

ARRESTS FROM NALCHITY MOSQUE

8 of 9 suspected Huji militants remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

A Jhalakathi court yesterday placed eight of the nine suspected activists of banned Islamist outfit Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji), arrested from a mosque in Nalchity upazila on August 14, on a six-day remand.

Officer-in-Charge of Nalchity Police Station Asaduzzaman, also the investigation officer (IO) of the two cases-one under Arms Act and the other under Anti-Terrorism Act sought 10 days' remand for the accused in each of the cases to the Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court.

They accused are Md Masiur Rahman alias Milon, son of Serajul Ali Talukder, Md Nurul Islam, son of Abdur Rahman Khan, Md

Shohag, son of Nurul Islam, and Baki Billah, son of Masum Billah of Nalchity upazila in Jhalakathi district; Md Abul Basar Mridha, son of Abdur Rob Mridha, Minhajul Abedin, son of Haider Ali Matabbor, and Abdul Aziz, son of Abul Kasem Majumder of Rajoir upazila in Madaripur district.

After hearing, Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Shahidul Islam placed the eight of the nine suspected militants on a six-day remand.

The court didn't put accused Baki Billah on remand as Advocate Nasimul Hasan sought bail for him, saying that he is an examinee of the coming degree (pass) examinations.

The court, however, rejected the bail petition and sent

him to jail.

Police in a raid on August 14 arrested nine suspected militants from a mosque adjacent to a Qawmi madrasa in Kamdebpur village of Nalchity upazila, which is about 15 kilometres away from the district headquarters.

All of them were involved in reorganising the Huji, said a source, who has close link with the Islamist militant group, disclosed this to The Daily Star soon after their arrest.

During the raid, led by Jhalakathi Superintendent of Police (SP) Mozid Ali, police recovered an inactive grenade from the possession of the arrestees.

They also found some "Jihadi publications" and a diary of Moshirur Rahman Milon, one of the nine.

AL, Shramik League men arrested with arms

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Police arrested a local Awami League leader along with arms from his residence in Sonagazi upazila of Feni early yesterday.

At least five people including two policemen were injured as some supporters and family members resisted the law enforcers when they went to nab Sheikh Farid alias Daradi, 30, joint secretary of Mangalkandi union unit of AL, reports a correspondent.

Officer in-charge (OC) Subhash Chandra Paul of Sonagazi police station said a scuffle took place when the supporters of Daradi tried to snatch him from police.

On information, more police led by the OC himself went to the spot and took Daradi to the police station. Police seized a shotgun and two cartridges from the possession of the arrestee.

Daradi, son of Abdus Sobhan of East Mirzapur village, is accused in a number of cases, several locals and the OC said.

In Benapole, Jessore, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Saturday night arrested three activists of Shramik League from Kakmari village along with a pistol, one bullet and a motorbike.

The arrestees are Liakat Hossain and Julfikar Ali of Gaira village and Gaffar Ali of Kakmari village under Benapole port police station, reports our correspondent.

Police said the three are activists of Shramik League, workers wing of the ruling Awami League.

Shibir enforces hartal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A half-day hartal, called by Islami Chhatra Shibir to protest the killing of one of its leaders in Dhaka, passed off peacefully in the district yesterday.

Vehicular movement was thin in the district town. Most roadside shops remained shut during the hartal hours.

The educational institutions in the district town also remained closed.

During the hartal, Shibir activists put up road barricades in Bangabari, Modhupur and Rajapur areas of Sadar upazila and in Dashuria of Ishwardi upazila.

Khalilur Rahman, 22, president of ward No. 88 of Shibir Dhaka city unit and son of Abdul Baten Mollik of Mollikpara village in Santhia upazila, was killed in a clash with police in the capital's Jatrabari area during Jamaat's hartal on Wednesday.



PHOTO: STAR

Driven by the urge to return to workplace at the earliest convenience after the Eid-ul-Fitr holidays coupled with the transport problem caused by Jamaat-enforced countrywide hartal on January 13 and 14, people get on the roof of a train at Parbatipur junction yesterday, defying the risk of serious accident anytime. Meanwhile, almost all the trains in the Western Zone of Bangladesh railway saw slow and late journey, missing the schedule by a couple of hours.

TWO GALACHIPA CASES

Bail prayers of MP Rony, 26 others rejected

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A court here yesterday rejected the bail prayers of lawmaker Golam Maula Rony and 26 others in two separate cases filed against them with Galachipa Police Station on the night of August 11.

Md Shamsuzzaman Linkon, organising secretary for Galachipa upazila unit of Awami League (AL), and Badrul Islam Khan, president of Dakua Union unit of the party, sued Rony and his men on charges of extortion, attack on a party meeting and vandalising a shop and a house in the upazila.

Linkon accused Rony and 15 others of foiling a party meeting arranged by Panpatti union unit on Panpatti High School ground and vandalising and looting a shop and a house of AL men Jahangir Hossain and Abul Kalam Azad at a nearby bazaar on August 17, 2010.

