

ZUBAIR KILLING JU probe report Jan 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The committee probing the murder of Zubair Ahmed, student of Jahangirnagar University, will place its report on January 30, Vice Chancellor Prof Shariff Enamul Kabir said yesterday.

Zubair, a fourth year student of English, succumbed to stab injuries after an attack by a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists on January 9.

Amid wide-scale demonstration of students, the JU authorities formed a five-member investigation committee headed by Pro-VC Prof Farhad Hossain to look into the killing.

The students, however, continued their protest by bringing out a procession on the campus yesterday with their previous demands including punishment to the killers of Zubair.

They also announced that the demonstration will continue if the investigation report is not published on January 30 as assured by the vice chancellor.

Fire guts Bijoynagar shop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire in a shop situated in a high-rise building in the city's Bijoynagar area yesterday gutted a huge amount of stored goods.

Fire brigade sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit in the warehouse of the shop, Swapno, on the first floor of the 10-storied "Tropa Complex" around 11:45am.

Three fire fighting units rushed to the spot and doused the flames in around one hour while residents on the other floors were evacuated, they added.



A truck waits for its wheels to be jacked up from a pothole on the only functioning road beside the under-construction flyover at Bahaddarhat in Chittagong city yesterday. The sorry state of the road makes this a common scene for the city dwellers.

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Ensure transparency in fund management

Speakers urge political parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Political parties should start practising democratic norms and ensuring transparency in their fund management to ensure accountability to their activists and countrymen, said speakers at a seminar yesterday.

The rising trend of some trying to control political parties using "black money" is polluting politics. This should end immediately through whatever means available, they added.

The seminar, "Transparency in political financing: The challenges and the way out", was organised by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) in a hotel of Sylhet city.

TIB programme officer Shahjada M Akram presented a paper on the title while TIB Sylhet unit Conscious Citizens' Committee President Faruque Mahmud

Chowdhury chaired the seminar.

The speakers also stressed on the need for a strong, powerful and assertive Election Commission to look into the affairs of political parties.

Lawmakers should stop boycotting the parliament as it would never bring any good. Making it functional should be the top priority since it was why they were elected by the people in the first place, they added.

Mentioning that transparency should begin at all levels, Sylhet city Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran, addressing as chief guest, urged Election Commission to be more assertive.

Moderating the seminar, TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said misuse of power breeds corruption. Therefore, creating mass awareness for transparent politics is very important, he said.

Brac official appointed to UN body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Sheeja Hafiza, director, Gender, Justice and Diversity Advocacy

for Social Change Unit of Brac, has been appointed a member of the United Nations Secretary General Ban ki-moon's 10-member advisory group on Peace Building Fund (PBF).

This group will advise the secretary general from time to time on how to allocate \$3.50 million fund for peace building purposes, says a press release.

This is the first time a Bangladeshi has been appointed to such an important advisory group.

7 killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Seven people were killed and 13 others injured in separate road accidents in Jhenidah, Narsingdi and Sirajganj yesterday.

Our Jhenidah correspondent reports: Four people were killed and 13 others injured as a bus plunged into a ditch beside Dhaka-Khulna highway at Raghunathpur bus station in Kaliganj upazila of the district yesterday.

Three passengers of the bus Mufti Zafar Ahammed, 40, of Mukampur village in Terokhada upazila, Mufti Alamgir Hossain, 30, of Shoalgram in Dumuria upazila, of Khulna and Mawlana Abdul Kuddus, 50, of Naragati village in Narail Sadar upazila died on the spot.

The bus driver Minhaz Mandol, 42, hailing from Jogipal village in Digholia upazila, succumbed to his injuries at Jessore Sadar Hospital.

The accident occurred when the Khulna-bound bus carrying 52 Biswa Ijtema devotees

from Tongi hit a tree and fell into the ditch at around 4:30am, said Kaliganj police.

The injured were admitted to Jhenidah and Jessore sadar hospitals.

The people were returning homes after attending Akheri Munajat on Sunday.

In Narsingdi, a sand-laden truck hit a motorbike at Sreefula in Shibpur upazila at around 4:00pm yesterday, leaving the two motorcyclists critically injured.

The victims are Shafiqul Islam, 31, and Farid Mia, 40.

They succumbed to their injuries on the way to Narsingdi Hospital.

In Sirajganj, Umir Hossain, 45, son of Amir Hossain of Janta village in Manda upazila of Naogaon district, was killed on spot as a truck ran over him while he was crossing the road at Hatikumrul in Ullapara upazila yesterday morning.

Reshuffle in local admin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a major reshuffle in the local administration, the government recently changed 10 deputy commissioners (DC) and three additional deputy commissioners (ADC).

Anal Chandra Das, deputy commissioner of Local Government Division, has been made DC of Pirojpur; Khandaker Mustafizur Rahman, chief executive office of Jhalakathi District Council as Bhola DC; Nurul Islam, personal secretary to housing and public works minister, as Gazipur DC; Zafar Ullah, chief executive officer of Pabna district administration as Natore DC; Zakir Hossain, deputy director of government printing press as Sherpur DC.

Dr Anwar Hossain Hawlader, deputy project director of Urban Primary Health Care Project (Phase 2) has been made Sathkira DC; KM Tariqul Islam, deputy director (local government), divisional commissioner's office, Dhaka as Bandarban DC.

Khaja Abdul Hannan, deputy secretary of health and family planning ministry, has been made Jhenidah DC; Sarwar Mahmud, deputy secretary of housing and public works ministry as Bogra DC and Dr Shah Alam, deputy director of road division as Chapainawabganj DC, according to a circular issued on January 16.

Meanwhile, Mojaffar Ahmed, additional DC of Naogaon, has been attached to the public administration ministry for further posting; Dr ANM Bazlur Rashid, upazila nirbahi officer, Charghat, as Naogaon DC; Khan Md Reza Un Nabi, upazila nirbahi officer, Keshabpur, as Meherpur ADC; and Begum Israt Zaman, upazila nirbahi officer, Bandarban sadar as Madaripur ADC.

Moreover, Nazibul Islam, chief executive officer of Chuadanga district administration, has been made secretary of Barendra Bohumukhi Unnayan Katripakkhya in Rajshahi.



These are among the 12 camels being kept in a makeshift pen of "Kutubbagh Darbar Sharif" for its Urs feast, blocking a section of Indira Road at Farmgate in the city. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Nagorik Sanghati will organise a rally; Venue: before Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Human chain
Save the Environment movement will hold a human chain; Venue: before Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University; Time: 10:30am.

Discussion
Deshpremik Jonogoner Mancha will organise a discussion; Venue: Gono Sangskriti Kendra; Time: 3:00pm.

Rally
Jatiya Mukti Council and three organisations will hold a rally; Venue: before Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:00pm.

Discussion
Shushil Forum will organise a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:30pm.

Meeting
National Garment Workers Federation will hold a meeting; Venue: 31/F, Topekhana Road; Time: 11:30am.