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Jamaat men attack cops

Smash vehicles in Ctg; Shibir activist killed while making bomb in Noakhali; Jamaat men snatch accused in Satkhira

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Jamaat-Shibir rampage at Badurtala of Chittagong city yesterday morning left at least three policemen and a media person injured.

While they attacked a police van, vandalised five other vehicles and exploded at least six homemade bombs, police arrested 61 people.

Injured Assistant Sub-Inspector Md Mithu and constables Md Jewel and Md Hashem of Panchlaish Police Station were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Ashraf Alam, a videographer for private television channel Somoy TV, was given first aid, said police and media sources.

Police detained three Jamaat-Shibir men from Badurtala and adjacent areas immediately after the incident and 58 others from Sher-e-Bangla Hall of Chittagong College in the afternoon, said Panchlaish Police Station Officer-in-charge Pradip Kumar Das.

Deputy Commissioner (north) Harunur Rashid Hazari

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Shibir activists attack a police van at Panchlaish in Chittagong yesterday.

FELANI TRIAL Father, uncle testify today in India

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

The father and the uncle of Bangladeshi girl Felani Khatun, who was shot dead by Indian Border Security Force in 2011, will testify today in the trial of the murder that has sparked outrage across the country.

A special court, set up by BSF General Security Force in Cooch Behar district of West Bengal, is trying BSF constable Amiya Ghosh after the Indian force submitted the charge sheet against him after an investigation.

Felani's father Nurul Islam and uncle Abdul Hanif went to the Indian town through Burimari-Chengrabandha Land Port in Lalmonirhat yesterday afternoon.

Kurigram Public Prosecutor SM Abraham Lincoln and Commander

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Was Diana murdered?

New claim says she was killed by a British soldier

AFP, London

British police are examining new information about the death of Diana, princess of Wales, reportedly including an allegation

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Egypt cabinet debates fate of Brotherhood

Islamists cancel some marches for security fears; army chief vows to confront unrest

AGENCIES

Egypt's army-backed rulers met yesterday to discuss their bloody confrontation with deposed President Mohamed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood amid contrasting proposals for compromise and a fight to the death.

Supporters of ousted president Mohamed Morsi cancelled some Cairo marches yesterday for

"security reasons", as the military chief vowed to face down violent protests following Egypt's bloodiest week in decades.

The Islamists said they cancelled "several marches", citing fears of vigilantes and snipers, but others went ahead as planned.

In a speech to military and police officers, army chief Abdel Fattah el-Sisi promised to crack

down on anyone using violence, but also struck an apparently inclusive note, telling Morsi's supporters: "There is room for everyone in Egypt," according to the army's Facebook page.

"Whoever imagines violence will make the state and Egyptians kneel must reconsider; we will never be silent in the face of the destruction of the country," Sisi

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TRANSIT THRU' BANGLADESH

India looking for new water routes

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

India is eager to establish new waterways with Bangladesh for easy transportation of goods from Kolkata to its other mainland cities in north-eastern states.

According to a study by the Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES), new waterways between the two countries will be possible by connecting two rivers of Tripura with as many rivers of Bangladesh.

RITES has submitted Detail Project Report (DPR) after conducting feasibility study to create new inland water transport

between the Gomati and the Howrah rivers in the state with the Meghna and the Titas rivers of Bangladesh, Kishore Ambuly, secretary of transport department of Tripura government, said in Agartala yesterday.

"The rivers will have navigation facilities for smooth movement of barges," he said.

A senior official of Bangladesh foreign ministry told The Daily Star that India has long been asking for facilities of waterways in Bangladesh, its Ashuganj river port and road from Ashuganj to Agartala for easy transportation of goods to north-eastern states.

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First the tiger statue on Bir Uttam CR Dutta Road (Sonargaon intersection) in the capital was spoiled after a number of posters were pasted on it. Then its color got ruined when the posters were removed. The photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

CODE OF CONDUCT

EC may go for change shortly before polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In the face of widespread criticism, the Election Commission (EC) has stepped back from its recent move to amend the code of conduct for political parties and candidates to contest the coming parliamentary election.

"Just now we are not working on electoral code of conduct. If necessary, we will amend it a few days before announcing the schedule for the national election," said Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz.

The EC may hold dialogue with political parties over amendment to the code of conduct, if needed, he said yesterday while talking to journalists at his office in the capital.

In a surprising move last month, the EC made a draft amendment to the electoral code of conduct where it said if the general election is held under a partisan government, the ruling party chief and its 20 leaders [picked by the party chief] would enjoy the privilege of electioneering across the country.

This provision would allow Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and 20 other ministers or state ministers or Awami League leaders to join the party's polls campaign without resigning from their posts, if the premier continues as the AL chief.

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WAR TRIAL VERDICT

HRW to be accused for contempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday decided to file a contempt of court petition against Human Rights Watch for its recent report on the verdict on former Jamaat-e-Islami chief Ghulam Azam's war crimes case.

"We are working on the matter and we hope to file a contempt petition (with the international crimes tribunal against HRW) on Tuesday," Prosecutor Tureen Afroz told The Daily Star last night.

The prosecution was also considering placing the issue before the

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PRAYER TIMING		August 19
	Asan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-25	5-00
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP standing committee member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain that the government wants to stay in power by not holding the next parliamentary polls?

Yes (68%)
No (32%)

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's allegation that the opposition wants to create constitutional crisis is justified?

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