

Another held in cop killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested another youth in connection with the killing of assistant sub-inspector of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station Belayet Hossain at a police barricade in the city last Thursday.

The arrestee was Mohammad Humayun Kabir, 40, residing at Dharmik Para in Demra.

On Thursday, a bus, carrying stolen cows and five thieves, was fleeing when it hit a police barricade on Begum Rokeya Sarani in Agargaon, killing Belayet and injuring four others.

Though police arrested the bus driver, Mohammad Sentu, and seized the bus, the

accomplices managed to flee.

Police arrested Kabir, one of the accomplices, from his house yesterday following a confessional statement by Sentu.

Kamal Hossain, sub-inspector of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station and investigation officer of the case, said eight members are active in their gang while five were present in the bus during the incident.

Kabir and his brother-in-law Alamgir, who is absconding, led the gang, he added.

Demra police said Kabir was accused in five cases of robbery and murder filed with different police stations.



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Bangladesh Garments and Industrial Sramik Federation stages a demonstration before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday protesting the killing of garments workers' leader Aminul Islam.

No compromise with terrorism, militancy

PM tells Canada's special envoy and urges return of convicted killer Noor Chowdhury

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reiterated her government's tough stance against terrorism and militancy and vowed that the government would never compromise on these issues.

She also called for united global efforts to curb the menaces as the terrorists and militants have no boundary.

She said this when Canada's Special Envoy on Commonwealth Membership Renewal Senator Hugh Segal called on her at her office yesterday.

Press Secretary to the PM Abul Kalam Azad briefed journalists after the meeting.

Hasina told the envoy that her government has worked hard to keep a control on terrorism and militancy in the last three years.

She mentioned about some massive terrorist attacks in the past, including the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League rally in

Dhaka and the series of simultaneous bomb explosions at 500 places across the country during the rule of the previous BNP-Jamaat alliance government.

She said President Zillur Rahman's wife Ivy Rahman, former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and Ahsan Ullah Master were killed in such attacks during the period.

She said Canada should return Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's convicted killer Maj (ret) Noor Chowdhury, who is currently residing in Canada, to Bangladesh to face justice.

In response, the envoy told the PM that he would convey her message to the concerned authorities of the Canadian government.

They also discussed issues related to the trial of war criminals, climate change, food security and poverty alleviation as well as the preparation of the next Commonwealth Summit to be held in Sri Lanka.

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Police beat up journos at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police assaulted two reporters Saturday night when they went to collect information from a police control room temporarily set up at the gate of Suhrawardy Udyan in front of TSC of Dhaka University.

The victims are Masum Billah, DU correspondent of Bangla daily Dainik Samakal, and Pintu Ranjan Orko, a feature writer of Dainik Kaler Kantho.

They were taken to DU medical centre. Talking to The Daily Star, Masum Billah alleged, "Identifying ourselves as reporters, we tried to approach the police control room at 8:00 pm but police barred us and began beating us indiscriminately".

Showing several injury marks on his body, Masum, also a member of Dhaka University Journalists Association (Duja), said four constables of police-- Shahjahan, Sohanur, Sumit and an unknown -- kicked him down and beat him. Pintu Ranjan also came under attack when he tried to help Masum.

Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, university vice-chancellor and chief adviser of Duja, condemned the incident and demanded exemplary punishment to the accused policemen.

Duja president Hasan Nitol said that they sent a letter to Krishna Pada Roy, deputy commissioner of Ramna Zone, demanding immediate measures against the accused.

Contacted, Krishna Pada Roy told The Daily Star that they have already identified the constables responsible and will take strict action against the culprits. No case was filed.

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