

RU Shibir attack victim needs leg surgery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A former Chhatra League leader of Rajshahi University, whose left leg tendon was severed by Shibir men on Wednesday night, started for Dhaka last evening to have the leg operated on in the orthopaedic hospital.

AKM Tawhid Alam Akheruzzaman alias Takim had been put on life support at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) since the attack when a group of Islami Chhatra Shibir men hammered him in the head and other parts of the body and cut the tendon of his leg.

Doctors withdrew his life support yesterday but said he might lose the left leg if it was not operated immediately in the orthopaedic hospital in Dhaka.

Local Awami League leaders visited him in RMCH and assured support for his treatment.

Takim, former vice president of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at RU, is son of Tofazzal Hossain, an employee of Bangladesh Railway, in Syedpur, Nilphamari. The ex-Chhatra League leader is known for his brandishing firearms during the October 2 violence on the RU campus.

Six Shibir men riding two motorbikes attacked him near Khaleda Zia Hall on the

campus around 8:00pm Wednesday night. Unconscious and bleeding profusely, he was admitted to the ICU at RMCH and kept there under a 72-hour observation.

His condition improved yesterday but he was not out of danger, said doctors. He could now breathe and his blood pressure remained normal.

A BCL leader of RU filed a case with Motihar Police Station against 25 named and around as many unnamed Shibir men for carrying out the attack.

Earlier, police arrested seven Jamaat and Shibir men in this connection raiding different parts of Rajshahi city.

Meanwhile, BCL activists and leaders staged demonstration against the attack on the campus yesterday.

The protesters said Shibir cadres attacked Takim to destabilise the campus as part of their attempt to stop the war crimes trial.

They demanded immediate punishment for the Shibir cadres and said if the killers of BCL worker Faruque Hossain had been punished, the Shibir men could not have dared to launch further attacks on BCL men on the campus.

Faruque was killed during the campus violence on February 09, 2010.



Students of Dhaka University form a human chain at Aparajeyo Bangla on the campus yesterday condemning the recent Israeli attack on Gaza in Palestine.

PHOTO: STAR

University student 'killed by friends'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A private university student was killed allegedly by his friends at his apartment in the capital's Mirpur-6 on Wednesday.

The alleged killers also looted gold and cash.

Police recovered the body of Amit Saha, 20, a BBA student at Eastern University, from his residence early yesterday.

The law enforcers also arrested three of Amit's friends and recovered the looted goods from them.

Pallabi police said the arrested three--Ashraf Ahmed Shihab, 24, Ruhul Amin, 22, and Al-Amin Pintu, 21--confessed to the killing.

Amit was killed sometime between 2:00pm and 11:00pm on Wednesday.

Amit's maternal uncle Kishan Saha said he was staying with Amit as his parents and younger brother were visiting Kolkata.

Around 9:00pm Wednesday, he called Amit by phone to come down and unlock the gate but received no response, he said.

When he managed to enter the apartment with the help of a woman, he found Amit lying on the bed, his neck tied to the ceiling fan, he said.

Meanwhile, Rupnagar police recovered the body of a jhut trader from a vacant plot inside Rupnagar Eastern Housing yesterday.

The victim, Mohammad Ramzan, 32, who lived near Pallabi, was found with his legs tied and a piece of cloth fastened around his neck.

Road crashes kill 6, injure 68

METRO DESK

Six people were killed and 68 others injured in separate road accidents in Chittagong, Gopalganj, Jhenidah and Dinajpur yesterday.

A correspondent from Gopalganj reports, three workers were killed and 68 others injured as a bus plunged into Modhumoti bil route canal beside Gopalganj-Teknorhat road near Padmabila village in Gopalganj sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was Abdul Barek, 35, son of Kala Mia of Char Mongla in Charfashion of Bhola district.

Bandar Police Station Sub-Inspector said the truck crushed him while he was walking beside the road.

Our Jhenidah correspondent reports, a rickshaw-van puller died as a truck overturned on the van on Jhenidah-Jessore road near Bejpara bus stand in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district yesterday.

