

# Lawyers allege cop harassment

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However, Muntasirul Islam, deputy commissioner (media) of DMP, said police raided Shishir's home to arrest him in connection with "specific allegation". He, however, refused to give details on the allegations.  
Mahbub said plainclothes police picked up Asaduddin, a member of Jamaat leader Motiur Rahman Nizami's defence team, around 2:00pm on Thursday, when he was on his way to his village home in Sirajganj.  
"We don't know his exact whereabouts even today [Sunday]. However, we could know that the Detective Branch has picked him up," said Mahbub around 3:00pm yesterday, adding that they did not know the reason for his detention.  
Asaduddin was not produced before any court even after 24 hours of this arrest, a clear violation of the constitution, said Mahbub.

However, law enforcers did produce Asaduddin before a Dhaka court around 3:00pm yesterday seeking a 10-day police remand, Muzahedul Islam Shahin, a member of Jamaat leaders' defence team, told The Daily Star around 7:30pm.  
Asaduddin's lawyer also sought his bail and the court fixed today to hear both the petitions, he said.  
Miraz Uddin Ahmed, superintendent of Sirajganj police, told The Daily Star yesterday that they held Asaduddin on Thursday following the requisition of Detective Branch of DMP and handed him over to DB, DMP the same day.  
Asaduddin was allegedly planning subversive activities, said Miraz Uddin, quoting DB, DMP.  
Meanwhile, Zainul Abedin, advocate on record for both Nizami and Mojaheed's cases, filed two petitions with the Appellate Division of the

Supreme Court seeking directives on police to refrain from "harassing" Shishir and Asaduddin and for allowing the lawyers to assist the senior counsel of the cases, Imran Siddiq, a colleague of Shishir, told The Daily Star.  
The SC on November 2 is scheduled to hear a petition of Mojaheed seeking review of its judgement that upheld his death penalty for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.  
On November 3, the SC is going to hear the appeal of Nizami against the verdict of the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that handed him the death penalty for crimes against humanity.  
Citing the operation unit of police headquarters, Nazrul Islam, assistant inspector general of police (media), told The Daily Star that police only arrested those involved in subversive and criminal activities. None was arrested for political reasons, he said.

# Ex-BNP MP,

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officer-in-charge of Savar Police Station.  
He was accused in several cases filed with Savar and Ashulia police stations on charges of sabotage, the OC said.  
Meanwhile, Refat Ullah was arrested from his home at Kornopara in Savar in the early hours of yesterday.  
Refat, also the president of the municipality unit BNP, is accused in several cases filed with Savar and Ashulia police stations.  
He was suspended from his mayoral post for his alleged involvement in the Rana Plaza collapse. But he took charge of office on Thursday following a High Court order, sources said.  
Police early yesterday also arrested five alleged activists of the BNP-Jamaat alliance at a house in Savar's Shahibagh area and seized one revolver, 29 bullets, two crude bombs, two laptops, and 27 jihadi books and magazines from their possessions, said OC Kamruzzaman.  
They arrestees are Shariful Islam, Hafez Moulana Jahangir Alam, Monjurul Islam, Shahidul Islam, and Ismail Hossain. They were planning to create anarchy in the country through subversive activities, the OC added.  
Two cases were filed with Savar Police Station against all the arrestees, including the two BNP leaders, under the Arms Act and Anti-Terrorism Act.  
Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday placed them on a 10-day police remand each in the two cases.  
Senior Judicial Magistrate Syed Siraj Jinnat passed the order after Savar police produced them before it with a 20-day remand prayer.  
**FAKHRUL BLASTS GOVT**  
BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhruul Islam Alamgir yesterday said the government was arresting his party leaders and activists and implicating them in "false" cases in a bid to hide its failure to maintain the country's law and order.  
"The government wants to shift people's attention from the failures through arresting the BNP leaders and activists, and implicating them in false cases," he said in a statement.  
He also blasted the government for "snatching" BNP men's rights to justice. "They want to create panic so that the BNP leaders and activists cannot carry out their political activities."  
Fakhruul also held the government responsible for the country's "jeopardised" situation. He said the law enforcement agencies were let loose on the opposition party men instead of using them to maintain law and order.

# Blair sorry for Iraq War



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With the cameras rolling, Zakaria asked Blair: "Given that Saddam had no WMDs, was the war a mistake?"  
He replied: "I apologise for the fact that the intelligence we received was wrong. I also apologise, by the way, for some of the mistakes in planning, and certainly, our mistake in our understanding of what would happen once you removed the regime. But I find it hard to apologise for removing Saddam."  
Mr Blair's comments led to questions as to why he had chosen to be so candid to a US network before making such comments to British broadcasters or newspapers. The timing of the interview has been noted by critics, with the long-awaited findings of the Chilcot inquiry into the conflict due to be made public in the coming weeks.

