

Outrage all around

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Tutul, owner of Shuddhoswar, writer Ranadipam Basu and blogger Tareq Rahim were injured in Lalmatia

Both Dipan and Tutul published secular writer Avijit Roy, who was slain by suspected Islamists in Dhaka in February.

Robin Ahsan, owner of Shrabon Prokashan publishing house, said Tutul published many progressive books.

"I would not term those books anti-religious. Rather, he used to publish books written with a scientific approach ... The incident is a threat to all progressive writers," he told BBC Bangla last night.

"I don't think these publishers went beyond the freedom of expression granted by the laws of this country to those involved in creative activities," said litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque.

"If someone believes that they [the publishers] have stepped over the line, then who are they to take the law into their own hands?"

"I believe extremist forces have done this. If the government fails to contain these elements, security of people's lives cannot be ensured," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Writer Shahin Latif, who was close to Tutul, said the publisher started getting death threats after Avijit's murder.

"He then filed a General Diary with Mohammadpur Police Station. But neither the police carried out any effective investigation, nor the government took any step. What happened today is a consequence of that," Shahin told the BBC Bangla.

Litterateur Selina Hossain failed to suppress her grief when The Daily Star approached her for comments.

"I can't stop crying and I'm totally speech-

less. Dipan was such a lively boy with fresh ideas. I also know Tutul. Both of them are progressive publishers.

"I wonder how long the government will keep silent! How long will we, the peace-loving people, have to put up with these brutalities? ... We want to be liberated from this," she said.

"I am outraged and angry," said writer Syed Shamsul Haque. "I request the government to do something about it immediately and ensure security for the publishing media."

British High Commissioner in Dhaka Robert W Gibson in a Twitter post said, "I condemn yet another attack on bloggers. Violence is never the answer or acceptable in any circumstances. Essential we protect free speech."

In a similar vein, European Union Ambassador in Dhaka Pierre Mayaudon told a private TV channel that he was "shocked by this aggression". He hoped that the law enforcers would be able to find the perpetrators and bring them to book.

Condemning the attacks, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in a statement alleged that government has completely failed to ensure the security of people's lives.

"The entire nation is in a suffocating situation due to the absence of the rule of law," said the former premier, who now is in London.

She claimed slain publisher Dipan was the vice president of Zia Memorial Library and "a devoted organiser inspired by the ideals of Ziaur Rahman".

The government sees the attacks as a conspiracy against the nation.

"Those who want to make Bangladesh a neo-Pakistan by destroying the practice of free thinking in the country and foil the ongo-

ing advancement and development under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina are behind these incidents," said Mahbul Hoque Shakil, special assistant to the prime minister, while visiting the victims at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

"However, they will be hunted down and brought to book no matter how much conspiracy they hatch," he added.

Visiting the injured at the hospital, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon said, "They [attackers] are receiving encouragement from somewhere. Such audacity is not possible if there were no encouragement from some quarter."

Meanwhile in a Facebook post, Rafida Ahmed Bonya, wife of Avijit Roy, criticised the government for its denial of the presence of religious extremism in the country.

"I am speechless, don't want to cry but can't stop my tears. They hacked both of Avijit's publishers and two others. I am sure Bangladesh Government will still say that there is no hint of Islamic terrorism in the country!" said the US-based Bangladeshi online writer who was critically injured in the attack that claimed her husband's life.

Gonojagoron Mancha, a platform that demands capital punishment for war criminals of 1971, held a protest rally in Shahbag in the evening. It declared countrywide demonstrations for today.

Shafiqur Rahman, acting secretary general of Jamaat, in a separate statement condemned the attacks.

Academic and Creative Publishers' Association of Bangladesh, Sammilito Samajik Andolon, Samprodaikota-Jongibad Birodhi Mancha and Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique issued separate statements condemning the attacks.

JSC, JDC exams begin today

BSS, Dhaka

The Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations will begin across the country today.

A total of 23,25,933 students from 28,632 educational institutions will take the exams this year, said education ministry sources.

The number of JSC examinees is 19,67,447. Of them, 9,14,900 are males and 10,52,547 females. A total of 3,58,486 students will sit the JDC exams. Of them, 1,67,770 are males and 1,90,716 females.

A total of 585 students from eight overseas centres will appear in the JSC exams.

