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Artists 'hack' latest episode of the widely viewed TV series with Arabic slogans

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AL men enraged over MP's arrest

Lay siege to Gaibandha DC, SP offices, scuffle with cops as lawmaker Liton lands in jail over shooting a child

STAR REPORT

Aggrieved over the arrest of lawmaker Manjurul Islam Liton, several hundred Awami League men in Gaibandha besieged the entrance of local administration offices and the district court yesterday, demanding his unconditional release.



Liton's supporters also scuffled with police as he was being taken to a court.

The court later sent him to jail, rejecting his bail petitions in two cases over shooting of a 10-year-old boy and vandalising a house in Sundarganj upazila on October 2.

The lawmaker's men from the upazila halted traffic movements on Gaibandha-Palashbabri road for an hour, prompting police to charge batons and fire rubber bullets and teargas shells to disperse them, leaving 17 people injured, sources said.

The AL men led by Golam Mostafa Ahmed, general secretary of Sundarganj upazila AL, called a road and rail blockade in the upazila for Sunday.

They will also hold a protest rally in the upazila the same day to press home their demands -- withdrawal of the "false cases" and the immediate

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Police baton-charge the supporters of Gaibandha lawmaker Manjurul Islam Liton for blocking the road while he was being taken to a local court yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

MOJAHEED, SQ CHY Govt for quick hearing of review pleas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday appealed to the Supreme Court to set a date to hold as early as possible the hearings on the review petitions submitted by war criminals Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and Salauddin Quader Chowdhury.

The attorney general's office submitted two petitions to the SC, saying that the review petitions in the cases filed under the International Crimes (Tribunal) Act should be heard and disposed of expeditiously as what was said in the apex court judgment regarding war criminal Abdul Quader Mollah's review petition.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star that his office would place the applications before the chamber

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Prime accused brought home

Police get him back from Saudi Arabia 3 months after brutal murder of Rajon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Looking pale and puzzled, he kept his head down most of the time.

Wearing a helmet and bullet-proof jacket, Kamrul Islam, the prime accused in the Rajon murder case, was walking slowly under police escort at the departure lounge of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 3:00pm yesterday.

A short while ago, a Biman flight carrying him touched down.

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Hunger situation remains static

Despite success in food security, number of malnourished people did not fall in last 10 years

REAZ AHMAD

Number of undernourished people in Bangladesh has remained almost static in recent years despite the country's commendable improvement in food security status since 1990.

In fact, Bangladesh is one of the forerunners in achieving the first of eight Millennium Development Goals -- reducing extreme poverty rates by a half (from 58 percent to 29 percent) between 1990 and 2015.

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EX-PDB CHAIRMAN KHIJIR

Arrested JMB man 'confesses killing'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Arrested Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh leader Tariqul Islam Tareque himself slew former Power Development Board chairman Khijir Khan for religious and ideological differences, detectives claimed yesterday.

At least eight JMB operatives divided into two groups entered Khijir's home at Madhya Badda on October 5 and Tareque killed him



Alek was allegedly the driver for the JMB operatives that day.

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Kamrul Islam, the prime accused in Rajon murder case, at Hazrat Shahjalal Int'l Airport yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

He showed no remorse

Says a cop about the underage driver's reaction after Gulshan crash

AKRAM HOSEN

Even after injuring four people by hitting two rickshaws with an SUV, all that the underage driver apparently cared about was "the stuff" he had kept in the vehicle.

"He showed no sign of remorse or concern for the victims of his reckless driving, three of whom were still lying on the ground," said a police constable, who witnessed the incident in the capital's Gulshan area on October 12.

"I told the boy to help the victims but he didn't

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No militant links found

Claims DMP boss on Tavella murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia yesterday said investigators found "not even the slightest" militant link with the murder of Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella.

"Local and international conspirators are involved in the murder," he told reporters at a programme at the DMP headquarters.

The evidence and information collected by police didn't suggest that the murder was a work of militants, he claimed.

Tavella, a project manager of the Netherlands-based NGO ICCO Cooperation Bangladesh, was gunned down by three unidentified criminals in the high security diplomatic area in Gulshan on September 28.

Following the murder, SITE Intelligence Group -- a US-based company that tracks online activities of Jihadi organisations -- claimed that the Islamic State terrorists claimed

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