

NEWSIN brief

Teenager stabbed dead, mother wounded in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenager died and her mother suffered severe injuries after being hacked by two unidentified men who entered their Golapbagh residence in the capital yesterday afternoon posing as cable service providers.

First to arrive at the scene, Abu Yusuf, father of the slain 19-year-old, had been praying at a mosque during the incident. Fouzia Begum, 40, is being treated at Islami Bank Hospital in Shahjahanpur.

Jatrabari police said they were yet to ascertain the motive behind the attack.

Dating couple 'commit suicide' in Narsingdi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

A dating couple allegedly committed suicide by hanging themselves from a tree as their families disapproved of their relationship in Southpara of Raipura upazila in Narsingdi.

Quoting family members police said Shukhlal Barman, 22, and Manika Rani Barman, 16, had been going out for about a year. They were found dead yesterday morning after going missing on Thursday evening, they added.

Man arrested with pistol, 7 bullets in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Members of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) of Joypurhat arrested a man with a pistol and seven bullets in his possession in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat on Thursday.

The arrestee Sadequul Islam, 22, is of Amtoli area of Joypurhat town.

Rangpur mobile court seals off 3 coaching centres for irregularities

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A mobile court of Rangpur City Corporation sealed off three coaching centres for not having trade licence and registration in Keranipara area of Rangpur city on Thursday.

The coaching centres are Diagonal Coaching Center, Jahid Coaching Center, and Naba Panjeri Coaching Center.

Earlier in January, the court led by an executive magistrate also sealed off three other coaching centres on the same charges.

1 held with 2,000 Yaba tablets in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Detectives held a man with 2,000 Yaba tablets worth Tk 4 lakh on his person from Chamrar Gudam area of Chittagong city on Thursday night.

The detainee is Kutub Uddin, 36, of Chandanaish upazila of Chittagong.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of detectives conducted a drive in the area around 11:15pm and detained Kutub. A case was filed.



Being incensed by the wanton political violence in the country, both the immolation of innocent people by the 20-party alliance and wholesale repression by the government, this man claiming to be Sagor, a student of Tejgaon College in the capital, takes it upon himself to register a protest in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding sanity.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Govt repression clouding UN mission prospect

Warns BNP-led alliance, urges law enforcers to remain alert

UNB, Dhaka

The BNP-led 20-party alliance yesterday alleged that the violation of law, human rights and neutrality by some "overenthusiastic" officials has clouded the prospect of continuation of Bangladesh law-enforcement agencies' glorious role in UN peacekeeping missions.

In a statement signed by BNP Vice Chairman Selima Rahman, the alliance urged all members of law enforcement agencies, including Bangladesh Police, Border Guard Bangladesh, Rapid Action Battalion and Bangladesh Ansar, to remain alert keeping the situation in consideration.

"We request you all to work as per their good judgement after questioning their own conscience."

The 20-party said the government which assumed office through an "uncompetitive and farcical election" snatching

people's voting rights has annihilated democracy.

"They're now desperate to cling to power by resorting to repressive acts, killing and bloodletting."

It alleged that the government, getting alienated from people, has now become completely dependent on the state's law-enforcement agencies to hang on to power.

The alliance said the ruling party has given the charge to some partisan, controversial, opportunist and motivated officials to use the law enforcers as a shield to protect its illegal power.

It further claimed, "Some biased and overenthusiastic officials have denied the image, tradition and neutrality of our law enforcers and put their role into a question at home and abroad by breaching the law, neutrality and human rights."

Body formed to probe attack on BRUR teachers, students

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur on Thursday afternoon formed a three-member committee to investigate the incident in which two teachers and seven students were hacked by masked criminals on the campus on Wednesday night.

During the incident, the students were observing a fast-unto-death demanding holding of the postponed admission tests. And the teachers were attacked in front of their dormitories.

The committee, headed by Proctor Nazmul Haque, was asked to submit its report within seven working days.

Rana Plaza, Tazreen victims demand compensation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Relatives of garment workers who died in the Rana Plaza collapse and Tazreen Fashions fire and the injured workers formed a human chain beside the Dhaka-Aricha highway at Savar bus stand yesterday, demanding compensation.

The demonstrators formed the human chain under the banners "Rana Plaza Garment Workers' Union" and "Tazreen Fashions Garment Workers' Union".

Nasima Akter, a victim of Tazreen Fashions fire, said it has been over two years since the fire occurred but she is yet to be compensated.

"We cannot pay for food much less other necessities after losing our source of income," she said breaking down in tears.

She added that they are living inhuman lives.

Jorina Akter, president of Tazreen

Fashions Garment Workers' Union and a victim herself, said the victims need compensation immediately.

"Families of those who died are living very miserable lives after losing their breadwinners, and those who were injured cannot work anymore," she said.

The government and BGMEA are wasting time so that the matter can be closed but the people will never forget what happened, said Emdadul Islam, president of Rana Plaza Garment Workers' Union.

"If the workers take to the street it will be problematic for the government. To be compensated is our right," he said.

On November 24, 2012, a fire broke out at Tazreen Fashions, a garment factory in Ashulia, and killed 111 workers and injured many more.

On the other hand, Rana Plaza, which housed five garment factories, collapsed on April 24, 2013 killing 1,136 workers and injuring scores others.



Families of garment workers who died in the Rana Plaza collapse and Tazreen Fashions fire, and injured workers at a human chain beside Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday, demanding compensation, treatment, and rehabilitation of workers who have become disabled, and also punishment for the accused responsible persons.

PHOTO: STAR



The Communist Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal stage a sit-in in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding an end to the arson attacks during the BNP-led 20-party alliance's blockades and hartals. Story on page 3.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Abandoned pistol found in orchard

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Border Guard Bangladesh found a foreign pistol in a mango orchard at Housenagar in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj on Thursday evening.

On a tip-off, the BGB team from Monaksah outpost rushed to the spot and found the abandoned firearm, said Lt Col Abu Zafor Sheikh Mohammad Bazlul Haque, commanding officer of 9 BGB Battalion in Chapainawabganj.

Government's sick

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asked both the Awami League and BNP to bring an end to the politics of blame and to the ongoing anarchy through dialogue.

Gonoforum Politburo Member Pankaj Bhattacharjee said police officials were talking like politicians and vice versa and that political problems could not be solved by police and Ansar for it can only be solved politically.

Former and present CPB presidents Monjurul Ahsan Khan and Mujahidul Islam Selim and BSD General Secretary Khalequzzaman also spoke.

The venue saw programmes of organisations including Jubo Moitree, Bangladesh Students Welfare Association, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, and Bangladesh Online Activists Forum denouncing the recent arson attacks.

At Bangladesh United Islami Party's rally, Food Minister Md Qamrul Islam asked imams to pray so Allah gives conscience to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and arsonists.

Asking BNP leaders to shun the path of terrorism, he said, "There will be no dialogue or conciliation with terrorists." The party Chairman Maolana Ismail Hossain was present.


Tanguar

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year, but this time the team recorded around 52,299 individuals, which is deemed as a positive situation for the waterfowl as well as natural resources of the haor.

Alam said safe habitats encourage the migratory birds to visit the wetlands of the haor this time as the IUCN Bangladesh improved the environmental quality through proper management.

At the onset of winter, the birds spread their wings to take flight of thousands of kilometres all the way from Siberia.




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