



Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists burn chairs and banners before BNP's Chittagong city unit office in the port city's Nasim Bhaban yesterday. The protestors, comprising those who were not awarded posts in JCD's new 11-member Chittagong city unit committee, were demanding cancellation of that committee claiming that it comprised non-students.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## NEW JCD LEADERSHIP Left out aspirants go violent in capital, Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two cocktails exploded during a chase and counter chase between supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal's (JCD) recently declared Central Committee and some JCD activists, left out of the committee, before BNP's Nayapaltn headquarters in the capital yesterday.

Meanwhile, around 150 JCD activists broke into BNP's Chittagong city unit office at Nasim Bhaban, torched some furniture and exploded two cocktails before leaving, reports our staff correspondent in Chittagong.

They were demanding cancellation of JCD's new 11-member Chittagong city unit committee, declared after 10 years on July 21, claiming that the committee comprised non-students.

In the capital, some 30 of the supporters first gave chase to around 40 demonstrating JCD activists, said police.

The demonstrators were demanding cancellation of JCD's Central Committee over accusations that 90 percent of its members were non-students.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia approved the 291-member Central Committee on April 15.

JCD President Abdul Quader Bhuiyan Jewel told The Daily Star that the demonstrators had no relation with JCD.

However, one demonstrator, Mohammad Saidur Rahman, an assistant general secretary of the immediate past JCD Central Committee, said they were not involved in exploding the cocktails.

The Chittagong incident occurred after the JCD activists brought out a protest procession from Kazir Dewry intersection around 2:30pm, said witnesses.

Two fire fighting units from Nandankon Fire Station extinguished the blaze around 3:10pm while seven protesters were detained from the spot, said police.

BNP Chittagong city unit General Secretary Shahadat Hossain said a case would be lodged while stern organisational action would be taken against any JCD activist found involved.

Ali Mortuja, a joint secretary of the preceding JCD Chittagong city unit committee who led demonstrations on July 22, denied his involvement in yesterday's incident.

## 9 Bangladeshis held while trying to infiltrate US

REUTERS, MEXICO CITY

Mexico detained 94 illegal immigrants, including nine Bangladeshis, packed into a truck bound for the US border, the authorities said on Tuesday.

The detainees were found near the southern city of Tuxtla Gutierrez, capital of Chiapas state, officials confirmed.

The authorities concerned said the migrants were traveling in inhumane conditions. The driver of the vehicle, who was from central Mexico, was arrested on human trafficking charges.

The truck set out from Huehuetenango, Guatemala, and police detected the migrants with x-ray at a checkpoint outside Tuxtla Gutierrez after midnight on Monday. The migrants were on their way to the US, said the state prosecutors.

Several of the migrants were treated for hand and leg injuries, and some struggled to breathe due to the "overcrowded conditions" on the truck, said Mexico's National Migration Institute.

## 2004 SYLHET GRENADE ATTACK CID adds Kashmiri militant as accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Criminal Investigation Department yesterday submitted the supplementary charge sheet against eight people, including Kashmiri militant Abdul Mazid Butt and former BNP minister Abdus Salam Pintu's brother Moulana Taj Uddin (fugitive), in the case for the grenade attack in Sylhet city's Gulshan centre premises on August 7, 2004.

The six others are outlawed Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, his brother Mofizul Islam alias Ovi, Sharif Shahedul Alam Bipul, Mufti Main Uddin alias Abu Zandal, Delwar Hossain Ripon, and Humayun Kabir (fugitive).

Raonakul Islam Chowdhury, senior assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of CID, filed the charge sheet with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court, said prosecutor Misbah Uddin Siraj.

Sylhet city Awami League publicity secretary Mohammad Ibrahim was killed and about 50 others were injured in the grenade attack which was made on the Gulshan centre premises following an AL meeting there.

The case investigation was started by Munshi Atiqur Rahman, the then CID senior ASP, while CID Inspector Juber Ahmed submitted the charge sheet on September 20, 2008, citing six accused—Huji chief Hannan, his brother Ovi, Sharif Shahedul Bipul, Mufti Main Uddin, Delwar Hossain Ripon and Humayun Kabir (fugitive).

