

PROF REZAUL KILLING

RU protests delay in charge filing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Teachers and students of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday held a rally and brought out a procession on the campus, protesting a "delay" in submitting the charge sheet in the Prof Rezaul Karim Siddiquee murder case.

The RU English department held the protest programmes, also attended by Rezaul's family.

The protesters demanded that the charge sheet be submitted immediately for the trial to start quickly.

Addressing the rally, Prof Masood Akhtar, chairman of the department, said six months have gone by since



With winter approaching, quilt makers in Sylhet are passing busy time as demand for the item in the area sees rise. Prices of the quilt vary depending on the size and quality of the cotton. A double-sized quilt costs around Tk 800 to Tk 1,700 while a single-sized one costs Tk 500 to Tk 900. The photo was taken in Madina Market area of Sylhet city recently. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

6 of 7 'JMB men' confess to committing robbery

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Six out of seven suspected members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) who were arrested on October 17 in the capital yesterday confessed to their involvement in robberies.

Six separate metropolitan magistrates in Dhaka recorded the statements of alleged JMB members

Kashem alias Kawsar, Nazmul Hasan alias Nayan alias Noresh, Rashed, Sentu Hawlader alias Jahid, Abu Bakkar Siddiquee alias Shubhra and Abdul Based.

They were produced before the courts on the fifth day of their six-day remand in connection with a robbery case filed with Tejgaon Police Station on July 21.

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Sust expels assaulter of Khadiza Begum

Court orders charge filing by Nov 15

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday ordered Shahporan police to submit the chargesheet in the case over the hacking of Khadiza Begum Nargis within November 15.

Umme Sharaban Tahura, additional metropolitan magistrate of Sylhet, passed the order.

Court sources said the court ordered Badrul Alam to appear before the court and the magistrate ordered sending him to jail after getting information about the progress in the case.

In the session, Md Harunur Rashid, investigation officer of the case and sub-inspector of Shahporan Police Station, confirmed to the court that the chargesheet will be submitted soon, court sources confirmed.

Md Harunur Rashid said the process of filing of the chargesheet was almost complete and he hoped to submit it to the court soon before the stipulated date.

Meanwhile, the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) expelled Badrul Alam through a syndicate meeting.

After getting the report of a "fact-finding" committee formed by the university, the syndicate expelled Badrul, confirmed Prof Kabir Hossain, a member of the syndicate. On October 3, Khadiza Begum Nargis, a student of Sylhet Government Women's College, was brutally hacked by Badrul Alam, a student of Sust and senior assistant secretary of the Bangladesh Chhatra League unit at Sust.

Police suspect roommate involved in 'killing' Lipu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Roommate of the Rajshahi University (RU) student, Moteleb Hossain Lipu who was found dead outside the dormitory he lived in, has been found to be involved in the killing during primary investigation, say police.

The primary evidence suggests that Lipu's roommate Monirul Islam was involved in his murder, said investigation officer Inspector Ashok Kumar Chowhan of Motihar Police Station. "He gave us a few names and information. We are now validating the information."

Monirul, however, did not give any confessional statement under section 164, Inspector Ashok added.

On the morning of October 20, after Lipu's body was found in a drain outside his dormitory Nawab Abdul Latif Hall, police picked up and detained second-year botany student Monirul, who shared room 253 with Lipu. The first court of Metropolitan Magistrate Mokseda Asgar sent Monirul to

jail custody after police on Sunday noon showed Monirul arrested for the murder of Lipu and produced him before it.

Meanwhile, over three hundred students and teachers from different departments of RU yesterday formed a human chain and organised a rally in front of the Mass Communication and Journalism department demanding a fair investigation into the death. A number of teachers and students said they were feeling insecure following frequent unnatural deaths on campus.

Pradip Kumar Pandey, chairman of the department, issuing a seven days' ultimatum, said they would launch a tougher movement if there is no significant progress in the investigation of the murder case by November 1. "We are yet to see any significant progress in the investigation."

Lipu, 22, was a second-year student majoring in mass communication and journalism at RU.

On October 20, Bashir Mollah, an uncle of Lipu, filed a murder case with Motihar Police Station in Rajshahi against unknown people.



