

# AL men attack CU bus 4 teachers, students hurt

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Two teachers and two students of Chittagong University were injured yesterday as a group of Awami League activists attacked two buses carrying them at Mirsarai on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

The injured are Assistant Professor Mamtaz Uddin, Lecturer Shahidullah Kaiser and fourth year students Sujan Kanti Dey and Shahnaz Parvin of the Department of Public Administration.

Witnesses said some 20 to 30 AL activists, after a rally at Baroiyer Hat, stopped the two buses by almost blocking the road at Thakur Dighir Par around 5:30pm. The teachers and students were on their way back from Comilla.

"The activists tried to get on the buses even though we told them the buses were reserved for a study tour," said Sujan.

When the students and teachers did not allow them on board, they attacked the buses. They threw stones at the buses, chasing after those, and left four of the passengers injured, added Sujan.

The two buses then drove off to the Mirsarai Police Station complex, said police.

Ataur Rahman, president of AL's Mirsarai upazila unit, said, "We will take action against those involved in the attack."

The students, who were attacked, lodged a complaint with the police station, said Iftekhar Ahmed, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Police were arranging to escort the buses to their destination, said the OC.

# Drone strike kills 3 Qaeda men in Yemen

AFP, Sanaa

A drone strike near the Yemeni capital killed three suspected al-Qaeda members including a militant wanted for a deadly attack on the US embassy in Sanaa, security officials said yesterday.

They said the drone strike, believed to have been carried out by the United States, targeted a car near the village of Beit al-Ahmar in the Sanhan region, 15 kilometres southeast of Sanaa.

Three people were killed and two wounded, they said.

# Khoka

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Hassan Azad, its general secretary; and AHM Tareque, manager of the market's parking lot.

Nur Hossain Khan, deputy director of the ACC, and also the investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

On February 15, Mahbubul Alam, assistant director of ACC, filed the case with Shabbagh Police Station accusing Khoka and the three others of pocketing parking charges Tk26,14,900 collected from the DCC market between 2003 and 2011.

According to the complaint, Khoka also caused a loss of Tk 11.05 lakh to the public exchequer by cancelling tenders for leasing out the parking lot in 2003 and 2005. The tenders were cancelled even after the completion of all the procedures for awarding the work, including selection of the highest bidder.

The High Court earlier had granted bail to the accused including Khoka until the probe report is submitted, therefore the bail expired yesterday.

On March 29 this year, the ACC filed another case against Khoka, Land Reform Board Chairman Nurul Huq and five others for corruption in the construction of a multi-storey car park in the capital.

# Arguments

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converted 100-150 Hindus of Parerhat and other villages to Islam during the war.

He also compelled them to go to the mosque to offer prayers.

Witness Mizanur Rahman Talukdar in his deposition on December 19, 2011, said the same and that Sayedee gave them Muslim names and directed them to go to mosques and offer prayers five times every day.

Second prosecution witness Ruhul Amin Nabin, in his deposition on December 8, also told the same in detail. He had said that every day they were taken to mosques and forced to pray five times.

They were also forced to memorise two to four suras [verses of the holy Quran] and were provided with materials for prayers. Many escaped to India unable to take the insult, he had said.

The prosecutor yesterday completed placing his arguments on the 20 charges against Sayedee. He would place his arguments against the testimony of defence witnesses on Sunday.

## TIPOO ISSUES STATEMENT

Chief Prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal Ghulam Arief Tipoo in a statement yesterday claimed that defence counsels of accused Jamaat leaders were also culpable for the "mayhem" led by Shibir (pro-Jamaat-e-Islami student body) activists on November 5 and November 6 in the country.

On November 5, Sayedee's counsel Mizanul Islam, who also move for other Jamaat leaders in court, alleged before the tribunal that "plainclothes police abducted" their witness from a road near the High Court shrine.

The defence later boycotted the tribunal and reportedly Shibir men led the vandalism throughout the country over the "abduction" and in favour of stopping the trials against Jamaat leaders accused of crimes against humanity.

Tipoo in the statement said November 5 was not fixed for witness deposition rather it was the scheduled day for placing closing arguments of the prosecution at Tribunal-1.

Defence counsel Mizanul Islam's attempt to bring prosecution witness Sukharanjan Bali as defence witness was questionable, he said.

Sukharanjan's family filed a general diary with the police station over his disappearance.

Mizanul had also cross-examined another prosecution witness over the general diary and his disappearance, the statement mentioned.

