

Police, local thugs exchange gunfire

7 gangsters bullet-hit in Laxmipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Around seven gangsters suffered bullet injuries as police and local thugs exchanged gunshots while the law enforcers were in a drive to nab the gang leader at Latifpur in Sadar upazila of Laxmipur Thursday night.

Of the injured, Md Jashim, 29, and Rubel, 27, were taken to Noakhali Abdul Malek Medical College Hospital.

Md Maruf Mia, additional superintendent of police, said the village was raided to arrest "Jesan Bahini" chief Solaiman Uddin Jesan around 8:30pm.

Suddenly, the gangsters started firing prompting police to fire back, injuring them, he said.

At one stage, the criminals fled the scene, he added.

Work to establish

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fundamental principles of the constitution, they are united." He added, "Of course, we want to see a secular state and don't want to see use of religion in politics."

Convener of Nagorik Oikya Mahmudur Rahman Manna described both Awami League and BNP as "autocratic" parties, which "do not exercise democracy" at all.

Terming the incumbent government illegal, he said the people could not keep faith in BNP either, because it failed to give hopes. "We know the role of Jamaat-e-Islami in 1971. How can the people trust BNP as long as Jamaat is its ally?"



This footpath situated some metres before a left turn, which leads to Gulshan 1, while approaching from Chairmanbari in the capital has been in this state for around four months, apparently with the authorities concerned turning a blind eye. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Legal notice served on water minister to quit
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer on Thursday sent a legal notice to Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud, asking him to vacate office by 10:00am on November 15 for holding it reportedly "in violation of the constitution".

Article 147 of the constitution clearly prohibits a minister from holding any office, post or position of profit or emolument, Advocate ZI Khan Panna said in the notice.

Anisul is holding the posts of director and chairman of Shasha Denim Limited, and Energies Power Cooperation Limited respectively without lawful authority for both the offices are profitable, he said.

Advocate Shahdeen Malik, who served the legal notice on behalf of Panna, told The Daily Star that legal action would be taken against Anisul if he does not quit the post of minister.

He said legal notices would also be served on three other ministers who were holding the offices illegally.

Ctg city's costly traffic

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utilising those. However, Faruk Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (Traffic), blamed CCC for failure to use the traffic lights.

He said after the renovation project, there were some technical faults with the system like it took too long to change lights from red to green at some intersections.

Faruk, however, admitted that after 2012, there were no more talks with CCC regarding the issue. He said police will resume operation of the traffic lights soon.

At GEC intersection, this correspondent found traffic constables using a rope to keep traffic in line, despite there being fully functional traffic lights to control vehicular movement as well as pedestrians crossing the road.

Traffic signal lights were first introduced at 39 intersections in the city in 1989. In the following five years, five more intersections got traffic lights.

According to a superintendent engineer of CCC, coordination between CMP and CCC kept the traffic lights working for about eight years from 1989. Police would monitor every intersection, and inform CCC's engineering department within 24 hours if any of the lights stopped working.

However, afterwards the coordination stopped working, and police again began controlling vehicular movement manually, said the engineer who was involved in the project to set up the lights in 1989.

Protesters

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Acting proctor Prof Amzad Ali said steps would be taken if any DU student was found to have been involved.

"We told them several times not to hold any rally on the campus. And we discourage outsiders from doing so," he said, adding that protests may be used as a "pretext to hamper the university's activities".

Acknowledging that there were apprehensions of "vested quarters trying to destabilise the university's congenial atmosphere", the VC said law enforcers had been instructed to keep an eye on the protesters.

Earlier, he had said the decision to discontinue the admission opportunity was to eliminate unequal competition between regular and irregular students and discourage tutoring at coaching centres.

NHRC chief hits back

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Prof Syed Anwar Hossain. The book chronicles the human rights situation of the past, portrays the present, and shows what the future situation should be in the country, said speakers.

Criticising extra-judicial killings, Dr Binayak Sen, research director at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), said that instead of killing a person in crossfire, the authorities should first look for the reason behind his turning into a criminal.

Chief Executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, "We have to rethink our sense of humiliation. Every morning we see the vehicle carrying a minister on the wrong lane, and traffic police beating a rickshaw-puller [for a small mistake]."

The book, priced at Tk 750, was published by the University Press Ltd. In his speech, Prof Mizanur

responded to a press statement, in which Dhaka Metropolitan Police said the NHRC chief violated law by visiting an accused without taking permission of the court.

He said the NHRC chairman was empowered by law to visit any hospital, academic or public institutions, and for that no permission was required.

Mohammad Nafiz, 32, the injured youth, was allegedly shot by police for his suspected link to the banned outfit Hizb-ut Tahrir during a raid in the capital's Mohammadpur on October 17.

Drawing attention to the DMP statement, Mizanur said, "It is sad. We hope that they [police] will realise their mistakes and stop recurrence of these."

Regarding DMP's comment that his visit might encourage militancy, the NHRC chief said, "I visited a citizen of Bangladesh. The court will decide whether he is guilty or not."

2 die in road crash in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons died when a car rammed them on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in the capital's Uttara yesterday.

The accident occurred when Harun, 45, labourer of a pick-up van, along with the 20-year-old helper of the vehicle were changing a tyre of the van at sector-4, said police.

Police seized the car but the driver managed to flee.

Prothom Alo celebrates

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At the inaugural session, the artists and guests shared their opinions about the newspaper and were presented the copy of "Bangladesh 2024", a four-page mock issue of the Prothom Alo in 2024, by Anisul Hoque, associate editor of the daily.

and would mull over the questions and suggestions of the readers, which came up at the session. The Prothom Alo is the most popular, largest and most acceptable Bangla newspaper in the world, the editor said.

The whole Bangla Academy premises took on a colourful look on the occasion.

Some successful personalities including Joynal Abedin, founder of Momotaz Hospital in Mymensingh, and acid survivor Shamima Akhtar narrated how they overcame hurdles in their way to success.

The fair also featured photo and cartoon exhibitions, a book fair, and cultural events, in which prominent artists took part.

In the question-answer session, Prothom Alo Editor Matur Rahman said the newspaper wrote impartially and published neutral news.

He mentioned the readers as the newspaper's strength and hoped that they would go forward with this strength.

Matur Rahman said he would try to improve the newspaper more in the future

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