Singapore minister due today

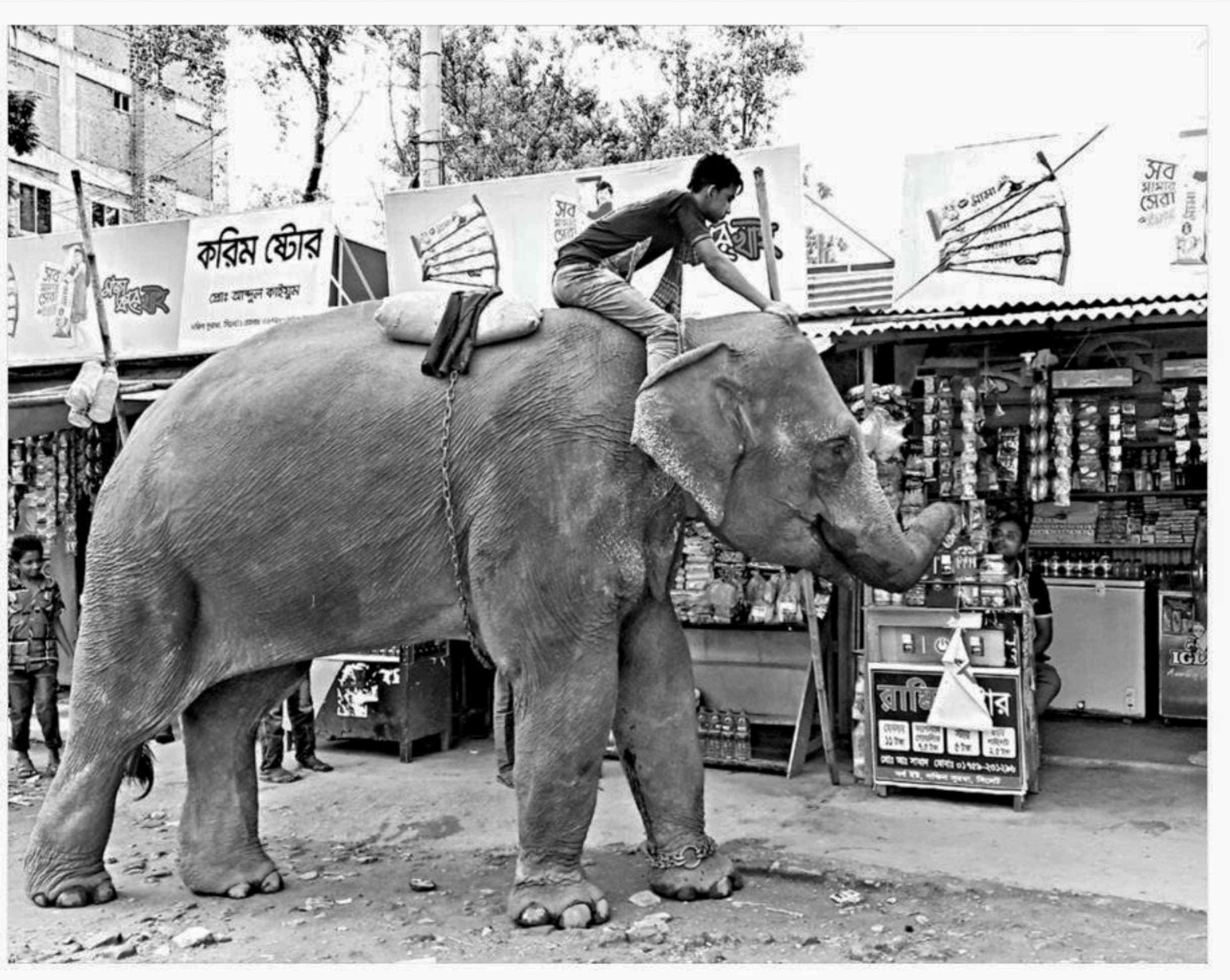
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Amid arrest and expulsion of several expatriate Bangladeshis from Singapore on militancy connection, Senior Minister of State of Ministry of Defence and Foreign Affairs Dr Mohamad Maliki will arrive in Dhaka today on a three-day visit to discuss security and militancy issues.

The Singaporean minister will hold talks with Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam and other high officials.

Sources said Maliki is likely to want to know about the steps taken against those who were repatriated from Singapore over alleged connection with extremism and terrorism.

Since December last year, the Singapore government has arrested 40 Bangladeshi migrant workers for their alleged involvement in radicalisation and terror financing.



A mahout directs an elephant towards a store to collect money from the owner in Sylhet. Even though hiring an elephant to carry the groom is part of a tradition at weddings in the region, the joy takes the shape of extortion as the mahouts after the ceremonies continue to block the road or store entrances and ask for money from passers-by or owners, and do not move the animal until they get the desired amount. The photo was taken in Chondipul area of Surma upazila recently. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

'Criminal' killed in Ashulia 'gunfight'

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

An alleged criminal was killed in a "gunfight" between his cohorts and police in Charipara Kurgaw area of Ashulia early yesterday.