The initiative of bringing in missing Sukharanjan at the

tribunal without informing law enforcement agencies was mysterious, unbelievable and ill-intended, Tipoo claimed.

In the same fashion, the allegation of "abduction" was baseless and unacceptable, the statement said.

SHAHEEN

## CROSS-EXAMINED

Tribunal-2 yesterday completed cross-examination of journalist Shaheen Reza Noor, the fourth prosecution witness in the case against Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir recorded the cross-examination before adjourning the case proceeding until November 13, when the fifth prosecution witness is expected to testify.

Martyred journalist Sirajuddin Hossain, father of Shaheen, was one of many Bangalee progressive intellectuals who were abducted and killed by the Al-Badr at the fag end of the Liberation War, according to the prosecution documents.

Replying to a question of defence counsel Syed Mizanur Rahman, Shaheen yesterday said, "It was not my assumption that Al-Badr force was formed with leaders and activists of Islami Chhatra Sangha [the then student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami]. I got this information from newspapers then, mainly from Daily Sangram."

Al-Badr, a collaborator force of Pakistani army, was also known as "killer force" or "Gestapo force" during the Liberation War. Mojaheed was the president of East Pakistan Islami Chhatra Sangha between October and December 1971, Shaheen had said in his testimony.

Replying to another question Shaheen yesterday said, "It is true that I did not give any speech terming Mojaheed as Al-Badr or Al-Badr commander anywhere but before this tribunal because there was no such scope."

Mizanur Rahman said Mojaheed did not hold any post in Al-Badr, Al-Shams or the Razakar force during the Liberation War.

Shaheen rejected the defence's claim.

"You have given your testimony linking Mojaheed with the Al-Badr force to demean him and make him politically unacceptable," suggested Mizanur Rahman.

"Not true," replied Shaheen.

The tribunal also recorded the cross-examination of Abdus Samad Mondal, the fifth prosecution witness in the case against former minister Abdul Alim before adjourning the case proceeding until November 11.

# Stop firing on border

BGB asks BSF

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Border Guard Bangladesh demanded an end to firing on the border at a deputy director general-level meeting with Indian Border Security Force on the Tamabil border in Sylhet yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was part of a four-day conference that began on Monday at a hotel in Sylhet city and ended yesterday. The BGB asked the Indian force not to build anything permanently within 150 yards of the border.

The BSF, on the other hand, demanded completion of the barbed wire fence along the 610 km border of the Sylhet division, a BGB official said.

Both sides agreed to strengthen joint patrols on the frontier.

BGB Deputy Director General Abu Sayeed Khan led the 14-member Bangladeshi delegation while BSF Inspector General of Meghalaya Sudesh Kumar headed the 21-member Indian delegation.

Other sessions at the conference discussed trespassing, kidnapping of Bangladeshis on the border and smuggling of items -- such as Phensedyl, liquor, cannabis, arms -- from the Indian states of Meghalaya, Assam and Tripura.

## 2 killed

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injured Sumon, almost same age as Abul, was being treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Abul's family claimed Sumon was one of his friends and both were auto-rickshaw drivers.

Officer-in-Charge Mainuddin Khan of Keraniganj Police Station told The Daily Star that two men riding on a motorcycle and some three-four on an auto-rickshaw around midnight chased another auto-rickshaw, shouting that it was carrying muggers.

As they reached near Khagail, the pursuer auto-rickshaw hit the other causing it to overturn.

Locals joined the pursuers and the two alleged muggers were dragged out of the vehicle and beaten up. Both were injured. Police took them to DMCH where Abul died around 8:00am yesterday.

Sumon told police that they hired the auto-rickshaw from Chunkutia.

On the way, they gave the driver poison-mixed food and he had fallen unconscious. They threw the driver out of the vehicle at Mujahidnagar and sped with the vehicle. Seeing this, people on the motorcycle and the other auto-rickshaw chased them.

OC Mainuddin said the mob did not notice the auto-rickshaw driver who had been left on the road. Locals saw the body of driver Babul in the morning.

Informed by locals, police recovered the body and sent it to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

## Limon's family

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August 20 over old rivalry.

Hearing his hue and cry, Forkan rushed to the spot and got beaten to death while trying to "save" him, said the complainant.

Sub-Inspector Ariful Islam, investigation officer of the case, said police had sent the body to Jhalakathi morgue for autopsy. The postmortem report said Forkan died of heart attack and not from torture.

After considering the medical report, evidence and statements of witnesses police found Ibrahim's allegations baseless.

