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# Gun-toting BCL men still at large

Cops, RU authorities take no legal steps after Sunday's violence; PM 'orders' action

ANWAR ALI and MA SAYEED, Rajshahi

No legal action has been taken against the six Chhatra League activists who were seen brandishing firearms during Sunday's violence at Rajshahi University.

The gun-toting youths took part in the attack on the students protesting fee hikes and evening-shift courses, but none of them is named in any of the cases filed by the police and the RU registrar's office.

Asked why, Registrar Prof Entajul Haque yesterday said, "How can I say about filing cases against the armed cadres? You better ask the top administrators."

Contacted, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan said an emergency syndicate meeting on Sunday night took the decision to file a general diary for the violence and brandishing of firearms. "What the syndicate has decided will be executed."

Proloy Chichim, deputy commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star, "There is no need to file a separate case against the armed Chhatra League men."

He said the six cases filed by the police, RU authorities and a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader for damaging the university properties and blasting bombs would cover the all allegations.

"May it be arms or cocktails -- all these were for destabilising the situation. The existing cases cover everything," said the senior police official, who is responsible for law and order at RU.

Asked if the incident of brandishing guns has at least been mentioned in the cases, the deputy commissioner replied in the negative.

He, however, said police were conducting raids to catch the six -- Nasim

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Sri Lanka batsman Kumar Sangakkara plays a square-cut during the first day of the second Test against Bangladesh at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. The left-hander remained unbeaten on 160 as the visitors posted 314 for 5 at stumps.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

# Fugitive Shahid Commissioner held with arms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion early yesterday arrested Saidur Rahman Shahid alias Shahid commissioner at his Gendaria house in the capital and seized four firearms from there.

Former commissioner of ward-83 of the undivided Dhaka City Corporation, Shahid is accused in a number of cases including those for murders and possessing illegal arms, Khandakar Golam Sarwar,



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# Expat workers in trouble

Crackdowns in Malaysia, Saudi Arabia leave thousands of workers in fear of deportation

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

Several thousand Bangladeshi migrants, who are illegally staying in Malaysia and Saudi Arabia, are in danger of being deported home, as the two countries have launched crackdowns against illegal expatriates last month.

At least 336 Bangladeshis were detained by the Malaysian police till Wednesday while around 1,000 more were believed to be held in Saudi Arabia in the last week of January.

Malaysian authorities launched the raids against illegal expatriates from January 21 in order to streamline its labour market and it would continue for an indefinite period, Malaysian Home Minister

Ahmed Zahid Hamidi told local media last week.

In the first nine days of the drive, the Malaysian police detained around 3,000 illegal migrants of different nationalities, including the Bangladeshis, according to local media reports.

More Bangladeshis are believed to have been detained after Wednesday as the crackdown continues.

Mantu Kumar Biswas, labour counsellor of Bangladesh high commission in Kuala Lumpur, said they could not immediately confirm the exact figure of Bangladeshi detainees.

He also warned Bangladeshis against using illegal channels to go to Malaysia.

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# New cancer cases may surge to 25m a year

Predicts WHO; warns against alcohol abuse, smoking, obesity

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

A global drive to tackle the causes of cancer linked to lifestyle, such as alcohol abuse, sugar consumption and obesity, has been urged on Monday by the World Health Organisation as it predicted the number of new cases could soar 70% to nearly 25 million a year over the next 20 years.

Half of these cases are preventable, says the UN's public health arm in its World

Cancer Report, because they are linked to lifestyle. It is implausible to think we can treat our way out of the disease, say the authors, arguing that the focus must now be on preventing new cases.

Even the richest countries will struggle to cope with the spiralling costs of treatment and care for patients, and the lower income countries, where numbers are expected to be highest, are ill-equipped for the burden to come.



Children browse through books at a stall of Amar Ekushey Boi Mela on the Bangla Academy premises yesterday.



# Jinnah made matters worse

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The very first session of the East Bengal Legislative Assembly after the creation of Pakistan was scheduled for March 15, 1948 in Dhaka. On the eve of the session, students of Dhaka University gathered before Burdwan House (today's Bangla Academy), the official residence of chief minister Khwaja Nazimuddin, to register their protest against the

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## BAIL IN ALL CASES

# Moudud, Rafiqul, Mahbub freed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Senior BNP leaders Moudud Ahmed, Rafiqul Islam Mia and Khandaker Mahbub Hossain were freed on bail from Kashimpur jail in Gazipur yesterday.

Rafiqul and Mahbub left jail around 11:20am while Moudud around 12:30pm, Jahangir Alam, superintendent of the jail, told The Daily Star.

The trio -- standing committee members Moudud Ahmed and Rafiqul Islam Mia, and BNP chairperson's adviser Khandaker Mahbub Hossain -- had recently obtained bail orders from the High Court in several cases.

The bail documents were received by the jail authorities

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## MANZOOR MURDER CASE

# Judge replaced a week before verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The judge of the Dhaka court dealing with the Gen Manzoor murder case has been transferred only a week before the verdict in the case is to be delivered.

Hosne Ara Aktar of the First Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court was transferred on Sunday. She was replaced by Judge Khondker Hasan Mahmud Firoz.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think ruling Awami League will take any stern action against its student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League activist for Sunday's incident at Rajshahi University?

Yes

No

(13%)

(87%)

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Cyborg cockroaches

Designed to clean up cities

MAIL ONLINE

It may sound like a terrifying science fiction baddie, but Japanese researchers have revealed the first cyborg cockroaches -- and say they could help keep our cities clean.

The team created a radical new battery that creates energy from sugar in the insect's body.

They now hope to build giant 'swarms' of their cyber insects to create large sensor networks for chemicals and pollutants.

Osaka University and Tokyo University of Agriculture and

Technology co-developed the fuel cell, which measures 20 x 15mm and can be mounted on an insect.

They say the work will lead to forming a wireless sensor network with cyborg insects.

The fuel

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PROBE INTO WEALTH

ACC summons

AL MP Bodi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday summoned ruling Awami League lawmaker from Cox's Bazar-4 Abdur Rahman Bodi to appear before it on February 16 for an allegation of amassing wealth illegally.

Meanwhile, an ACC team went to Patuakhali

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PRAYER TIMING

February 5

Azan Jamaat

Fajr 5:30 6:05

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