Of the injured, eight were admitted to Gopalganj 250-bed General Hospital while the others were taken to different clinics in the town.

day afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Abdur Rahman Kalu, 60, of Bejpara village of the upazila.

Kaliganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge (O.C.) Sayeed Kamruzzaman said the vegetables-laden truck turned turtle on the van while Kalu was going to Kaliganj Bazar with his van at around 3:30pm.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, a schoolboy died instantly as a speeding truck hit him from behind on Bochaganj-Pirganj road near Soya Bridge in Bochaganj upazila of Dinajpur yesterday morning.

The deceased Shyamal Chandra Roy, 12, son of Dharani Chandra Roy of village Kismat Dawlatpur in the upazila, was a class VII student of Dawlatpur Dwi-Mukhi High School.

Over 20,000 newborns die from preventable hepatitis B yearly

Says Prof Nurul Islam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although hepatitis B is easily preventable through vaccination, about 1.5 lakh newborns in Bangladesh get infected with its virus and 20,000-23,000 die from it yearly, said National Professor Nurul Islam at a conference in the capital yesterday.

"Although liver diseases pose a big problem to the country's health, many of these diseases can be prevented by improving personal hygiene and sanitation," he said at the inaugural ceremony of the "2nd International Hepatology Conference" held in Sonargaon Hotel.

Bangladesh Hepatology Society organised the conference.

Nurul Islam also suggested proper checking before blood transfusions, refraining from using used syringes, avoiding contaminated food and water and creating awareness about management of medical

wastes to prevent these diseases.

Professor Mobin Khan, president of Bangladesh Hepatology Society, said creating mass awareness about liver diseases is crucial as five to eight percent of our population is infected with hepatitis B.

He added that the government has launched separate departments of Hepatology at eight public medical colleges to address liver diseases, but there is a need to strengthen these departments.

Liver experts from the UK, Japan, and other countries presented papers in the daylong conference. The challenges of liver related problems and latest developments in the field of Hepatology were discussed in the papers.

About 1,000 specialists in medicine, surgery, gynaecology and obstetrics and other allied specialties from all over the country participated.



Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurates a procession marking a three-day "Saarc Haveeru Coastal Awareness Festival for School Children", organised by Livelihood Education and Development Services and supported by Saarc Coastal Zone Management Centre, Maldives, near Doyel Chattar at the university on November 16.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Death anniversary

METRO DESK

Today is the third death anniversary of Dr Mohammad Omar Faruque, former senior consultant surgeon of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College.

On the occasion, a Qurankhwani, fatehkhwani, and milad mahfil will be held at his residences in Dhaka and Feni. Food will also be distributed among the poor people, said a press release.

Masudur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 17th death anniversary of Masudur Rahman, a former controller of Kolkata Rationing Department and headmaster of Ghorasal Pilot High School.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil, Qurankhwani and commemorative discussion will be held in Ghorasal, said a press release.

Qurankhwani

BSS, Dhaka

The quirkhwanis of freedom fighter and noted physician Dr Khondoker Abu Zaffar will be held after Asr prayers today at House No. 539, Lyse Ali Sarani, Ajampur Kancha Bazar in Uttara.

Zaffar, who was a former doctor at Biman Bangladesh and founding president of Biman Officers' Welfare Association, died of cardiac attack on Saturday at the age of 74.

OPPOSITION TO 6 HOUSING PROJECTS Greens seek meeting with JS body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ten organisations yesterday applied to the chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Housing and Public Works seeking permission to meet the committee to place their opinion about recent approval of six housing projects.

The Ministry of Housing and Public Works has recently approved the private housing projects violating laws, said a press release of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela).

The parliamentary committee on the ministry, however, recently formed a five member sub-committee to examine the approval of the projects, it said.

There are allegations of filling wetlands against almost all the recently approved six projects, and even Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) filed cases in different times against the projects, the press release said.

