

**BEATING UP JOURNOS  
5 JU BCL men  
suspended**

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities suspended five Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists, including two leaders, on Friday night for beating up two campus reporters in separate incidents.

The decision was made at a special syndicate meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam in the chair on the basis of two probe reports, confirmed JU Registrar Abu Bakr Siddique.

Religious affairs secretary of JU BCL and history student Mohitosh Roy Tito and anthropology student Hossain Laskar have been suspended for two years while assistant secretary of JU BCL and marketing student Ikram Uddin Omi and statistics student Iqram Nahid for six months, and Riyajul Islam of Bangla department have been suspended for four months and fined Tk 5,000.

The authorities also declared the BCL men, except for Riyajul, unwanted on the campus during their suspension.

On June 4, some BCL activists led by Laskar beat up Abu Raihan, JU correspondent of an online news portal, over a previous enmity near Bismil area, said campus sources.

On June 8, some 12 BCL activists led by Tito beat up Shafiqul Islam, JU

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Students pass their time studying under the watchful guidance of their parents as most of them arrived at the venue between 6:00 and 7:30 in the morning for taking the admission test of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, due to begin at 9:00am yesterday. The early arrival was in anticipation of traffic jams centring Awami League's 20th national council at Suhrawardy Udyan. Considering the prospective situation, the Buet authorities had alerted the candidates two days before the test day, through text messages on the mobile phone.

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**Parties should  
take road safety  
issue as political  
agenda**

Says Ilias Kanchan  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Political parties should consider road safety issue as a political agenda to raise public awareness for reducing road crashes, demanded Nirapad Sarak Chai Chairman Ilias Kanchan.

"We hope ruling Awami League will be pioneer to include road safety issue in its political activities," he said while addressing a human chain in front of the Shilpakala Academy in the capital yesterday.

Nirapad Sarak Chai, which has been campaigning for road safety over the last two decades, demanded that the government recognise October 22 as the National Road Safety Day.

"As politicians and people's representatives have good communication with

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**Epoch-making decision  
today: Syed Ashraf**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming the Awami League's (AL) two-day 20th national council "historic", General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday said an epoch-making decision would come on the concluding day today.

The council today will elect new leadership for the next three years. Addressing the council, he, however, did not elaborate about the decision. Earlier, he placed his report as general secretary, a role he undertook for a second term.

His address, in which he highly praised the party and AL President Sheikh Hasina's leadership, created an emotional atmosphere with the audience, including Hasina, intently listening to him in solemn silence.

He described the party to be a "feeling" created through the sacrifice of blood of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the four national leaders and hundreds of leaders since its inception and in democratic movements and the Liberation War.

Syed Ashraf, son of the country's first acting president Syed Nazrul Islam who was killed with the remaining national leaders in jail in 1975, also put emphasis on unity inside the party and called upon activists and leaders to remain united. Stating that the AL has been strengthened to an all-time high, he said, "If we remain united, there is no power in the world that will be able

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*When Awami League gets hurt, it hurts my heart. If any Awami League worker is hurt, I can feel the pain*

**AL council puts Buet test takers thru an ordeal**

DU CORRESPONDENT

The test takers for admission to the Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology (Buet) had a hard time negotiating road blockades at places en route to the campus yesterday.

The guardians, accompanying them, also endured the sufferings and most of them had to start at daybreak to reach the examination halls as many roads leading to the Buet campus were made off-limits, as part of traffic management arranged for Awami League's 20th national council. The council, at Suhrawardy Udyan, drew a huge number of delegates, councillors, and audience.

Many of the 9,157 students, who turned up to battle it out for 1,030 seats available for the 2016-17 academic session, had to stay overnight either at friends and relatives' dormitories and residences close by or start very early in the morning from far-off places to reach by 9:00am.

"We started off from Narayanganj before 6:00 and reached the venue around 8:30 because of the traffic jam that started from Gulistan," said Probr Chandra Barman, an applicant from Narayanganj.

"After reaching in Bokshibazar area, we found road barricades. So, we had to enter the campus through Palashi, walking," added the student of Haji Misir Ali College.

A guardian said they had to travel long distances

through Rampura and Gulistan due to the blockade. Many students were seen walking to the examination hall.

Two days before the exam day, the Buet authorities sent text messages to the applicants requesting them to start early anticipating the traffic situation.

