

### Two JCD men confess to hurling bombs at Inu's house

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Two Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists yesterday confessed to their involvement in hurling crude bombs at the residence of Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu in the capital's Mirpur on June 9.

In their confessional statements before a magistrate in Dhaka, Mahbubul Alam, 28, and Akil Mahmud, 32, said they had carried out the attack upon direction of the Dhaka north JCD president but they did not mention the leader's name, said court police.

The duo told the magistrate that they were given promise of higher positions in the organisation in exchange for carrying out the attack.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Erfan Ullah recorded their statements separately between 12:00pm and 5:00pm. He later sent them to jail.

Inspector of Detective Branch of Police Nibarun Chandra Burman, investigation officer of the case, produced the JCD activists before the magistrate after four days of their remand, as the duo had agreed to narrate the incident.

During interrogation, they admitted their guilt and they agreed to give confessional statements before the magistrate, said Burman.

On June 25, police arrested the activists of JCD, a pro-BNP student body, on charges of hurling the bombs.

Detectives arrested Mahbubul Alam at Bailey Road and Akil Mahmud at Rupnagar in the capital. Police also recovered one of the two motorbikes used during the bombing.

Later in that day, a Dhaka court granted a seven-day remand for the duo.



A huge row of illegal mango shops have sprung up on the footpath on the eastern side of the capital's Dhanmondi playground. The photo was taken yesterday.

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### POVERTY ALLEVIATION Govt signs MoUs with Shiree

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With an aim to alleviating poverty in the country, the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock yesterday signed two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with Stimulating Household Improvements Resulting in Economic Empowerment (Shiree).

Under the agreements, two departments of the ministry—Department of Fisheries and Department of Livestock Services—will provide support to 77,000 beneficiaries of Shiree, which is a partnership between the government's Rural Development and Cooperative Division (RDCD) and UKAid.

The support will be for the project Economic Empowerment of the Poorest (EEP) in Bangladesh, said speakers at the signing ceremony at the capital's The Daily Star Centre.

The MoUs outline the specific needs of extremely poor people and lays out a framework for the project.

The fisheries department will support 10,000 Shiree beneficiaries engaged in fish farming and crab fattening in the southwest and northwest parts of the country.

The livestock services department will support 67,000 beneficiaries engaged in livestock activities including dairy and beef fattening and rearing of sheep, goats, chicken, ducks and hogs. The department will include the farmers in their development programmes and will supply them with livestock vaccines in a timely manner.

Colin Risner, chief executive officer of EEP, said, "Eradication of extreme poverty in Bangladesh is achievable if we all cooperate." Mofizul Islam, additional secretary to RDCD, spoke among others.

### 200 RMG workers fall sick Drinking impure water might have caused illness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 200 workers of a RMG factory at Ashulia on the outskirts of Dhaka were hospitalised yesterday as they fell sick after drinking "contaminated" water.

The workers of The Rose Dresses Ltd -- owned by Atiqul Islam, president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association -- started to fall sick one after another around 9:30am after drinking the water supplied by the factory.

"I have fallen sick after drinking contaminated water from the tap," Noyon Moni, a helper of sewing section, told a correspondent from Savar.

The sick workers were whisked off to nearby Enam Medical College Hospital, and the Centre for Women and Child Health with stomach disorder.

Md Rafiqul Islam, chief operating officer of the CWCH, said 188 workers were taken to their hospital.

"Most of them complained of nausea. Some vomited, but none of the cases were serious," he said, adding, all left after receiving primary medical treatment.

The authorities shut their production

yesterday, the correspondent reported.

Meanwhile, 20 workers sustained minor injuries in a clash with the industrial police following the incident.

The chase and counter-chase erupted when some workers of the Green Lab Clothing Ltd, a nearby factory, rushed to the spot to help their fellow colleagues.

Police charged batons as the workers were creating chaos inside the factory, witnesses said.

SM Badrul Alam, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station, said, "We visited the spot. No general diary or case was filed."

The sample of water had been sent to the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) for test, said BGMEA president Atiqul Islam, also the factory owner.

The incident happened just a day after 115 workers of the same factory were hospitalised after having food served by the factory authorities Friday night. They were released after giving primary treatment.

The authorities also suspended its production on Saturday.

### Boy's body recovered from pond

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the decomposed body of a schoolboy from a pond beside Kalshi new road in the capital's Pallabi yesterday noon since he had gone missing on Friday afternoon.

Pallabi police suspected that it was a murder as a rope was found wrapped around his neck.

Nazrul Islam Sunny, 14, son of Sirajul Islam of Mirpur-II, was a class VIII student of Mirpur Bangla School and College.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue.

Sirajul said he had a dispute with his brother over the ownership of his house and his son might have been murdered on the issue.

### 77 percent schoolboys in capital indulge in porn

Says Manusher Jonno Foundation study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Almost 77 percent of the male schoolchildren in Dhaka city are involved in watching, sharing and producing pornography according to a study, said Abdullah Al Mamun, programme manager of the governance division of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), in a seminar yesterday.

Males of the age group of 12-25 were found to be most susceptible to these activities, he added, citing the study done by MJF.

"Girl children are often tricked or forced into being the subjects of such material," said Mamun in his keynote address.

In addition, children forced into prostitution are often also victims of the business of pornography, speakers discussed.

The seminar titled "Implementation of Optional Protocol to the UNCRC on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography: Role of Stakeholders" was held in the Biam auditorium.

"This issue remains unaddressed because the parents refuse to accept that their children may be involved," said Mahmudul Kabir, country director of Terre des Homes-Netherlands.

Meher Afroz Chumki, state minister for women and children affairs, said while such acts may be prevented using the Pornography Control Act activated last year, social awareness is a more effective way to deal with the issue.

The legal procedures to deal with children should be sensitised so as not to affect them negatively, recommended Abdullah Al-Mamun. Dr Mohammad Shahjahan, secretary general of the Bureau of Human Rights Bangladesh, spoke among others.

### Schoolboy found dead near hostel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A residential class V student was found dead one kilometre off his school hostel in Mawna intersection area in Sreepur upazila Saturday night.

Family members alleged that teachers tortured Khokan Mia, 13, to death and dumped his body at Amtali Pukurpar to cover up the incident.

His body bears injury marks near the ear, said police. Khokan is the son of late Abdul Khalek and Maksuda Ahkter of Betjuri village, Sreepur. Maksuda filed a murder case against eight persons, including Principal of Mawna Public School and College Rawshan Alam Rubel.

Khokan used to reside on the third floor of the hostel. The teachers and the managing committee members have gone into hiding.



Fire fighters spray water on the fire blazing inside the warehouse of a shoe factory in Chittagong EPZ in the port city yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

### Fire breaks out in CEPZ shoe warehouse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire broke out in a two-storey warehouse of a footwear manufacturing factory in Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) of the port city yesterday.

Fire service officials suspect that the fire might have originated from an electric short circuit.

Some 18 fire fighting units from Agrabad, Bandar and CEPZ stations doused the blaze around 10:00am, said Agrabad fire service.

The fire burnt 1.5 lakh pairs of finished shoes kept on the second floor and raw materials on the ground floor of Pappela Shoe Ltd, claimed Production Manager Moklesur Rahman.

A five-member probe committee was formed, said CEPZ General Manager Abdur Rahid.

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