The number of JSC and JDC examinees increased by 2,35,241 this year against the last year's figure of 20,90,692.

Pastor leaves Pabna

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children had been living there for about five years.

Three youths entered the pastor's house on October 5 on the pretext that they would learn about Christianity. While discussing religion with the pastor, the youths all of a sudden pinned him down on a chair and tried to slit his throat with a knife.

As Sarkar's wife came to his rescue, the three fled the house. The pastor later received treatment at Ishwardi Upazila Health Complex and Pabna General Hospital for minor injuries.

Ishwardi police, however, claimed they provided proper security to the pastor.

"After the attack on Luke Sarkar, police took measures to ensure his security and that of his family members. There was no lack of security," said Biman Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Ishwardi Police Station.

Sarkar had informed the police before leaving Ishwardi, added the OC.

The victim on October 5 filed an attempted murder case with Ishwardi Police station, accusing three unnamed people.

Police arrested Rakibul Islam and Rakibul Alam alias Rabbi, both suspected members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, in connection with the case.

This newspaper couldn't reach Sarkar over the phone as it was switched off.

Total weirdness

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Stansted there was already someone sitting in his seat.

He said: "There was a dude already on my seat. When the guy looked up, I thought: 'He looks like me!'"

But the pair were later to encounter a further coincidence when they checked into the same hotel in Galway.

Douglas added: "Later that night, I went to the pub and again, there was my twin. Total weirdness. We had a laugh and a pint."

The selfie was posted on Twitter by Lee Beattie, director of Wire Media, who wrote: "Guy on right is the husband of my friend. Guy on left is a STRANGER he met on a flight last night!"

Khaleda

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scheduled to visit a doctor on Tuesday for her final medical check-up in London this time, said a source.

The BNP chief has so far postponed the date of her departure from London four times on different grounds.

Khaleda left Bangladesh on September 15 for treatment and spending Eid-ul-Azha with her family members in the UK.

According to ruling Awami League, Khaleda and her son Tarique Rahman are engaged in a conspiracy against the government and the recent killings of two foreigners in Bangladesh were linked to that plot. The BNP, however, has rejected the allegation.

BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan at a programme in the city yesterday said, "Only those who resort to plots, find conspiracies everywhere. The BNP doesn't believe in the politics of conspiracy."

Recently, some ruling AL leaders at different programmes expressed their speculation that Khaleda, who is facing several cases, might not return to Bangladesh from the UK in fear of legal steps against her.

Later, the BNP termed such speculation "baseless".

Ukraine soldier killed by rebels

AFP, Kiev

A Ukraine soldier died Friday during fighting with insurgents near the shelled-out remains of the airport in Donetsk, a stronghold of the pro-Russian separatists, the army announced.

"One soldier was killed and another injured" a military statement said.

Earlier in the day the army reported rebel fire against its positions in the village of Piski, an area controlled by Kiev forces near the flashpoint Donetsk airport which fell into separatists hands in January.

On Tuesday another Ukraine soldier was killed in a mortar fire exchange near the remains of the airport.

Such attacks highlight the fragile nature of the latest ceasefire, in place since September 1, in a conflict which has cost more than 8,000 lives in the past 18 months.

Deputy speaker raps TIB over remarks on JS

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Deputy Speaker Fazle Rabbi Miah yesterday lambasted Transparency International Bangladesh for saying present Jatiya Sangsad had become "a puppet theatre."

It was not only an audacious remark but also exaggerated and biased, the deputy speaker of the House told reporters after a discussion at Lalpur Upazila Parishad in Natore.

On October 25, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman, while disclosing a study report on the parliament's activities from second to sixth sessions from June last year to July this year, said the present parliament turned into a stage of puppet show.

The Bangladesh Chapter of the German-based anti-corruption watchdog in the report said MPs from the treasury and opposition had shown their lack of interest in lawmaking during the period.

The study also says the main opposition Jatiya Party has failed to play its due role in parliament since it has been working as "B-team of the government".

Referring to the TIB study, Fazle Rabbi said, "We have achieved the parliament and a sovereign country through sacrifice of 3 million martyrs. TIB has made derogatory remarks on the sacred parliament.

"TIB itself dances to the tune of those who direct such puppet shows."

