WISHERS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE DOA MAHFIL AND PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY ALLAH TO GRANT ETERNAL PEACE TO THE DEPARTED SOUL.

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