

INT'L RECOGNITION OF GENOCIDE ICSF tours Australia to drum up support

BSS, Dhaka

In an effort to achieve international recognition of the 1971 genocide in Bangladesh, a four-member team of the International Crimes Strategy Forum (ICSF) took part in an international conference in Australia.

At the 13th meeting of the International Association of Genocide Scholars in Brisbane, Australia held on July 9-13, an ICSF panel comprising M Sanjeeb Hossain and Dr Rayhan Rashid presented two papers relating to the understanding and recognition of genocide in the context of Bangladesh, said a press release yesterday.

Other team members also included Dr Ahmed Ziauddin and Barrister Shah Ali Farhad.

Documents on Bangladesh genocide, the International Crimes Tribunal-Bangladesh and the recognition campaign were distributed among the delegates and observers of the conference.

Video messages were also collected from scholars, academics and experts present at the conference in support of international recognition of the 1971 genocide.

Apart from presenting papers, ICSF carried out extensive engagement over five days with around 200 fellow genocide scholars and activists from around the world for international recognition of the genocide, as part of its #Recognise1971Genocide campaign.

The ICSF team also participated in a briefing followed by a question-answer session with Bangladeshi expatriates and Australian-Bangladeshis in Brisbane for involving them in the campaign.

As part of the same tour, two members of ICSF participated in a seminar organised by "Bangladesh Studies Circle" at the Western Sydney University on July 17. Dr Rashid presented on "Recognition of Bangladesh Genocide" and Dr Ziauddin spoke on the "Bangladesh Genocide in the Asian Context".

On July 19, Rayhan Rashid made a presentation at the University of Canberra on "Global Recognition of Bangladesh Genocide: Strategic Considerations" in a discussion session titled: "Genocide and Humanity".

ICSF members also carried out engagement with Bangladeshi expatriates and Australian-Bangladeshis in Sydney and Canberra.

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**N'ganj girl
'gang raped'
Six arrested**

Our Correspondent, N'ganj

Locals caught six youths while they were escaping allegedly after raping a 14-year-old girl at Naluapara in Narayanganj town early yesterday.

Later, the six -- Md Hridoy, 23, Rafiqul Islam Bonty, 24, Md Joy, 22, Sumon, 23, and Md Saddam, 26, all of Naluapara area, and Sohel, 21, of Maccha Baza -- were handed over to police.

Quoting locals, Sadar model police said some eight youths took her to a field forcibly and raped her in the early morning. Hearing her call for help, locals rushed to the spot and managed to catch the six.

The girl was admitted to the Narayanganj General Hospital. Police are conducting drives to catch the other miscreants.

Biker, son killed as bus hits his vehicle

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man and his seven-year-old son were killed and his wife was injured critically in a road accident on Naogaon-Rajshahi road in Mohaddevpur upazila riding a motorcycle in the morning.

The deceased are Saiful Islam, 30, and his son Abdullah of Judge Court area under Naogaon municipality.

His wife, whose name could not be known immediately, is undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College

Hospital (RMCH).

Quoting witnesses, police said the trio were going to Naogaon town from Mohaddevpur upazila of Naogaon yesterday.

As they reached at Naohata in the upazila, a bus hit their vehicle leaving Abdullah dead on the spot and the two others injured critically.

Locals rescued the couple and rushed them to RMCH where Saiful succumbed to his injuries around 1:30pm.

to 26 people, including 16 former Rab members, and jailed nine others for various terms.

The bodies of seven people, including Narayanganj City Corporation councillor Nazrul Islam and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker, were found floating in the Shitalakkhya River after they were abducted on April 27, 2014.

The court handed down death penalty

Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Mizanur Rahman Talukder of Savar circle highway, who was found dead in the capital's Rupnagar a month ago, was killed by some muggers when he revealed his identity, said police.

On June 21, Mizanur was waiting outside his Uttara residence for a transport to reach his workplace when the muggers masquerading as driver and passengers arrived in a private car and picked him up.

When Mizanur revealed his identity, it scared the muggers.

They killed him not for his belongings but out of fear of getting into trouble, said Monirul Islam, chief of Counter-terrorism and Transnational Unit at Dhaka Metropolitan Police media centre yesterday.

Detectives arrested Shah Alam alias Alam alias Budda, 62, in Tongi on Saturday.

Alam's other accomplices are Mintu, Kamal alias Faruque and the driver, Jakir.

Alam admitted that he had hit Mizanur in the head with a heavy object and then others strangled him.

The killers dumped the body near Birulia Bridge, Monirul Islam added.

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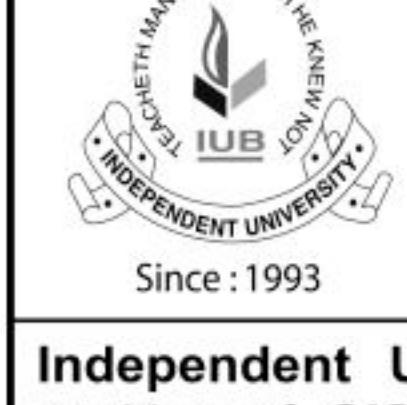
FROM PAGE 5 Meanwhile, it was jubilation mixed with a touch of sadness in Notre Dame College.

Jakir Hasan, a student of science group who obtained GPA-5, said he could secure the result due to hard work and support of his teachers.

Some of the students of the college, who did not get the desired results, were also planning to apply for reviewing their exam papers.

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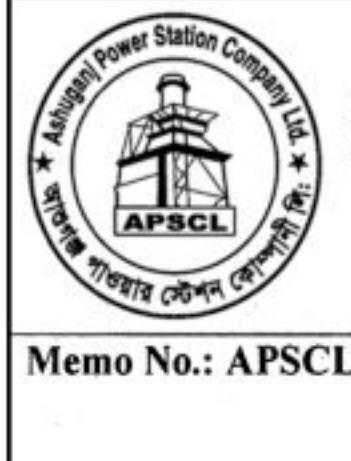
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