

## ATN Bangla chief drops 49 journos' names from case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

ATN Bangla Chairman Mahfuzur Rahman yesterday withdrew the names of 49 journalists from a case he filed on September 10.

The case was filed with the First Joint District Judge's Court seeking an order to bar 59 journalists from staging demonstrations in front of the ATN Bangla office on September 16 and Jatiya Press Club on September 11.

Mahfuzur Rahman filed the case against the leaders to prevent them from making and

publishing any defamatory statements involving him with the killings of journalist couple Sagar-Runi.

The remaining journalists including Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and its Secretary General Abdul Jalil Bhuyian, Ruhul Amin Gazi, president of a faction of the union, and Dhaka Reporters' Unity president Shakhawat Hossain Badsha will have to contest the case.

The next hearing was fixed on November 29.

## BCL ATTACK ON JCD Pro-BNP, Jamaat RU teachers want VC to quit

RU CORRESPONDENT

Over 50 pro-BNP-Jamaat Rajshahi University teachers under the "Nationalist Teachers' Forum" banner yesterday demanded resignation of the VC over his failure to prevent Tuesday's attack on a JCD procession by pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists.

The pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists were bringing out the procession to celebrate the fourth anniversary of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's release from jail.

Police yesterday morning arrested two JCD activists -- Rakib Hasan, a first year student of Islamic studies department, and Zakaria Ahmed Joni, a third year student of sociology department, -- in connection with a case.

The case was filed by the driver of a bus, vandalised by JCD activists after the attack, against 30 JCD leaders and activists with Motihar Police Station on Tuesday night.

The accused include JCD RU unit Convener Arafat Reja Ashiq, Joint Convener Tojammel Haque Toja and activists Sanaul Haque Rana and Zohirul Haque.

The forum teachers met separately with Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Nurullah and placed some other demands including punishment to the BCL men, payment of the injured JCD activists' medical expenses by RU and withdrawal of the case.

ATTEMPTED MURDER CASE

## BNP leader gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted anticipatory bail for four weeks to Dr Md Mazharul Islam Dolan, health secretary of BNP, and Dr Erfanullah Siddique, a member of Doctors' Association of Bangladesh (DAB), in a case filed against them and four others for attempting to kill three doctors.

Dr Mofakkarul Islam Rana, a leader of pro-BNP organisation DAB, filed the case with Pallabi Police Station on September 3.

According to case statement, dentist Md Kamrul Hassan, another accused in the case, hired some criminals to kill three DAB leaders, including Rana, on August 11 upon Dolan's direction.

Rapid Action Battalion, however, foiled the plot, it said.

On Monday, Dolan and Erfanullah filed a petition with the HC seeking anticipatory bail in the case, saying that the case was false and fabricated.

An HC vacation bench, comprising Justice Farah Mahmud and Justice Mohammad Ullah, granted the bail after hearing the petition.

## 6 killed, 9 injured in road accidents

METRO DESK

Six people were killed and nine others injured in road accidents in Dhaka, Chittagong, Jhenidah, Magura and Rangpur on Tuesday and yesterday.

Our staff correspondent reports, a madrasa student was killed on the spot as a pick-up van ran him over in the capital's Madertek area early yesterday.

The victim was Mohammad Arif, 7, a student of Sarkarpara Jam-e-Mosque Madrasa.

Qayum Ali Sarder, officer-in-charge at Sabujbagh Police Station, said the accident took place around 8:00am.

After the incident, agitating locals blockaded the road for around two hours and vandalised the vehicle.

Police handed over the body to the victim's family members.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports, Kurshed Alam, 30, was killed on the spot as a truck hit him while he was crossing a road at Raozan in Chittagong early yesterday.

Our Jhenidah correspondent reports, two people were killed and two others injured in road accidents in the district yesterday.

In an incident, day labourer Motiur Rahman Biplob, 45, was killed on the spot as a truck ran him over in Kaliganj upazila

early yesterday.

In another incident, a motorcyclist was killed and two others were injured in a road accident in Roghunathpur bus station area of the upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was Emon Hasan, 30, and the injured were Mahmuda Khatun Mita, 19, Rubel Hossain, 28.

Police said the accident took place as the motorcycle hit a roadside tree after its diver lost control over it. The victims were traveling to Jhenidah from Jessore riding on the motorbike.

BSS reports from Rangpur, a motorcyclist was killed and two others were injured in a road accident near Teesta Railway Bridge at the juncture of Rangpur and Lalmonirhat districts yesterday.

Police said the accident occurred when a bus hit the motorcycle killing Rafikul Islam, 35, on the spot and injuring Ashrafal Islam, 32, and Shahidul Islam, 30.

UNB reports from Magura, a three-wheeler (Nasimon) driver Fajed Ali, 60, was killed and five passengers of the vehicle were injured in a road accident in Maghidhal area of the district town on Tuesday night.

Police said the accident occurred as the vehicle's driver lost control over the steering and hit a roadside tree injuring its six passengers around 8:00pm.

## Woman hacked to death by ex-husband

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man allegedly hacked to death his former wife in the capital's East Rampura area yesterday.

The victim was Shahida Khatun alias Sakhina, 30.

She was hacked by Sakhawat Hossain, her ex-husband, at the house of one of Sakhawat's distant relatives in the area.

Sakhina had been living in Dhaka after their divorce. A few days ago, Sakhawat came to Dhaka from Pirojpur.

Yesterday he called Sakhina to the house of his niece Hafiza Begum and hacked her when Hafiza went to a nearby house to tutor some children.

On her return, Hafiza saw Sakhawat hurrying away and found Sakhina unconscious with a severed hand bleeding profusely.

Sakhina was pronounced dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Police found a blood-stained machete at the scene.

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