In the afternoon of August 20, which was Eid day, Ibrahim and his gang attacked Limon and his family members while the latter were taking pictures on Satoria-Idurbari road at Rajapur upazila, Henoara Begum said in the GD that she fled on that very night.

She said her husband stood accused in the case although he was in Dhaka during the incident.

Limon said, "The murder case was lodged to force us to leave the area or compromise in the case lodged against the Rab personnel in connection with maiming me."

He called for a withdrawal of cases against him and justice over the shooting.

# Triumphant Obama

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"The president reiterated his commitment to finding bipartisan solutions to: reduce our deficit in a balanced way, cut taxes for middle class families and small businesses and create jobs," a White House official said.

Later at the Capitol, Boehner publicly responded before assembled reporters with his most explicit and conciliatory offer to date on Republicans' willingness to raise tax revenues, but not top rates, together with a spending cut package.

"We're ready to be led -- not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans. We want you to lead, not as a liberal or a conservative, but as president of the United States of America," said Boehner, a day after Congressional Republicans suffered election losses but kept their House majority.

His statement came a few hours after Senator Harry Reid, leader of a Democratic Senate majority that made unexpected gains, extended his own olive branch to the opposition. While saying that Democrats would not be pushed around, Reid, a former boxer, added, "It's better to dance than to fight."

Democrats kept the Senate in Tuesday's vote but fell short of the 60-vote super-majority needed to sidestep Republican block-

ingtactics.

Obama's first-term plans were thwarted by blanket Republican opposition, whether it be comprehensive immigration reform, education, or a grand plan to rein in the troublesome deficit.

Obama's victory means he will get the chance to embed his healthcare and Wall Street reforms deep into the fabric of American life. Romney had pledged one of his first acts would be to repeal Obamacare.

The president may also get the chance to reshape the Supreme Court in his liberal image for a generation, a move that would shape policy on issues like abortion and gay rights.

Obama will also look abroad as he builds his legacy, and will face an immediate challenge early in 2013 over whether to use military force to thwart Iran's nuclear program.

He will study lists of candidates for various positions that a senior adviser, Pete Rouse, assembled in recent weeks as Obama crisscrossed the country campaigning.

The most prominent members of his cabinet will leave soon. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner long ago said they would depart after the first term.

Defence Secretary Leon E. Panetta, previously the

# China talks

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high the great banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics, follow the guidance of Deng Xiaoping Theory ... the scientific outlook on development, free up the mind, implement the policy of reform and opening up, pool our strength, overcome all difficulties, firmly march on the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and strive to complete the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects."

As the CPC general secretary ended his 90-minute speech at the opening session of the congress at the Great Hall curtain virtually fell on Huera.

After ruling China for the past one decade and steering it to become the second biggest economy of the world from the 6th biggest in 10-year time, Hu is now set to leave office.

China faced unprecedented opportunities and challenges, he said, and the nation should "aim higher and work harder".

Hu's speech kicks off the week-long meeting that will see a new set of leaders unveiled, reports BBC.

Vice President Xi Jinping, who is all but set to inherit the CPC leadership's top slot for the next decade, has already been elected general secretary for the 18th congress that set into motion at 9:00am yesterday and ends on November 14.

Some 2,268 delegates representing 82 million party

members and for that matter 1.34 billion people of China are set to elect a 370-strong CPC central committee and eventually a 9-member politburo, the core decision-making body of the party founded by Mao Zedong and 12 other revolutionaries back in 1921 in Shanghai.

Leadership changes and bringing in some pro-reform changes in the party charter definitely features prominently in the seven-day congress, but the CPC took graft-tackling as its priority on the agenda for the congress.

Hu's graft caution came at a time when CPC Spokesperson for the 18th congress Cai Mingzhao confirmed to the media on Tuesday evening that a working plan was underway to fight corruption during 2013-17 period.

The problems of Bo Xilai and Liu Zhijun are serious corruption cases among leading cadres of the party, and the lessons drawn from these are profound," said Cai.

Bo, a CPC politburo member, was stripped of his party membership recently and expelled from public services on suspected crimes of bribery and power abuse.

Liu, ex-railway minister, has been under investigation since February last year when he was removed from office on various allegations.

## ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS

Hu said the principle of "one country, two systems," under which Hong Kong and Macao enjoy a high degree of auton-

head of the Central Intelligence Agency, has signalled that he wants to return to California in the coming year. Also expected to depart is David Plouffe, one of the president's closest confidants.