On the role of the opposition, Fazle Rabbi said the JP was playing its due role in parliament as the opposition lawmakers had been attending the House activities regularly and criticizing the government.

Earlier, a number of ruling Awami League ministers, including Tofail Ahmed and Mohammad Nasim, criticized TIB for the study report.

'Black Lives Matter' protesters interrupt Hillary Clinton

AFP, Washington

US Democratic presidential frontrunner Hillary Clinton was interrupted Friday by protesters from the "Black Lives Matter" movement while speaking about the criminal justice system at a historically black university.

The former secretary of state was heckled by chants of "black lives matter" reportedly coming from around a dozen people, not long after launching into her speech in Atlanta, Georgia.

"Yes they do," Clinton responded, rolling with the interruption. "And I'm going to talk a lot about that in a minute."

The disruption continued as Clinton tried to shout over the protesters.

Members of the audience attempted to interrupt the demonstrators with chants of "Hillary! Hillary!" and "Let her talk!"

"I'm going to get to some important points that actually prove that black lives do matter and we have to take action together," Clinton told the crowd.

Congressman John Lewis, a civil rights leader who had introduced Clinton, reportedly tried to convince the protesters to stop, before he and Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed joined Clinton on stage in a show of solidarity.

"Thank you all very much. I really appreciate it, and I appreciate the congressman and the mayor having my back," Clinton said.

Speaking of the protesters, she added: "I appreciate their passion, but I'm sorry they didn't listen because some of what they're demanding I am offering and intend to fight for as president."

Judiciary separated, not effectively yet

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rules were made by the past caretaker government—led by Fakhruddin Ahmed to separate the judiciary. It was not possible for the caretaker regime then to amend the constitution as there was no parliament.

Asked, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq has said the Awami League-led government will do everything needed for the independence of the judiciary.

"We have already restored the provisions of the constitution of 1972 through the 15th amendment of the constitution to ensure independence of the judiciary. The remaining work has been done by the 16th amendment of the constitution," the law minister claimed while talking to The Daily Star on Thursday.

The law minister was responding to a question about the government's steps to restore the articles 115 and 116 of the constitution of 1972 for an effective separation of judiciary.

The Awami League-led government has amended the constitution twice—2011 and 2014. But the amendments have not restored the SC's authority over the lower judiciary.

The original article 116 of the 1972 constitution had given the SC power over the lower judiciary. The SC had the power to control postings, promotions and grant of leave. It could also discipline persons employed in the judicial service, and it had control over the magistrates' exercising judicial functions.

But the fourth amendment changed all that. The amendment gave the power of

control over the lower judiciary to the president, in effect allowing the executive branch to control the lower judiciary.

The fourth amendment also curtailed the SC's power regarding appointments to the lower judiciary.

Article 115 of the 1972 constitution specified that district judges would be appointed by the president on the SC's recommendation.

All other civil judges and magistrates exercising judicial functions were supposed to be appointed by the president in accordance with the rules made by himself or herself in consultation with the Public Service Commission and the SC, according to the original article 115.

But the fourth amendment gave the power to the president to make all appointments in accordance with rules made by the president.

The martial law regime led by General Ziaur Rahman in 1978 did not bring any change in article 115. It had however amended article 116 through a martial law regulation, making the provision that the SC would be consulted by the President to exercise the power to control and discipline the lower courts.

The changes were ratified by the fifth amendment passed in 1979. The changes ceased to have effect with the nullification of the fifth amendment by the SC.

The AL-led government has however revived the amendments introduced by Gen Zia in the constitution through the 15th amendment in 2011, without restoring the original article 116. The government also did not do anything about it when it again

amended the constitution in 2014.

It now follows a model introduced by military ruler General Ziaur Rahman in the constitution to exercise control over the lower judiciary.

In Masdar Hossain's Case, the apex court has spoken for the need for amending the constitution for effective and meaningful separation of judiciary.

The Appellate Division of the SC, in its full judgment in the constitution's fifth amendment case released in July 2010, stressed the need for restoration of the provisions for a meaningful separation of the judiciary from the executive.

"It is our earnest hope that articles 115 and 116 of the constitution will be restored to their original position by the parliament [by amending the constitution] as soon as possible," said the apex court.