Many students stayed with relatives at the halls of Buet and Dhaka University so as to attend the exam in time.

One Misbahul Hakim, from Rangpur, stayed with a student from his village at Ahsanullah Hall of Buet. "Like me, many others stayed in different halls on the Buet campus," he said.

Ashraful Islam, from Gournadi Pilot College from Wazirpur of Barisal, said, "I stayed in a room of an acquaintance at Sergeant Jahurul Haque Hall as my uncle's house is in Savar. I could not sleep properly due to the accommodation crisis in the room."

All entry points to the Buet campus were also choked with traffic before the exams began, said witnesses.

Before start of the test, the footpaths in front of Buet were filled as students were sitting there on newspaper sheets and were busy doing the last-minute revisions.

"I came here around 7:20am, fearing traffic congestion. I have to revise the mathematical

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**2 Rab officials  
in Kolkata to  
quiz 3 JMB men**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kolkata

Two Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) officials reached Kolkata yesterday to interrogate three JMB men who were arrested in Salt Lake area on September 26.

An official of National Investigation Agency (NIA) in India confirmed to our Kolkata correspondent that six JMB members were arrested in the country on that day.

The Rab officials were at the NIA office to interrogate the three Bangladeshi ones among the six.

Col Anwar Latif Khan, additional director general (operations) of Rab also confirmed it to The Daily Star.

Of the arrestees, Anwer Hosen alias Enam, Jabirul Islam alias Jahid, and Muhammad Rubel alias Rafiq are Bangladeshis, said NIA officials. More officials from Bangladesh may go to India, if necessary, they said.

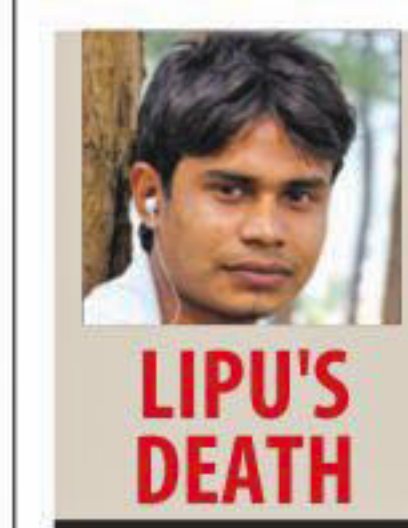


A procession, led by Nirapad Sarak Chai Chairman Ilias Kanchan in the capital's Shilpakala Academy yesterday, demands that October 22 be observed as "National Road Safety Day". PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

**A gang of exam frauds stalked, threatened Lipu**

Says family; police investigating claim; RU students, teachers demand justice

A CORRESPONDENT, RU



Rajshahi University student Motalab Hossain Lipu, who was mysteriously found dead on Thursday, might have been stuck in a gang of exam frauds, said family members.

Lipu served a three-month jail sentence for taking a teachers' registration test for someone else last year, and since that incident, he had received death threats several times,

said his uncle Bashir Mollah yesterday.

Police see it as a murder, but are yet to suspect anyone. Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of Motihar Police Station, said they were giving importance to the suspected "gang of exam frauds" in investigation.

Lipu, 22, a second-year student of mass communication and journalism, was found dead in a gutter beside the three-storey Nawab Abdul Latif Hall where he lived.

Dr Enamul Haque of Rajshahi Medical College, who conducted the autopsy, said he died of internal haemorrhage in the brain, and there were injuries in the right parts of his forehead and head, and ribs. He might have been hit in the head and pushed off a high place, he said.

Police had picked up four people on Thursday, but released two security guards of the hall and one of his friends the next day. Lipu's roommate Monirul Islam was still kept in police custody for further interrogation.

Talking to The Daily Star, Lipu's father Badar Uddin said he knew about the threats, but did not know who were behind it.

"Lipu had smashed his mobile phone out of anger on Tuesday, and he was very scared. He did not want to return to the university. He had only said he was in trouble," he said.

"But we made him go to register for his final exams," he said, adding that they had asked Lipu to stay at a relative's house in the city's Katakali area for safety.

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Students of mass communication and journalism department of Rajshahi University bring out a procession yesterday on the campus demanding a fair investigation into the death of their fellow Motalab Hossain Lipu. PHOTO: STAR

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