Obama is expected to reshuffle both his inner circle and his economic team as he accommodates the changes.

The president ran for reelection on a platform of offering a "fair shot" to the middle class, of fulfilling his pledge to end the war in Iraq, killing Osama bin Laden, and starting to build a clean energy economy.

With Florida still tallying up the last remaining ballots after another embarrassing vote-counting debacle in the "Sunshine State," Obama had 303 electoral college votes, easily surpassing the 270 needed to win.

## OBAMA CALLS CLINTON

The president put in a call to Bill Clinton, his relentless surrogate over the last five months, after he spoke with Mitt Romney early this morning, reports say.

That Obama owes Clinton a huge debt of gratitude is clear, and will be an enduring part of the story of 2012.

Clinton was not among those Obama mentioned in his acceptance speech.

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and Reuters

omy, must be implemented fully and faithfully.

"We must both adhere to the one-China principle and respect the differences of the two systems, both uphold the power of the central government and ensure a high degree of autonomy in the special administrative regions, both give play to the role of the mainland as the staunch supporter of Hong Kong and Macao and increase their competitiveness," Hu said.

# ACC DG withdrawn

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The director general (special enquiry) of Anti-Corruption Commission was withdrawn and sent to his previous office yesterday.

The official, Khondakar Muhammad Aminur Rahman, was transferred to the ACC from the National Bureau of Revenue in October last year.

Talking to The Daily Star late night, ACC Commissioner Mohammad Sahabuddin said nobody had replaced Aminur yet.

"The government can withdraw any of its officials from any position as well as transfer him/her anytime. But the appointment at the ACC depends on the ACC's choice."

Contacted, Aminur Rahman said, "I have learnt that the government has sent me back to NBR."

BOAT CAPSIZE

# 2 bodies recovered

STAR REPORT

Rescuers yesterday recovered the bodies of two jobseekers who along with 110 other people went missing after their engine boat headed for Malaysia had capsized in the Bay of Bengal early Wednesday.

Lt Commander Fayjul Kabir, an official of Coast Guard Station at Teknaf, said a combined search party of BGB, Coast Guard and Bangladesh Navy found a male body floating in the Bay near Shahpori Island around 5:00pm.

The identity of the dead could not be confirmed immediately.

Locals believe that the deceased was among around 60 people who were feared dead in the boat capsize.

Another search party led by police recovered a body from the Naf river around 7:30pm. The deceased was identified as Nurul Alam, 55, of Katabunia in Teknaf.

Local sources said the family members of the missing victims were conducting searches in the sea to find the bodies.

Locals alleged that a number of bodies had been found during the search, but the relatives of the victims did not disclose the information to law enforcers fearing arrest.

They also alleged that the brokers had sent several boats to the deep sea to find the floating dead bodies and hide them.

According to the survivors, the boat started for Malaysia from Kachubunia Canal in Shahpari Island of Teknaf at midnight Wednesday and capsized.

Coastguard and BGB filed separate cases against 48 people including seven brokers in connection with the incident.

Ain O Salish Kendra, a rights body, yesterday expressed deep concern over the incident and demanded exemplary punishment to the brokers.

# Anti-Islam

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in a US federal prison after he admitted four allegations of using false identities -- a violation of the terms of his probation for a bank fraud conviction in 2010.

He had faced up to two years behind bars, but four other charges were dropped as part of a plea deal.

Youssef was identified as the main man behind "Innocence of Muslims," an amateurish film which defamed Prophet Mohammed triggering a wave of violent protests that left dozens dead in September.

The video was also linked to the September 11 attack on the US consulate in Benghazi in which US ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed.

In February 2009, a federal indictment accused Youssef and others of fraudulently obtaining the identities and Social Security numbers of customers at several Wells Fargo branches in California and withdrawing \$860 from them.

He was jailed for 21 months and ordered not to use computers or the Internet for five years without authorization, and also banned from using fictitious names during his supervised release.

Youssef was arrested in September for eight probation violations. At a hearing last month he denied all counts, but on Wednesday he admitted to four, in return for the other four being set aside.

US District Judge Christina A. Snyder said Youssef, who has already spent five weeks in custody, must spend 12 months behind bars, followed by four years of supervised release.

Youssef was previously listed as Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, and known as Sam Bacile when the protests about the video emerged.

According to court papers, Youssef wrote and produced the trailer, and uploaded an English-language version of it onto YouTube on July 2, followed by a version dubbed in Arabic on September 11, the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.