Sylhet Additional District and Sessions Judge Manzurul Haque Khan, however, ordered further probe into the case in August 2010 as prosecutor Misbah Uddin Siraj prayed for detecting the masterminds and suppliers of the grenades.

ASP Raonakul then investigated the case for three years. In the charge sheet, he mentioned Pakistani militant Mazid Butt as arrested in the case. During his remand, Butt admitted that Pakistan-based militant organisation Laskar-e-Taiyeba had links with the 2004 attack for killing AL leaders, Raonakul said in the charge sheet. Butt also said he had supplied four grenades to Mufti Hannan through Moulana Taj Uddin, he added.

Just after the incident, 15 AL and Jubo League leaders were caught as suspects but they were released after weeks.

## One-third of Bangladeshi females marry in their teens

Says report of BBS, BIDS and Unicef

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Almost one-third of the females in the country are married in their teens, a proportion which is one of the highest in the world, says a recent report.

The proportion of females married aged 15-19, however, has declined by five percentage points in the last decade, from 37.5 percent in 2001 to 32.5 percent in 2011, the findings show. At district level, the percentage is highest in Meherpur—53.7—and lowest in Sylhet—13.5.

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and Unicef prepared the report comparing the data of the 2011 and 2001 population censuses, said SM Zulfiqar Ali, senior research fellow of BIDS. Titled "Child Equity Atlas: Pockets of Social Deprivation in Bangladesh", it was launched yesterday in the capital's BBS auditorium.

Social indicators including youth literacy rate, proportion of out-of-school children aged 6-10 and proportion of children aged 10-14 years who are not in school and engaged in

paid work (real child worker) are also reported.

In 2001, the youth literacy rate was 63.6 percent which rose to 75.4 percent in 2011. The rate is higher in Khulna, Barisal and parts of Dhaka and Chittagong divisions.

The report reveals that the country has made a progress in women's education. The female youth literacy rate is higher than that of male youths, at 76 percent and 74 percent respectively.

One in four children is out of school now while it was one in two a decade ago in 2001, it shows. The proportion of real child workers has dropped over four percentage points to six percent in 2011. The prevalence of real child workers is higher in the urban areas than in the rural areas. In Dhaka, almost one in every six children is a worker.

At the launch, Planning Minister AK Khandker said the report would help people to lead Bangladesh towards becoming a middle income nation by 2021.

This report recognises the impact of inequalities in national development, said Unicef Bangladesh Representative Pascal Villeneuve.

## Illegal blood bank owner jailed again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion again jailed an owner of an illegal blood bank for two years at Lalmatia in the capital yesterday for collecting and selling contaminated blood.

The court led by Rab Executive Magistrate AHM Anwar Pasha jailed Ibrahim Sabuj alias Saline Sabuj, 36, and seized 43 bags of blood, said a press release.

During the drive, the court found that Sabuj was receiving blood from a drug addict in an unhygienic condition.

Sabuj collects blood from such drug addicts and makes fake reports to supply those to different hospitals, the release said.

There was no doctor, technician or blood testing equipment in the unauthorised blood bank though these are mandatory for any blood bank, it said.

Earlier on December 15, 2012, the same mobile court jailed Sabuj for two years and sealed off his blood bank in Dhanmondi for the same offence. But he later got bail and started the same act again, it added.

## Road crashes kill three, injure four

CITY DESK

Three people were killed and four others injured in separate road accidents across the country yesterday.

Our staff correspondent reports, a man died after a bus of Utshob Paribahan hit him at Doyaganj intersection in the capital, said Dhaka Medical College morgue sources.

The victim is Sirajul Islam, 52, a security guard.

Our Pabna correspondent adds, a person was killed and four others injured as a truck rammmed an auto-rickshaw carrying them at Biralkuthi of Sirajganj Sadar upazila.

The deceased was Md Sitratul Islam, 22, a student of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology. Three of the injured were admitted to Sirajganj Sadar Hospital while the other only needed first aid.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports, Nizam Uddin, 37, member of Banshbaria Union Parishad of Satkhira, died after a bus rammmed his motorbike in Banshbaria area in the upazila.

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