

## Monir held for acid attack on Eden girl

STAR REPORT

Law enforcers in Rangamati yesterday arrested Monir Uddin on charge of throwing acid on Eden College student Sharmin Akter Ankhi eight days ago.

Sources in Detective Branch (DB) said a DB team from the capital arrested Monir at Kurkutichhari in Barkol upazila of the hill district with the help of Ansar members around 10:00am.

The arrestee confessed to his guilt, said detectives.

Monir with his friend Masum on January 15 forcibly took Ankhi to a marriage registrar's office in the capital's Chankharpool. As she refused to marry Monir, the two threw acid on her and stabbed her.

The same day, victim's brother filed a case accusing the two for the attack. Ankhi is now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.



Challenged persons form a human chain, organised by National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled, before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding a judicial inquiry into recent mob beatings which resulted in the deaths of three mentally challenged persons in Gazipur. PHOTO: STAR

## 30 hurt as Jamaat-Shibir men clash with cops

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Some 30 people, including four policemen, were injured after leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir clashed with police in the capital's Motijheel and Shyamoli and in Gaibandha district yesterday.

In Motijheel, the Jamaat-Shibir men damaged at least six vehicles while police detained six of them.

After the clash, Jamaat's Gaibandha office in David Company area was torched and two nearby Shibir-controlled students' messes were vandalised allegedly by activists of pro-Awami League student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

Witnesses said some 400 Jamaat-Shibir men brought out a procession near Fakirerpool around 10:30am protesting against sexual harassment and terrorism by BCL activists.

The clash ensued when police gave chase, with Jamaat-Shibir men throwing brick chips and police retaliating by firing rubber bullets and teargas canisters and

charging baton.

The clash near Shyamoli Bus Stand ensued when police intercepted another procession brought out by Jamaat-Shibir men.

The Gaibandha clashes erupted when police intercepted a procession brought out by Jamaat-Shibir men at Station Bazar Road in the town demanding immediate release of their detained leaders, reports our Gaibandha correspondent.

Chases and counter chases took place where the agitators hurled brick chips at police while the latter fired eight rubber bullets and four teargas canisters and charged baton to disperse the agitators.

At least 14 Shibir activists and four policemen sustained injuries.

Shibir's Gaibandha unit President Faisal Kabir Rana claimed that BCL men carried out the vandalism with police help.

Gaibandha Additional Superintendent of Police Mosharaf Hossain said the activists in the procession were armed with various weapons.

## Extradition treaty gets Indian cabinet nod

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The Indian cabinet yesterday approved an extradition treaty to be signed with Bangladesh during its home minister's visit to Dhaka next week.

The treaty will facilitate handing over of convicts and wanted criminals.

A new visa agreement is also expected to be signed during Sushilkumar Shinde's two-day visit beginning on Monday.

According to the new visa pact, entry for students, businessmen, medical patients, senior citizens above 65 years and children below 12 years will be relaxed.

Businessmen will gain a five-year mul-

tiply entry visa and those seeking medical treatment will get a two-year multiple entry visa that can be extended for another year. Each patient can apply for the visa for three attendants.

Students can enjoy a one-year multiple entry travel document. India has also agreed to waive the 60-day cooling off period for second visit of a Bangladeshi, though the restriction is still applicable to Pakistan, among other countries.

The new visa agreement with Bangladesh will be on the lines of the liberalised visa regime between India and Pakistan, an Indian home ministry official said yesterday.

## Architecture design contest ends today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Architecture students, emphasising creating rejuvenating spaces for the elderly, topped a four-day design competition, which ends in the capital today.

Some 132 designs from 40 countries contested in it. The first two prizes went to Chinese students and the third to a British. Institute of Architects Bangladesh and Commonwealth Association of Architects hosted the programme at University of Asia Pacific.

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