SI forces trucker to prostrate in the street

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

A sub-inspector of police forced a truck driver into performing a sejdah (prostrating) before thousands of people in Cox's Bazar's Pekua Upazila yesterday.

SI Towhidul Islam punished the driver because the truck brushed him.

The SI was closed after the video of driver Mir Kashem prostrating in the street went viral on Facebook, said a police high official.

The driver said, "When I was crossing Chowmuhuni intersection, the police officer waved at me to stop. As soon as I got off, he asked me to hold my ears and perform a sejdhah. When I refused, he threatened me with arms."

Gun-toting ex-BCL leaders get bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Two expelled Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders, who brandished firearms during a clash between Dhaka South City Corporation staff and hawkers in the capital's Gulistan on October 27 last year, yesterday secured bail in a ransacking case.

Md Sabbir Hossain and Md Ashiqur Rahman were the former general secretaries of BCL Dhaka south and Wari thana units respectively.

Metropolitan Magistrate Abu Sayeed passed the order after their lawyer Saidur Rahman Manik moved a petition seeking bail for them on grounds that their names were not included the case.

PM off to

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Etihad Airways (EY 253) flight at 9:45pm and is scheduled to reach Munich around 6:00am (local time) today.

Bangladesh Ambassador in Germany will receive the PM at the airport.

Today afternoon, Hasina will attend the opening ceremony of the conference. The PM will hold bilateral meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel tomorrow afternoon.

She will arrive in Dhaka at 8:00pm on Sunday.

Police and traders in a clash following a drive of Barisal City Corporation to evict the latter from BSCIC Road yesterday. At least 15 people, including eight policemen, were injured in the incident. | PHOTO: STAR

Prime accused in BCL man shooting held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday arrested the prime accused in a case filed over Monday's shooting of a Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activist inside an Awami League lawmaker's office.

The accused, Masud Rana Ashique, 24, also a BCL activist, shot Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan over establishing supremacy and previous conflict, said Lt Col Tuhin Mohammad Masud, commanding officer of Rab-3.

The incident happened inside AL lawmaker Golam Dastagir Gazi's office in the captial's Purana Paltan.

Addressing a briefing at the Rab media center in the capital, Lt Col Masud said the accused was arrested in Comilla while trying to cross the border.

The BCL man who was shot in the stomach is being treated in hospital.

Earlier, police arrested Kamruzzaman Hira, an assistant personal secretary of the lawmaker.

Boy held with knife at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police detained a 12-year-old madrassa student with a knife in TSC area of Dhaka University last night.

Some youths caught the boy and handed him over to police around 10:30pm for his "suspicious movement", said Jafar Ali Biswas, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Shahbagh Police Station.

The youths searched the boy's bag and found a knife and some belongings, he said, adding that the boy claimed to have escaped from his madrassa in the capital's Satrawja area.

He brought the knife to cut fruits and other things, the OC quoted him as saying.

"We are... verifying his claims."

Nation will miss a dedicated leader

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made him a leader of the mass," Mujahidul Islam Selim, president of Communist Party of Bangladesh, said.

When people pay tribute to a leader such as Suranjit, they do not just show respect to him as a person, but they show respect to the spirit of the Liberation War and the movement against fundamentalism as he led the struggle to uphold those ideals from the front, Selim added.

Rashed Khan Menon, president of the Workers Party of Bangladesh, said Suranjit was dedicated to upholding the constitution by any means and he never endorsed evading the constitution.

Amir Hossain Amu, industry minister, said Suranjit, as a young parliamentarian from the opposition in 1972, drew Bangabandhu's attention and he was allocated longer time in the parliament.

Amu also remembered Suranjit's vital role as the co-chairman of the parliamentary special committee to amend the country's constitution from 2009 to 2013.

Suranjit's role in the movement against communalism was courageous and extraordinary, the minister said.

Joya Sengupta, Suranjit's wife, expressed gratitude to all as they, from all walks of life, expressed their condolences after his demise.

She said people were his main source of strength and he dedicated his entire life for them.

AAMS Arefin Siddique, vice chancellor of Dhaka University, said Suranjit loved the youth and his dream will be fulfilled if the young generation uphold the same spirit and ideology he had struggled to uphold.

Biren Sikder, state minister for youth and sports, lawmaker Pankaj Devnath, former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, cultural activists Ramendu Majumdar and Golam Quddus also spoke, among others, at the programme.

War tribunal accepts SP's apology

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tribunal of the death led it to frame charges against him in absentia on December 11 last year since the prosecution, on the basis of an earlier police report, pressed formal charges identifying him as a fugitive.

Following a prosecution's verbal plea, the tribunal on January 31 asked the IGP and SP for the explanation on "blatant inefficiency and negligence" of police and summoned the SP to appear before it.

Yesterday SP Nurul Islam appeared before it and his lawyer AM Aminuddin sought unconditional apology for his client's "unintentional fault". Besides, departmental proceeding has been initiated against the three officials -- one police and two general staff -- of the district police administration, the lawyer said.

In its order, the tribunal said, "We are constrained to observe that the police administration under the headship of the SP, Mymensingh was negligent in dealing with the matter of execution of the WA [warrant of arrest] issued by this tribunal."

The tribunal also said the former SP of Mymensingh, who has been succeeded by Nurul Islam around six months back, also cannot evade responsibility of failure, delay and inefficiency occurred in carrying out tribunal's order.

"Even the Investigating Agency and the Prosecution do not appear to have made any effective effort of their own in getting speedy and appropriate report in execution of the WA issued intending to ensure speedy and effective proceedings...," it said.

The tribunal also expected that IGP and the SP concerned will "design monitoring mechanism of their own aiming to keep the matter of execution of WA [warrant of arrest] issued by this tribunal under frequent and effective vigilance intending to ensure providing speedy and correct information to the tribunal."

After the order, the tribunal recorded the testimony of the first prosecution witness of the case, where Riaz Uddin is the sole accused now.

Govt to bring back irregular migrants

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the EU countries illegally, but some of them became irregular after their visas expired, said officials concerned. However, none had been found involved in any criminal activities.

The EU is eager to provide assistance in the reintegration process of the irregular migrants so they do not become desperate to pursue overseas work again, the diplomatic sources said.

The first EU-Bangladesh migration dialogue was held in Dhaka in April last year.

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