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Angry protest after Ctg BCL leader killed

Police suspect intra-party feud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chhatra League leader was beaten to death near his home at South Nalapara in the city yesterday morning.

Police suspect an intra-party feud behind the murder of Sudipto Biswas, 28, who was the assistant general secretary of Chittagong unit of the pro-Awami League student body.

Meanwhile, a group of BCL activists of Chittagong Government City College, of which Sudipto was a student two years ago, vandalised three buses and several roadside shops in New Market area in what appeared to be a protest. They also set two buses on fire during the half an hour rampage about 4:00pm.

His family members told police that two young men came to their house around 7:30am and asked Sudipto to go outside with them.

After a while, neighbours told the family that Sudipto was injured and left on the side of a road nearby, Marjina Akter, officer-in-charge of Sadarghat Police Station, said.

The family rushed there and took him to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where he died around 11:00am.

There were injuries in his head and his hands were broken, the OC said, adding that the body was sent to CMCH Morgue for autopsy.

Police were looking into the specific motive of the murder, she added.

Sudipto's father Babul Biswas could not be contacted while BCL President Imran Ahmed Imu and other top leaders did not comment.



Sudipto Biswas

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A bus is set alight by Chhatra League men in Chittagong's New Market area following the killing of a leader of the student body yesterday. Inset, agitating activists take to the street while policemen try to bring the situation under control.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



RAPE IN NOAKHALI Accused UP chairman still at large

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A union parishad chairman, who was sued for raping and torturing a woman at his office in Noakhali's Subarnachar upazila on Wednesday night, is yet to be arrested.

The woman, a mother of a two-and-a-half-year old child, is now undergoing treatment at Noakhali General Hospital.

She alleged that police were not arresting prime accused Mozammel Hossain, chairman of Charbata Union Parishad, though he was moving freely.

Initially, police refused to register her complaint, but later recorded it on Thursday following persuasion by journalists and locals, she claimed.

Talking to this correspondent at the hospital yesterday, the victim alleged that the chairman's men repeatedly told her old parents to withdraw the case and threatened them with life and to drive them out of their village, if they didn't do so.

Her elder sister claimed that the men also offered them Tk 3 lakh to settle the issue.

Refuting the allegation brought by the victim, Iqbal Hossain,

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Trump plans to decertify 2015 Iran nuke deal

Say US media reports as decision looms

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President Donald Trump is planning to decertify the landmark Iran nuclear pact negotiated by his predecessor Barack Obama, paving the way for potentially reopening sanctions, two leading US dailies said yesterday.

Trump will argue that the agreement is not in the interest of the United States, the Washington Post reported, quoting four people close to the president.

The New York Times also said Trump plans to decertify the accord but leave it in force and make Congress decide whether to reimpose punitive sanctions, quoting people briefed on the matter.

Resumed sanctions could derail the accord negotiated with Tehran by Obama and other major world powers.

Decertification would allow Trump to argue that he has rejected the accord as pledged but not completely ignored senior advisers and lawmakers who say the accord should stand.

Trump on Thursday criticised Iran's behaviour with regard to the 2015 pact. "They have not lived up to the spirit of the agreement," said Trump, as he huddled with military leaders ahead of perhaps the biggest foreign policy decision of his young presidency.

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Border with Myanmar to be fenced

Says BGB chief

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Against the backdrop of the huge influx of Rohingya refugees, Bangladesh is planning to fence the border with Myanmar.

Maj Gen Abul Hossain, director general of the Border Guard Bangladesh, made the comment during a joint media conference with the Indian Border Security Force at a BSF camp on the outskirts of New Delhi yesterday.

The two border forces concluded their four-day biannual DG-level talks yesterday, during which several issues like the influx of Rohingyas, smuggling of cattle, drug and fake currency were discussed.

Hossain said five lakh Rohingyas have already entered Bangladesh. "The problem has been created by Myanmar, but it's a problem for our country as well... they [Rohingyas] cannot spread all over the country."

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Leopard caught after 36 hrs on prowl



AFP, New Delhi

A leopard on the loose inside India's largest car factory was caught and tranquilised yesterday after sparking a frantic 36-hour search by 200 police and wildlife officials.

The big cat was spotted on Thursday on CCTV by guards at Maruti Suzuki's manufacturing plant in the town of Manesar, just 24 miles from the capital New Delhi.

After workers were evacuated from the plant, which churns out nearly a million vehicles a year, police kicked off an hours-long operation to catch the animal, even using live goats and raw meat to

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Sushma Swaraj to visit Dhaka Oct 23-24

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will pay a two-day official visit to Bangladesh to attend the fourth Bangladesh-India Joint Consultative Commission (JCC) meeting in Dhaka on October 23-24.

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque informed journalists of the visit at a press conference in New Delhi yesterday after wrapping up his two-day visit there.

During his stay there, he had meetings with his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Thursday.

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali and his Indian counterpart Sushma will chair the JCC meeting.

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South Africa opener Dean Elgar, the highest run-scorer in Test cricket during this calendar year, raises his bat after scoring another century against Bangladesh on the first day of the second Test in Bloemfontein yesterday. The Proteas were on a commanding 428 for three at stumps.

PREMIER cement **Tigers Profile**

Liton Kumar Das



The job of a wicketkeeper is hard because there is usually one wicketkeeper representing the nation in a generation. For Liton Kumar Das, things were even more difficult because for a long time, the first-choice wicketkeeper for Bangladesh was the captain Mushfiqur Rahim.

His five Tests have been spread out over three years; his debut in 2015 at home against India and the subsequent two Tests he played against India and South Africa was possible because Mushfiqur had injured his hand in the previous Test series against Pakistan. Only Liton's fourth Test, the first one against Sri Lanka in Galle in March 2017, was as a result of the team management deciding to play Mushfiqur as a specialist batsman. In the current series in South Africa, Liton playing is more a result of injuries in the batting line-up.

But his keeping has always been special. He pulled off a magnificent catch in Galle to dismiss Niroshan Dickwella off a reverse sweep. He bettered that effort in the first Test against South Africa in Potchefstroom, catching Temba Bavuma off the face of the bat through sheer anticipation and reflex.

He plunders runs in first-class cricket, as an average of 48.42 proves. Increasingly, his keeping is becoming harder to ignore and with Bangladesh needing more of Mushfiqur with the bat, Liton's time may be around the corner.



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