Rasel Dewan, 37, of Niribili Takshu area was wanted in 14 cases filed for murder, robbery and illegal possession of arms, said Mohsinul Kadir, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station.

Police arrested Rasel from Niribili area on Saturday. Later, following information gleaned from Rasel police went to Charipara with him to recover arms around 2:00am.

Sensing the presence of the law-enforcers his associates opened fire triggering a gunfight. Rasel was caught in the line of fire while his associates fled, said the OC.

Rasel with bullet injury was taken to Savar Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared him dead.

Police also recovered two pistols and some bullet shells from the spot.

Minister off to Canada to discuss Noor's extradition

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

As Canada has agreed to discuss with Bangladesh to find a solution towards the extradition of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's convicted killer Noor Chowdhury, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday left for Ottawa to hold meetings with the high government officials for holding talks on this issue.

Noor, a convict receiving death sentence in the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman assassination case, is now leading a fugitive's life in Canada as the authorities have rejected his appeal for political asylum.

Diplomatic sources said Dhaka has decided to deploy maximum efforts to bring back Noor from Canada and another convicted killer, Rashed Chowdhury, who is living in the United States with political asylum status. After years of failed negotiations, Bangladesh and Canada have finally

Journalist Timir Lal Dutta

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From there, the body was taken and kept at Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) at 10:30am and at Jatiya Press Club at 11:00am for all to pay their last tributes.

A contingent of armed police offered guard of honour at the Jatiya Press Club since he was a freedom fighter while an executive magistrate of the Dhaka deputy commissioner's office represented the government at the ceremony.

Later, his body was taken to his hometown Barisal for cremation.

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq, Hasanul Haq Inu, Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan and several other social, cultural and political organisations, politicians, journalists and people of other professions expressed deep shock at his death.

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Girl dies after three of family

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the door and found his wife and daughters lying unconscious.

On Saturday, he had a quarrel over taking Sahana for shopping, Selim quoted Amzad as saying. Later Amzad, a private jobholder, headed for Rajshahi for official purpose and had to return home as he failed to reach Sahana over the phone, added Selim.

Sources at Dhaka Medical College morgue, where the autopsy was conducted yesterday, said they collected viscera for test to learn whether the girl was poisoned.

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Fakhrul welcomes Hasina, Obaidul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday welcomed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader for being elected president and general secretary of Awami League respectively.

"We hope they will work for the restoration of democracy..." the BNP leader told a programme in the capital immediately after the announcement.

Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Jote organised the programme in Segunbagicha's Kochi-Kacha Building auditorium marking late film director Chashi Nazrul Islam's 75th birth anniversary.

BRRRI gets Digital World Award

CITY DESK

Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRRI) has got Digital World Award 2016 for its performance in providing innovative services through ICT related activities, a BRRRI press release said yesterday.

The award was given at the concluding ceremony of a three-day digital exposition in Dhaka's Bashundhara Convention Centre. Finance Minister AMA Muhith handed over it to BRRRI DG Dr Bhagya Rani Banik on Friday.

IUB opens bachelor in global studies

CITY DESK

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) launched a bachelor programme "Global Studies and Governance" on its Bashundhara campus in the capital.

Prof Imtiaz A Hussain, head of the programme, and Prof Salehuddin Ahmed, former pro-vice chancellor of Brac University, were the key speakers in a seminar organised on Thursday to launch the programme.

IUB Chairman Rashed Chowdhury and VC Prof M Omar Rahman also graced the event with their presence.



Prof Imtiaz A Hussain, the head of the bachelor programme on Global Studies and Governance at the capital's Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), speaks during the programme's launch on the IUB campus in the capital's Bashundhara Thursday.

277 graduates get certificates under IDB-BISEW IT Scholarship Project

CITY DESK

A total of 277 graduates, who completed eight professional courses, have received their diploma certificates from the authorities of IDB-BISEW IT Scholarship Project, says a press release.

The ceremony was held in the auditorium of Islamic Development Bank (IDB)-Bangladesh Islamic Solidarity Educational Wakf (BISEW).

The project was launched in 2003 to enhance the employment prospects of meritorious youths who come from financially disadvantaged background.

IDB-BISEW was established following an agreement between IDB, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and the Bangladesh government.



The certificate distribution ceremony for graduates of IDB-BISEW IT Scholarship Project in Dhaka.

EWU wins National Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

East West University (EWU) has won 'National Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition' on international humanitarian law, says a press release.

Canadian University of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Chapter of AsianSIL jointly organised the three-day competition on Thursday where 23 teams from public and private universities participated.

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