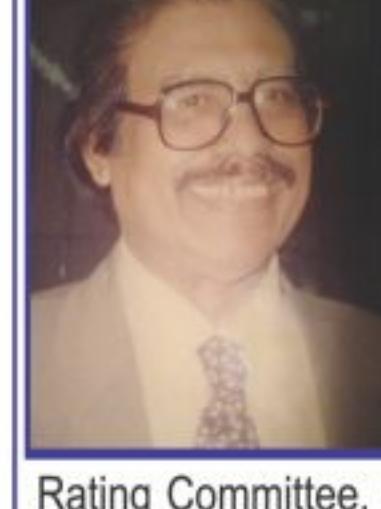
Declaring the projects illegal, the High Court also asked the Rajuk to take legal actions against the projects. But it did not take any action yet, it said.

The ten organisations are the Bela, Ain O Salish Kendra, Association for Land Reform and Development, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, Centre for Urban Studies, Poribesh Bachao Andolan, Institute of Architects Bangladesh, Nijera Kori and Transparency International Bangladesh.

Building for Rent @ UTTARA (Commercial Purpose)

A 6 Storied Building with Parking space (16500 sft.) will be rented at House-2, Road-10 (Adjacent Garibey Newaz Avenue), Sector-11 Uttara, Dhaka.

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In Loving Memories

Today 23rd November, 2012 is the 3rd death anniversary of Mr. Razaul Karim, an eminent insurance executive, founder member of Shishu Hospital & Palli Shishu Foundation. Former General Manager of Shadharan Bima Corporation, Managing Director of Janata Insurance Company Ltd., Pioneer Insurance Company Ltd., Member Secretary of Central Rating Committee, notable philanthropist and freedom fighter. We request all his relatives, friends, associates and admirers to pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Mala Rubina Karim and family members.

THEFT OF EXOTIC BIRDS FROM ZOO Two more arrested in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested two more people in the capital's Shah Ali area yesterday in connection with the theft of 11 exotic birds from the Dhaka National Zoo on Monday.

The arrested were identified as Abul Kalam Azad, 24, and Taiyab Ullah, 28.

Acting on a tip off, police arrested the duo from their Nawab Bagh residences around 1:00pm, said Shah Ali police Sub-Inspector Sabir Uddin Shikder.

With this, four persons were arrested in this regard, he said.

The security guard of the zoo and a member of Ansar, who were on duty during the stealing, were arrested on Wednesday for their suspected involvement in the theft.

Earlier, two security guards were suspended and the Ansar member was closed for their negligence in duties.

Burglars on Monday broke into a cage at Dhaka Zoo in Mirpur and fled with 11 exotic birds.

Of the birds, six were Ring Necked Yellow Parakeets, two Red Lorikeets and three Sulphur-crested Cockatoos.

ATTACKS ON POLICE 28 more Jamaat-Shibir men arrested

STAR REPORT

Law enforcers arrested at least 28 leaders and activists of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir in four districts in the last two days.

They were detained on charges of involvement in acts of violence, planning violence and attack on police or suspected link to destructive activities.

Fifteen of them were arrested in Narayanganj, nine in Netrakona, one in Manikganj, and three in Madaripur.

On Wednesday night, Narayanganj police arrested nine people suspecting them as activists of Jamaat and Shibir in the city's Paikpara area.

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In Netrakona, police arrested nine Jamaat-Shibir leaders and activists in different upazilas on charge of their involvement in planning violent activities.

The detainees include Jamaat's sadar upazila leader Abdur Rouf and Atpara upazila leader Rafiqul Islam and one Rukon Abul Hossain Talukdar.

Our Manikganj correspondent says police arrested Nurul Islam Nahid, a district unit Shibir leader, at Purbapara village in Ghorasal yesterday.

Police said Nahid might have link to planning violence. He was sent to Manikganj jail. In Madaripur, three Jamaat-Shibir activists, including Jamaat's Shibirchar upazila leader Belayet Hossain, were arrested yesterday.

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