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# Cops go tough on medical entry protests

7 demonstrators hurt in baton charge, 'pepper spray'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday baton-charged and dispersed the agitating medical admission seekers at the capital's Karwan Bazar as the students were marching towards the health directorate to submit "evidence of question paper leak."

Protesters alleged law enforcers beat them up and fired pepper spray at them, injuring at least seven of them.

Police, however, denied the allegation.

From Karwan Bazar, the admission seekers returned to the Central Shaheed Minar where they had started their programme in the morning, and declared a sit-in there for today.

Khaled Saifullah, a spokesperson for the agitating students, said, "We only wanted to submit some evidence of question paper leak but came under police attack."

"We will go on with our movement until our demands are met," he said.

The agitators want to press home their demands including cancellation of the results of this year's MBBS and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) admission tests, alleging the question papers were leaked.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday termed the students' movement "illogical".

"All the procedures for medical admissions are going on

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Demonstrating medical admission seekers block the Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue near the Kawran Bazar intersection yesterday. Inset, police barricading agitators at Shahbagh and roughing up a student on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, right.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



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## HOSHI MURDER Investigators keep mum on probe status

EMRAN HOSSAIN and MEHEDI HASAN, from Rangpur

Six days into the killing of Japanese national Kunio Hoshi, investigators are keeping mum about any development in the probe.

Police continued to avoid journalists yesterday, the second day of the two suspects' 10-day remand. Information gleaned from the duo could not be known as Rezaul Karim, officer-in-charge of Kaunia Police Station, didn't answer phone calls.

The phone of Mohammad Abdur Razzaq, district superintendent of police, was switched off. His office premises were put off-limits to journalists.

DIG Humayun Kabir of Rangpur police and Mamunur Rashid, sub-inspector of Kaunia Police Station and also investigating officer of the case, didn't return calls.

# Nitor limps with inadequate staff

Patients in need of emergency surgery suffer most

JAMIL MAHMUD

With badly fractured legs, Kawsar was rushed to the capital's National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (Nitor) around 2:00am on September 15.

It had already been 13 hours since an iron rod-carrying truck run him over at Konabari in Gazipur.

As his injuries were severe, an immediate

surgery was required, but he had to endure an excruciating pain for several hours since the operating theatre dedicated for emergency patients had a long queue of patients.

"They [the medical staffs] were talking about [the patients'] serial numbers. But my son was in extreme pain and was fainting," said Kawsar's mother Majeda Begum.

Doctors amputated his left leg from above the knee around 10:00am, eight

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# 70 freed on fake bail in 5 months

Staff at a Dhaka court confesses his role in forgery of bail orders

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A temporary staff at a Dhaka court sent fake bail orders to Dhaka Central Jail authorities for five months till June to have released at least 70 accused in cases over illegal trade of drugs, and arms and ammunition.

In his confessional statement to a magistrate yesterday, Md Ismail Hossain, an assistant (temporary) at Dhaka Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, said he did it all on instructions from Sheikh Mohammad

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DNA REPAIR WORK

# Trio wins Nobel Prize in chemistry

AFP, Stockholm

Sweden's Tomas Lindahl, Paul Modrich of the United States and Aziz Sançar, a Turkish-American, won the 2015 Nobel Chemistry Prize yesterday for work on how cells repair damaged DNA.

The three opened a dazzling frontier in medicine by unveiling how the body repairs DNA mutations that can cause sickness and contribute to ageing, the Nobel jury said.

"Their systematic work has made a decisive contribution to the understanding of how the living cell functions, as well as providing knowledge about the molecular causes of several hereditary diseases and about mechanisms behind both cancer development and ageing," the panel said.

DNA -- deoxyribonucleic acid -- is the chemical code for making and sustaining



Aziz Sançar Paul Modrich Tomas Lindahl

life. Cells divide, or replicate, billions of times through our lifetime.

Molecular machines seek to copy the code perfectly, but random slips in their work can cause the daughter cells to die or malfunction. DNA can also be damaged by strong sunlight and other environmental factors.

But there is a swarm of proteins -- a molecular repair kit -- designed to monitor

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Russian naval landing ship Azov sails in the Bosphorus, on its way to the Mediterranean Sea, in Istanbul, on Tuesday. The Russian defence ministry said yesterday that 26 rockets fired by its warships earlier in the day had struck targets associated with Islamic State and Al-Nusra.

PHOTO: REUTERS



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OCTOBER 8

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# 3 cases filed against Ctg 'JMB men'

One of them confesses to killing pir at Bayezid shrine

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three cases were filed yesterday in connection with the detention of five members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and recovery of firearms and ammunition from them on Monday.

Four of them -- Bulbul Ahmed alias Fuad alias Roki, Md Sujan alias Babu, Md Shajahan alias Kajal and Mahbubur Rahman alias Khokan -- were shown arrested in the cases filed

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# Russia fires missiles at 'Isis targets' from Caspian Sea

Assad starts ground offensive

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Russia has launched missiles at targets in Syria from warships in the Caspian Sea in the first major combined assault across the air and ground in Moscow's escalating campaign in the war-torn country.

The missiles were aimed at Isis targets, according to the Kremlin. They were deployed as Russia's ally, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, started a ground offensive in rebel-held areas where jihadists from the so-called Islamic State are thought not to have a presence.

The Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said on Russian television that 26 missile strikes were launched on Wednesday from four warships, destroying all 11 intended targets, in an attack which adds a new level of complexity and violence to the Syrian conflict.

Launched from the Caspian sea, which lies between countries including Russia, Azerbaijan and Iran, the missiles flew approximately 1,400km

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