The war led to large scale public protests and rebellions against Mr Blair in the Labour Party. Saddam Hussein was toppled but up to 500,000 people are said to have been killed in war-related deaths from 2003.  
Blair, who resigned as Prime Minister in 2007, was asked how he felt about being sometimes branded a "war criminal" by his opponents, and how it had changed the way people viewed his time in Downing Street. He responded by comparing the invasion with inaction in Syria, claiming the West and Europe had stood back while hundreds of thousands of people had been killed.  
He added: "By the way, I always point out to people, I did actually win an election after Iraq. But I agree it's been a huge political problem."  
In another segment, Blair is asked whether the war provoked the growth of Isis, the group which now controls swathes of Iraq and Syria and which is being hit with air strikes from a US-led coalition that includes the UK.  
"I think there are elements of truth in that," Blair said. "Of course, you can't say those of us who removed Saddam in 2003 bear no responsibility for the situation in 2015."  
In the past, Blair has been less candid about what went wrong. In 2007, he insisted: "I don't think we should be apologising at all for what we are doing in Iraq."

# Titanic lifeboat biscuit sells for £15,000

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lectible and iconic" Titanic items to be sold.  
The auction, at Henry Aldridge & Son in Devizes, Wiltshire, also saw a "loving cup" presented to the captain of the Carpathia, which came to the Titanic's aid, also sell for £129,000 to a UK collector.  
It was given to Captain Arthur Rostron by survivor Molly Brown, paid for by donations from wealthy passengers after the disaster.  
Aldridge said the price paid for the cup made it the third most valuable item associated with the Titanic story to have ever been sold.  
He said: "The interest in the items

reflected the worldwide nature of Titanic memorabilia. They captured collectors' imagination".  
The biscuit was saved by James Fenwick, a passenger on the Carpathia which picked up Titanic survivors.  
He kept it in an envelope complete with original notation, "Pilot biscuit from Titanic lifeboat April 1912".  
RMS Titanic had been four days into a week-long Transatlantic crossing from Southampton to New York when the supposedly "unsinkable" ship struck the iceberg on 14 April 1912.  
The ship sank less than three hours

later at around 02:20 on 15 April.  
The photograph was captured the day after the luxury liner sank in the Atlantic, killing more than 1,500 people.  
It was taken by the chief steward of steamer the Prinz Adalbert, who was at the time unaware of the tragedy that had occurred the previous day.  
It comes with a previously unpublished statement from the photographer, who describes seeing scrapings of red paint on the side.  
The estimated guide price had been between £10,000 and £15,000.  
Aldridge described it as an "incredibly fascinating relic of the disaster."

# Ensuring quality still

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Education Forum.  
To achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal for education, the meeting decided to work on four areas -- inclusion and equity, gender equality, quality and lifelong learning opportunities.  
The countries including Bangladesh there agreed to increase education expenditures setting benchmarks of allocation at minimum 4-6% of the Gross Domestic Product or at least 15-20% of total public expenditure.  
The chief guest of yesterday's programme, Education Minister Nurul

Islam Nahid said ensuring quality education was still a big challenge for the government.  
"As we are going ahead, big challenges are emerging. We will keep solving the problems."  
The minister later addressed a press briefing on an ongoing annual survey under Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information & Statistics, in which detailed information about 37, 986 educational institutions except primary and pre-primary schools are being collected.  
The data would include name, address and category of the educa-

tional institutions, infrastructural facilities they are receiving or being deprived of and information of students, guardians and teachers.  
"A good decision depends on information," said Secretary of the Ministry of Education Nazrul Islam Khan.  
The institutions will update their information online. "There will be a portal. Every educational institution will have website. If any direction is given the institutions will give quick reply," Nazrul said, expressing the hope that the system would come into effect within two to three years.

# US, UK, EU

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moments."  
"Horrified at attack on Shia Ashura procession," Gibson tweeted, saying such violence and intolerance was not acceptable.  
Meanwhile, EU Ambassador to Bangladesh Pierre Mayaudon in a statement yesterday condemned the bomb attack on the gathering of people from the Shia community on the occasion of Ashura.  
Mayaudon in his statement urged the authorities concerned to bring the perpetrators to justice. He conveyed his condolences to the family of the youth who died in the incident and expressed his sympathy towards all other injured victims.  
Mayaudon said he was confident that Bangladesh would respond with the highest sense of unity to this unprecedented act of violence targeting the Shia community in the country.

# Call for

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provision in the law for establishing trauma centres and keeping rescue teams available beside highways.  
Addressing the function as chief guest, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader suggested the speakers prepare a set of recommendations and submit it to the ministry within a week.  
The RTA, 2015 may be placed in the parliament in its next session to be held from on November 8, he said.  
About tailbacks on highways and streets, the minister said, "VIPs often violate traffic rule, aggravating traffic gridlock. Besides, portions of many roads are illegally occupied."  
The minister also directed the bus owners not to charge additional fares.  
Senior officials of Brac, representatives of different road safety organisations and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), also spoke at the dialogue.

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