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32 hurt, 6 bullet-hit in Tangail clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

At least three people were shot to death in Kalihati upazila of Tangail yesterday afternoon as police opened fire during a clash with locals protesting the brutal assault of a woman and her son.

The incident left at least 32 others injured and they include three cops and three bullet-hit locals.

Of the dead, Faruk, 20, breathed his last at Kalihati Upazila Health Complex and Kabir, 18, on his way to Tangail Medical College Hospital. Shyamol Chandra Paul, 38, died while being taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Two others wounded by gunshots were undergoing treatment at the DMCH and another at a local hospital.

Locals say Rafiqul Islam Roma of Saturaia village in Ghatail upazila was harbouring a grudge against a teenage boy of Atharodana village of the same upazila for having an affair with his wife.

Roma's family had asked the mother and son to come to his house, saying he just want to talk things out.

The two came to Roma's house on Tuesday -- but only to face serious physical abuse and humiliation. They were beaten up by Roma, his brother-in-law Hafiz Uddin and neighbour Kazi.

At one stage, the mother and son were stripped and confined to a room.

On information from villagers, police rescued the victims and arrested

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Three of the six bullet-hit youths, who were shot during a clash with police, lying on a street in Kalihati upazila of Tangail yesterday. The clash broke out when people from several villages of Kalihati and Ghatail upazilas, protesting torture on a woman and her son, attempted to lay siege to Kalihati Police Station. More photos on page 2.

PHOTO: STAR

JOYPURHAT BORDER BSF kills one, injures four

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man was killed and four others were injured as the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire on some inhabitants of a Bangladeshi village along a border in Joypurhat Sadar upazila yesterday.

The dead is Mohammad Sayem, 35, son of Abdul Barik of Dugor village. The wounded are Porimal Mardi, 30, Faruk Hossain, 28, Abu Zafar Bidyut, 20, and Nirmal Chandra, 35, of the same village.

The injured were taken to Joypurhat Modern Hospital. Doctors referred Sayem, who was critically injured, to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogra. Sayem died there later.

Locals said two youths of Dugor village went to a canal for fishing around 11:30am. The BSF members of Patirampur camp in Malda of West Bengal chased them as the canal is

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MORTAR ATTACK

2 Bangladeshis killed in Saudi hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshi nationals were killed and 12 others injured in mortar attacks allegedly from Yemen in Saudi Arabia's south-eastern province of Jizan early yesterday.

The deceased are Baten Miah, son of Mohon Miah of Brahmanbaria, and Nurul Hoque of Tangail. They were working as cleaners at Samtah General Hospital, said a foreign ministry press release.

Of the injured Bangladeshis, six to seven people received primary treatment while four to five others were admitted to the hospital, it added.

The attack was reportedly on a residential

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Teachers' agitation hurts education

No solution in sight

WASIM BIN HABIB

Academic activities in public schools, colleges and universities are being badly affected as teachers continue their protest over the new pay scale, but the government has yet to take any visible measure to diffuse the unrest.

More than 2.5 lakh teachers of government primary and secondary schools, colleges and state-run universities across the country are involved in the movement.

Though the government reconstituted the cabinet committee to review complaints of "discrimination" in the pay scale, public university teachers said they would not sit for talks as long as Finance Minister AMA Muhiith headed the seven-member body.

The teachers' movement, which gained momentum after the cabinet approved the 8th pay scale on September 7, has left students and guardians in a grave concern.

The agitation also casts a shadow over the upcoming admission test to

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Robbers loot Tk 21 lakh from Jessore Agrani Bank

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Robbers stole over Tk 21 lakh from a branch of state-owned Agrani Bank in Jessore Sadar upazila early yesterday, police said.

Shikdar Akkas Ali, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said the robbery took place at Rajarhat branch around 3:30am.

He said the criminals cut one of the windows of the bank using a blowtorch and attacked two Ansar guards -- Biswajit and

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Taliban gunmen kill 29 in Pak airbase attack

Troops kill all 14 attackers

AFP, Peshawar

Pakistani Taliban attacked an air force base in the country's restive northwest yesterday, killing at least 29 people, most of them soldiers, in their deadliest assault in months following a major military offensive against them.

The military said up to 14 insurgents entered the residential compound at the base near Peshawar, the gateway to the tribal regions that have long been a haven for militants, dressed in official uniforms.

Soldiers battled the attackers over several hours and killed all of them, chief military spokesman Major General Asim Bajwa told a press conference.

"At least 29 people have been martyred -- 23 from air force, three from army and three civilians," Bajwa said.

Some of the militants were able to attack a mosque within the camp compound and killed 16 air force personnel as they were about to offer dawn prayers, Bajwa said and added that another seven air force personnel, in a barrack adjacent to mosque when were doing ablution, were also killed by attackers.

Separately an army captain and two soldiers were killed in fighting with the insurgents, he said.

Bajwa said that the attackers belonged to a splinter group of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and came from Afghanistan.

"The attackers came from Afghanistan, the attack was planned and controlled from there," Bajwa said.

It is the deadliest attack in Pakistan since December when Taliban killed 150 people, most of them children, at an army-run school in Peshawar and also deadliest attack on a Pakistani military facility since 2009, when the Taliban

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Bangladeshi taxi driver sets example of honesty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ever since he left a computer design job for that of a taxi driver at Dubai Taxi, Ariful Karim has been driving people around the UAE.

It is a job he thoroughly enjoys, even though it means staying away from his family in Bangladesh.

Two years into the job, Ariful is happy how his honesty beyond the call of duty has been recognised and applauded in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The UAE's news portal -- Emirates 24/7 picked a story about the Bangladeshi

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Battery-run three wheelers ply highways despite a government ban. Such small, flimsy vehicles multiply risks of accidents ahead of Eid when the number of heavy vehicles overly increases on the highways. The photo was taken yesterday on the Dinajpur-Rangpur highway.

PHOTO: STAR

3-wheeler ban ignored

Almost all highways choked with locally made, crude slow-moving vehicles; police take little action

HASAN JAHIH TUSHER and PANKAG KARMAKAR

Three-wheelers and slow-moving vehicles are still plying the national highways across the country, defying a government ban.

Their movement on highways in many south-western and northern districts has increased significantly ahead of Eid-ul-Azha due to lax enforcement of the ban, report our

district correspondents.

The unauthorised three-wheelers include Nasiman, Kariman and Bhotbhoti.

Besides, horse carts, bull carts, tractors, power tillers and rickshaws are also seen plying the highways.

The number of CNG-run autorickshaws on the highways, however, has come down.


During a visit on Dhaka-Khulna

highway on September 14 and 15, The Daily Star correspondents found that hundreds of slow-moving vehicles were plying the highway.

Many drivers said they face a lot of problems due to these vehicles.

Seeking anonymity, a driver of JR Paribahan said, "Sometimes these vehicles ply the highway in such a way that it is very difficult to control the bus."

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