Badrul filed an extortion case against Rony and 11 other. In the case statement, he alleged that a gang of 11



Golam Maula Rony

on instructions of Rony demanded Tk 5 lakh from Nityabohi Devnath and 17 others of Ulania Bazar under Galachipa upazila at around 11:00am on March 25, 2012.

As Debnath refused to oblige, Rony's men also took away Tk 36,700 and three cellphones from him, Badrul stated in the case statement.

The lawyers for the Rony and his men submitted the bail petitions to the Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court. After hearing, Senior Judicial Magistrate Tapan Kumar rejected the bail prayers of the accused in the two cases.

BSF detains teenage boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) detained a Bangladeshi teenage boy early yesterday on Nagarvita border of Baliadangi upazila.

Shahabuddin, 19, is son of Md. Emajul of Badambari Sarkarpara village in the upazila. Locals said, BSF at

Chaklagar camp detained Shahabuddin while he was crossing border at about 4:00am.

Contacted, acting Commanding Officer of 30, BGB Battalion Mj Kazi Alamgir said they held a flag meeting at 12:00 noon where the BSF agreed to return the boy soon.

SNIPPETS

Youth hacked to death

UNB, Faridpur

A youth was hacked to death by criminals on Faridpur Medical College Hospital premises in Paschim Khabashpur area of the town early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Bappi Mia, 22, son of Bachchu Mia, of the area. Family sources said, Bappi went missing since he went out of home following a phone call from his friends around 11pm on Saturday. Later, local people found his body near the water tank in the hospital area around 1:00am on Sunday. The reason behind the murder could not be known immediately.

Youths jailed for stalking

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A mobile court here yesterday sentenced two youths to six months imprisonment each for stalking a college girl. The Sadar upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) in Tangail Mallika Khatun as executive magistrate punished Jahidur Rashid of Shibnath Para and Ashiqur Rahman of Karatia College Para for threatening the girl in face book. Nazrul Islam, officer in-charge (OC) of Tangail Model police station, said the youths opened a fake account in face book in her name and posted obscene pictures and comments. The two youths later informed it to the girl through a cell phone message.

Jubo League men clash

UNB, Faridpur

At least 15 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of Jubo League in Nagarkanda upazila on Saturday evening. Police and witnesses said Jubo League Nagarkanda upazila unit general secretary Mizanur Rahman and its Faridpur municipal unit president Al-Mamun had long been at loggerheads over establishing supremacy in the area. They said the clash broke out at Nagarkanda Bazar following an altercation over a public project work. At one stage, supporters of both the groups attacked each other with lethal weapons, leaving the 15 people injured on both sides. They also vandalised 20 shops at the bazaar and looted valuables.

Jamaat men

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of Chittagong Metropolitan Police told The Daily Star that police rushed to the city's Bohaddarhat intersection around 10:30am on information that without permission Jamaat-Shibir men were gathering there to bring out a procession.

He said around 60 of them fled towards Badurtala area sensing police presence. Injured constable Hashem said later on when Jamaat-Shibir men at Badurtala saw a police pickup van approaching, they, armed with sticks and sharp weapons, attacked the vehicle and hurled brick chips at it.

ASI Mithu, Jewel and Hashem were injured while they were still inside the vehicle. Additional police force from Panchlaish Police Station rushed there and fired 18 shots in the air to disperse the crowd.

The Jamaat-Shibir men fled the area exploding six to seven crude bombs. Witnesses said the unruly Jamaat-Shibir men also attacked Ashraf, broke his camera, and vandalised five vehicles on the streets. Meanwhile, a Jamaat activist was killed and two others were injured early yesterday when a bomb they were allegedly making exploded at Companyganj upazila, our correspondent in Noakhali reports.

Deceased Ismail Hossain Sumon, 28, of Shahjadpur in the upazila, was a driver of the Jamaat-operated Basurhat Cadet Madrasa.

In Satkhira, Jamaat-Shibir men allegedly snatch away a Jamaat leader from the custody of Satkhira police, reports a correspondent.

Eyewitnesses and police said Kolorowa upazila unit Jamaat Secretary General Rokon Altaf was arrested at Saroshkati Bazar around 9:30am yesterday.

He was arrested in connection with a vandalism case and for cutting down trees during a Jamaat-Shibir hartal, said Officer-in-Charge Shah Dara Khan of Kolarowa Police Station.

Hearing about the arrest, 400-500 armed Jamaat-Shibir activists surrounded the Kolarowa Saroshkati Police outpost around 10:00am and tried to create anarchy by exploding 25 to 30 home-made bombs.

Sources claimed that Sub-Inspector Liakot Ali of the outpost had been forced to give up Rokon Altaf. However, Liakot later claimed that Rokon was actually handed over to a union parishad member after his health had deteriorated following the arrest.

Some disgruntled Jamaat-Shibir men then hacked retired teacher and Awami leaguer Mutalib Hossain injuring him seriously. They also vandalised shops belonging to Awami leaguers in the market there.



