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'SHOOTOUTS' WITH LAW ENFORCERS

68 killed in 6 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 68 people have been killed in "crossfire" during encounter with law enforcement agencies in the first six months of this year, says Ain o Salish Kendra.

Of them, 46 were killed in "crossfire" with police, 13 with Rapid Action Battalion, eight with detectives and one with Rab and police, says a report published by ASK yesterday.

The rights group says plainclothes men identifying themselves as law enforcers picked up 44 people between January and June. Seven of them have returned, two bullet-hit bodies were recovered and three others were shown arrested later.

However, none of the law enforcement agencies has admitted picking up any of them, ASK says.

The rights body has prepared the report based on its own findings and reports published in eight leading national dailies.

It says 14 people were killed in shooting by members of the law enforcement agencies.

Besides, seven people died due to torture, heart attack, physical sickness or mysterious causes when they were in custody.

The ASK report mentions 25 prisoners and inmates who died between January and June.

As many as 185 incidents of political violence also took place, resulting in 37 deaths and 2,570 injuries.

A total of 280 women were raped. Sixteen of them were killed after rape and five committed suicide. Besides, 39 women escaped rape attempts.

Moreover, 58 women fell victim to sexual harassment

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Trees on the road divider of Gulshan Avenue in the capital have lost almost all the leaves while the branches are drying up. An integral part of the city's beauty, the trees need proper care and monitoring. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO:
PALASH KHAN

RULES FOR JUDGES

Govt to seek more time for notification

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The government is going to seek more time from the Supreme Court for issuing a gazette notification on the rules determining the discipline and code of conduct of lower court judges.

The apex court on several occasions had earlier expressed annoyance and dissatisfaction at the government's failure to that end.

A seven-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha is set to hold hearing on this issue tomorrow.

Talking to The Daily Star, Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said, "We will, of course, issue the gazette notification on the rules. But we will seek one week's time from the Supreme Court for that."

The minister without elaborating said his ministry could not issue the gazette, as the office remained closed for around 10 days.

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REMEMBERING FARAAZ



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A tribute to the power of bravery

ZARAF HOSSAIN

The memory of July 1st will remain one of darkness, a haunting memory of the night we lost Faraaz.

July 1st will also continue to be a remembrance of Faraaz's lionhearted sacrifice, a sacrifice of immeasurable courage and an unbreakable bond of friendship. On that night of horror, 21 other people, including Abinta, Ishrat, Tarishi, two police officials, nine Italians and seven Japanese, were killed. Every of these deaths bears unbearable pain.

The very night that engulfed our lives with unimaginable grief; yet also the night of Faraaz's ultimate sacrifice, a display of his deeply rooted values that have since continued to fill our hearts with unceasing pride.

I have witnessed with amazement, the honours bestowed upon Faraaz both from home and abroad, the admiration from those who never knew him and above all, the love he has received from Bangladesh and beyond from hearts he has touched across the world. Faraaz has made me question what it truly means to make a difference in our world, and I find the answer by recognising the tremendous legacy he has left behind.

A legacy with the spirit of staying true to one's values, the desire to do right by those you love and the spirit of unstoppable fearlessness. A legacy that has been an example to the world of a true Bangladeshi.

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Faraaz showed light of hope

Say diplomats of Muslim countries in Rome

MIZANUR RAHMAN KHAN
writes from Italy

The bravery of Faraaz Ayaz Hossain was lauded at an Iftar party attended by ambassadors of some Muslim countries in Italy.

More than a hundred representatives of different Islami organisations and envoys of a number of Muslim countries attended the party thrown by the Italian foreign ministry at the Villa Madama in Rome on May 30.

At the programme, Vincenzo Amendola, Italy's undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, said the whole world condemned the terror attack at Holey Artisan, but there was another side of the incident.

The person, who set a rare example of humanity

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US travel ban takes effect

Trump admin reverses policy on fiancés; lawyers set up legal aid stations at major US airports

AGENCIES

Lawyers and rights activists took up positions at major US airports as a weakened version of President Donald Trump's travel ban took effect late Thursday.

But there were no signs of the chaos that erupted when the first version of the restriction, derided as discriminatory against Muslims, was abruptly imposed back in January.

Meanwhile, in a last minutes change, Trump's administration reversed a decision late on Thursday and said fiancés would be considered close family members and therefore allowed to travel to the United States.

The US State Department concluded "upon further review, fiancés would now be included as close family members," said a State Department official who requested anonymity.

Attorneys working pro-bono set up makeshift, just-in-case legal aid stations -- some with signs in Arabic -- at airports serving New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Washington and other cities, news reports said.

Protesters angry over Trump's immigration policies also turned out, with some in Los Angeles holding black-and-white placards denouncing Trump as a fascist.

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Self-driving police patrol to hit Dubai



CNN ONLINE

Self-driving police vehicles are set to hit Dubai -- but don't expect to catch a ride in one. This autonomous police car is tiny.

Continuing a Smart Dubai initiative, which saw Dubai Police introduce a humanoid robot officer last month, the force has signed an agreement with Singaporean company OTSAW Digital to introduce so-called "autonomous outdoor security robot" O-R3 by the end of 2017.

OTSAW touts the O-R3 as the world's first ground-aerial outdoor security robot.

Functionally, the ground robot is not unlike units manufactured by Californian company Knightscope or the E-Patrol Robot Sheriff in China.

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Call to close Al-Jazeera 'attack on free speech'

UN voices outrage
AFP, Geneva

The UN voiced outrage yesterday at the demand from Gulf countries that Qatar-based broadcaster Al-Jazeera shut down, describing it as "an unacceptable attack on the right to freedom of expression and opinion."

The closure of the broadcaster is one of 13 wide-ranging demands placed on Doha by Saudi Arabia and its allies as the

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WHO PAYS FOR THE WASTAGE?

The bin is missing and only the frame that used to hold it stands on the capital's Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. *Bottom right*, a hanging bin, however, is still there on the road. In Shantinagar, *top right*, both the bin and the frame lying damaged on the roadside. The efforts by the city corporation authorities to keep the city clean will yield a better result if these bins are protected. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



CHASED BY RAB 'Drug peddler drowns in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
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A suspected drug peddler jumped into a pond and drowned as he tried to run from Rapid Action Battalion in Rajshahi's Tanore upazila early yesterday.

The dead Sayem Uddin, 30, of Poba upazila, was riding a motorcycle with another man on Darusha-Tanore road around 4:00am when Rab personnel, acting on a tip-off, signalled them to stop, said Maj Ashrafur Islam of Rab-5.

The two bikers stopped and began to run in different directions abandoning the bike, he added.

Chased by the law enforcers Sayem, at one point, jumped into a pond and the other man Selim Reza, 26, of Poba upazila got caught, he said.

About an hour later, Rab men along with locals rescued Sayem from the pond. He "alive, but unconscious", the officer claimed, adding that they took him to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead.

Rab found 8kg of marijuana in a bag tied to the motorcycle, Ashrafur said.



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PRAYER TIMING JULY 1

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
4:10	12:45	5:00	6:55	8:17

JAMAAT 4:45 1:15 5:15 7:00 8:45

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