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Jazz & Blues fest begins today in city with Imran Ahmed Quintet opening the show  
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## WHAT KILLED WILLIAMS?

Wife says it was not depression but "chemical warfare in his brain"  
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# Cop hacked to death in Savar

### Another critically injured as a gang attacks checkpoint, opens fire while leaving

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a brutal attack, unknown assailants yesterday hacked to death a police constable and injured another critically at a checkpoint on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital.

Police said they didn't have any clue to the motive behind the attack.

The incident took place hardly two weeks after an assistant sub-inspector of Darus Salam Police Station was stabbed to death by a youth at a checkpoint in the capital's Gabtoli.

Talking to reporters, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said yesterday's incident was linked to the recent killings and attacks.

Giving an account of the attack, Dipak Chandra Saha, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Ashulia Police Station, said two to three men on a motorbike took a U-turn near the checkpoint opposite Nandan Park



Mukul Hossain

at Baroipara around 7:45am.

The bikers approached two of the five constables on duty at the checkpoint. "They talked to the two policemen for a few seconds and suddenly started hacking them with sharp weapons," said Dipak.

Critically wounded constable Mukul Hossain, 23, of Industrial Police-1 in Ashulia and his colleague Nur-e-Alam, 24, were taken to Enam Medical College and Hospital around 8:50am, reports our Savar Correspondent.

Doctors said Mukul had died from severe bleeding before he was brought to the hospital.

They said Nur's left hand may have to be amputated. There were multiple injuries on his body and he was still in a critical condition.

Quoting witnesses, Habibur Rahman, superintendent of police of Dhaka, told The Daily Star that the attackers had a backup

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With multiple wounds to the chest, belly and hand, constable Nur-E-Alom Siddik undergoing treatment at Savar's Enam Medical College Hospital. He was injured in a machete attack on a police checkpoint in Ashulia that killed a fellow constable. Inset, investigators scouring the spot at Baroipara.

PHOTO: RASHAD AHMAD



## TAVELLA KILLING

### Matin held at Benapole

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch of police last night arrested MA Matin in connection with the murder of Italian national Cesare Tavella, said a high official of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).



Tavella

Police arrested Matin, younger brother MA Quayum, Dhaka city BNP joint convener and former BNP-backed ward commissioner, at Benapole border in Jessore while he was attempting to leave the country.

Matin's name came up in the confessional statement given by Minhajul Arefin Russell alias Bhagne

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## ATTACKS ON CHECKPOSTS

### Policemen asked to stand by with loaded guns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police have been asked to keep at least one cop on standby with a loaded gun at checkpoints and open fire the moment they are under attack.

The directive, which according to police is a must at every checkpoint, is given afresh in the wake of the recent attacks on police.

A constable was hacked to death and another critically injured by unknown criminals at a checkpoint in Ashulia yesterday. On October 22, an assistant sub-inspector of police was killed in a knife-attack by a suspected Islami Chhatra Shibir man at a checkpoint in the capital's Gabtoli. And on Tuesday night, a police patrol was fired upon by criminals in Brahmanbaria.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia issued the directive during a meeting with the deputy commissioners (DCs) of police yesterday, sources said.

All personnel of the DMP were asked to attach highest importance to self-defence.

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## Dipan's family pleads for privacy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Razia Rahman, wife of slain publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan, broke down in tears as soon as bereaved father Prof Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq entered her flat Tuesday afternoon.

"Please protect my children from them [journalists]. I told the vice-chancellor [of Dhaka University] that I don't want to face the media. I don't need any help other than this. Just do this for me," she pleaded.

Earlier that day, The Daily Star correspondent contacted Prof Quasem over the phone and wanted to know a few things.

Quasem said he was on his way to his daughter-in-law's house and asked the correspondent to meet him

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## DIPAN MURDER

### Who are the youths seen on CCTV?

#### A leader of Aziz Super Market shop owners has seen footage; police have collected it too but say nothing specific

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When publisher Dipan was parking his car on the east side of Aziz Super Market on Saturday afternoon, a youth was caught "suspiciously moving" by a CCTV camera. About half an hour later, the same youth was seen leaving the market along with five others.

Two of them were carrying two bags looking weighty, according to Nazmul Ahsan, president of shop owners' association of the market. Nazmul claimed to have seen the footage, and according to officials, police too have obtained it.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, he said the youth entered the building around 2:15pm through an entrance to the parking and left around 2:54pm through another entry-exit point at the east side of the market.

"The two youths were always holding the bags although those were hanging from their shoulders," he added.

## Feeling insecure like in 1971

### Says Dipan's father

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Slain publisher Dipan's father Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq yesterday said he was feeling insecure like he had during the Liberation War in 1971.

"I have never felt insecure in my life except during the Liberation War and the six-point movement. But I've started feeling insecure since this [yesterday] morning," he told reporters at his Paribagh residence in the capital.

Quasem, a Dhaka University professor, refused to specify the reasons behind his sense of alarm.

However, family sources said he had received a threat over phone in the morning and the unknown caller demanded Tk 5 lakh.

Asked if he would file a general diary in connection with his sense of insecurity, Dipan's father replied no. He said things were very clear and police would look into



Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with Dutch Queen Maxima prior to their meeting at Villa Eikenhorst, the royal residence in Wassenaar, yesterday. Hasina is in the Netherlands on a three-day state visit aimed at boosting bilateral ties.

PHOTO: AFP

## Netherlands to help fight floods

UNB, The Hague

Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and Environment Melanie Schultz van Haegen yesterday assured Bangladesh of assisting in the implementation of its Delta Plan 2100.

She made the assurance while giving a presentation on Dutch Delta Approach at a hotel in The Hague, the administrative capital of the Netherlands, in presence of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Water resources experts from both the countries attended the event, hosted by the Dutch ministry of infrastructure and environment.

Staff Delta Programme Commissioner of the Netherlands Jas Van Alpnes and Joint Chief of the General Economics Division of the Planning Commission, Bangladesh Mafidul Islam gave overviews on the Netherlands Delta Approach and Bangladesh's Delta Plan

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