Independence of the judiciary, which is one of the basic features of the constitution, will not be fully achieved unless the articles are restored to their original position, the court stated.

"It may be noted here that among the twelve directions given in Masdar Hossain's case one was to the effect that parliament will in its wisdom take necessary steps regarding this aspect of independence of judiciary," it stated.

In the ruling, the court also cited observations made by Justice Abdul Matin, who said, until and unless articles 115 and 116 of the constitution are restored to their original state, separation of the judiciary will remain a distant cry, and music of a distant drum.

AL, BNP trade barbs over resignation reason

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On Thursday, BNP vice-chairman Shamsher Mobin resigned from all posts of the party citing health reasons.

Ashraf, also the public administration minister, was talking with AL Sylhet unit leaders at the MAG Osmani International Airport having an hour-long stopover on his return from a 41-day stay in London.

Even BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir might lose his position, he was quoted as saying by some Sylhet AL leaders who were present.

On the other hand, BNP leader Nazrul Islam claimed the ruling party forced Shamsher Mobin to quit the party.

"He is sick. The government put pressure on him by seizing his passport to interfere with his treatment [abroad]. He could not take the pressure. He was not a seasoned politician. That's why he has retired," he told the press after placing wreaths at BNP founder Ziaur Rahman's grave marking the 24th anniversary of a pro-BNP lawyers' platform—Ainjibi Forum.

Nazrul advised the AL leaders to take care of their "own house" instead of rejoicing at

any BNP leader's departure.

"We would like to tell the ruling party that it will be better for them to keep their own house in order instead of thinking who is leaving the BNP ... You should try to realise how fast your party is quietly disintegrating.

"If the Awami League dreams of splitting the BNP, that dream will turn into a nightmare," he added.

After resigning on Thursday, the diplomat-turned-politician Shamsher Mobin alleged he had applied for a new passport in May but he was yet to get it.

Russian plane crash kills 224

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Debris and bodies was spread over an area of between six and eight square kilometres (two and a half to just over three square miles).

The aircraft's black box had been retrieved and sent for analysis, Ismail said.

The IS affiliate waging an insurgency in the Sinai claimed that "the soldiers of the caliphate succeeded in bringing down a Russian plane".

It said this was in revenge for Russian air strikes against IS in Syria.

Three military experts said IS in Sinai does not have surface-to-air missiles capable of hitting a plane at high altitude.

But they could not exclude the possibility of a bomb on board or a surface-to-air missile strike if the aircraft had been descending to make an emergency landing.

The Kremlin said President Vladimir Putin ordered rescue teams dispatched to Egypt.

Russian experts would take part in the Egyptian-led investigation, Ismail said.

French counterpart Francois Hollande sent Moscow their condolences.

Russia's emergency ministry published a list of names of the passengers, ranging in age from a 10-month-old girl to a 77-year-old woman.

A senior Egyptian aviation official said the charter flight was flying at 30,000 feet when communication was lost.

At Saint Petersburg's Pulkovo airport, family members awaited news.

Ella Smirnova, 25, said she had been there to meet her parents.

"I spoke to them last on the phone when they were already on the plane, and then I heard the news.

"I will keep hoping until the end that they are alive, but perhaps I will never see them again."

A senior Egyptian air traffic control official said the pilot told him in their last communication that he had radio trouble.

Russian aviation official Sergei Izvolsky told Interfax news agency the aircraft took off from Sharm el-Sheikh at 5:51am (0351 GMT). He said it did not make contact as

expected with Cyprus air traffic control.

Kogalymavia, which operates under the name Metrojet, says it has two A320s and seven A321s, and that it carried 779,626 passengers in the first nine months of 2015, according to the Russian aviation agency Rosaviatsia.

Russia has a dismal air safety record, with charter operators often under pressure to book to capacity on ageing jets in an attempt to cut costs.

Kogalymavia is a small regional carrier that flies mostly international charter services.

The crash is likely to raise renewed concerns about the safety of air travel in a country with an ageing fleet of airliners.

The last major air crash in Egypt was in 2004, when a Flash Airlines Boeing 737 plunged into the Red Sea after taking off from Sharm el-Sheikh.

All 148 people on board, most of them French, died.

Millions of tourists, including many Russians, visit the resort, one of Egypt's major attractions for its pristine beaches and scuba diving.

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