PHOTO: STAR

Roof of a rented house of a local Jamaat activist was blown off as a bomb went off inside the house in Companyganj upazila of Noakhali district yesterday.

Bombing of SP's house: 11 held in C'nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police in separate drives arrested at least 11 Jamaat-Shibir men from different areas of the town in the last two days on charge of hurling cocktails at residence of the police superintendent on Saturday.

Bazlur Rashid, officer in-charge of Sadar police station, said criminals came by a motorbike and hurled a few cocktails on the house of SP Bashir Ahmed in the town at 10:45pm on Saturday.

The security guard of the house opened fire but the criminals fled leaving the motorbike behind.

Although the SP was at home during the cocktail attacks, he was not injured, said the OC.

Meanwhile, police also arrested three Shibir activists along with two bombs in Shibitala area of the town yesterday.

Three other Shibir men were also arrested from Shibitala at noon, said police.

Jamaat man killed in blast while making bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

An activist of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami was killed and two others were injured in a blast while making bombs at a house in Companyganj upazila yesterday.

Identified as Ismail Hossain Sumon, 28, the deceased was son of Ahmed Ali of Shahjadpur village in the upazila. He was a driver of Jamaat-operated Basurhat Cadet Madrasa.

Police detained two Shibir activists Samsuddin Manik, 22, son of Ziaul Haque and Jamal Uddin, 32, son of Mir Sarwar Ahmed of the village in this connection.

Sajidur Karim, officer in-charge of Companyganj police station, said some Jamaat-Shibir men were making bombs at the rented house of a local Jamaat activist, Mohaddes. All on a sudden, a bomb exploded around 12.30am with a big bang, blowing the tinned roof off.

On information, police

rushed to the spot. During search in the adjacent areas, they nabbed Sumon with serious injuries and took him to Noakhali Medical College and Hospital. Later Sumon succumbed to his injuries around 3.00am.

Police recovered the blood-stained clothes and some bomb-making materials from the spot.

Law enforcers are now looking for tenant Mohaddes and the two others injured in the blast, the OC said.

In Chandpur, police arrested two Shibir activists in Faridganj of the district yesterday morning.

They were identified as Mofizul Islam Sohag, 27, son of Osman Gani and Tazul Islam, 25, son of Nurul Islam of Lautoli village in the upazila, reports our correspondent.

OC Nazrul Haq of Faridganj PS said, they were arrested in connection with two cases filed against them on charge of vandalising a magistrate's car and attacking police in Border Bazar area recently.

BNP leader killed in Narsingdi

132 leaders, activists sued in Sherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Criminals stabbed a local BNP leader to death in Rangamati area of the district town on Saturday night.

Police handed the body of Delwar Hossain Delu, 35, joint secretary of Hazipur union unit of BNP, to his relatives yesterday afternoon after post mortem.

Kamal Hossain, brother of the deceased, said Delu came out of his residence with his motorbike following a call over his cell phone at night. Later at around 10:00pm they got the news of his death.

Narsingdi Sadar thana BNP president Samir Bhuiyan alleged that Delu was killed by his political opponents.

Locals and party supporters gathered in front of the Sadar Hospital at night and agitated there, demanding arrest and punishment of the killers of Delu.

They also alleged that criminals killed former Haripur Union Parishad chairman Saiful Islam Sarker in the area but they are

yet to be brought to book.

132 Sued In Sherpur

In Sherpur, police on Saturday filed two cases against 132 BNP leaders and activists in connection with a clash following the arrest of a JCD leader on Friday, reports a correspondent.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Manirul Alam of Sherpur Sadar Police Station filed the cases under Speedy Trial Act on charge of obstructing the law enforcers on duties, accusing 72 named persons, including BNP leader Md Hazrat Ali, an aspirant for the next general polls.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) organising secretary of the district unit Rabiul Islam Russel, also an accused in several cases, was arrested on Friday evening from the district town.

Following his arrest, leaders and activists took to the streets, vandalising several vehicles.

As police rushed to the spot and tried to bring the situation under control, the agitator attacked the law enforcers, leaving several of them injured.



PHOTO: STAR

Criminals kill 'monosex telapia' and other fishes worth Tk 40 lakh, throwing poison into the water of several fish enclosures and a hatchery at Pangashia village in Dumki upazila of Patuakhali on Saturday night.

Hatchery fishes poisoned to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Fishes worth Tk 40 lakh died as criminals threw poison into the water of several gheras (enclosures) at Pangashia village in Dumki upazila on Saturday.

Over 20 lakh dead fries of 'monosex telapia' at 'Pacific Aqua Firm' 25 hatcheries

were found floating in the morning, said locals.

Md Zakir Hossain, owner of the hatchery, said more than five lakh different species of fish including ruhi, katla, carps and pangas were also poisoned to death at midnight.

They may have done it out of jealousy as I have

been cultivating fishes here successfully for the last 15 years, he said.

Visiting the spot, Gazi Fazlur Rahman, sub-inspector of Dumki police station, said stern action would be taken against those responsible for the offence after investigating the matter.