



# 10 killed in Iran unrest

Rouhani strikes defiant note; Trump repeatedly criticises Tehran over four days of anti-govt protests

AFP, Tehran

Ten people were killed overnight in the worst violence yet seen in Iran's protests, local media reported yesterday, as President Hassan Rouhani played down the unrest and vowed those breaking the law would be dealt with.

US President Donald Trump, who has repeatedly criticised Tehran over four days of demonstrations, said it was "time for a change" and that the Iranian people were "hungry" for freedom.

Sunday night was the deadliest since the angry demonstrations broke out on Thursday and spread across the country in the biggest test for the regime since mass protests in 2009.

Six people were killed in the western town of Tuyserkan after shots were fired, state television reported, while a local lawmaker said two people had been shot dead in the southwestern town of Izeh.

Two others, included a teenage boy, were run down and killed by a fire engine stolen by protesters in the western town of Dorud, the state broadcaster said, bringing the total death toll in the protests to 12.

Rouhani tried to play down the unrest, saying: "This is nothing."

"Criticism and protest are an opportunity not a threat," he said in a statement on the presidency website, adding that the Iranian people would "respond to the rioters and lawbreakers".

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Firefighters douse a fire that broke out at the railway slum in the capital's Karwan Bazar yesterday. Around 50 shanties were burnt in the incident. Story on page 3.

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#### Assam leaves 13m citizens off its register

Many anxious about their fate

AFP, New Delhi

Around 13 million people living in northeastern India's largest state have been left off a controversial draft list of citizens released yesterday by the authorities, who are under pressure to identify and expel illegal immigrants.

Assam has long struggled to curb illegal immigration and is the only Indian state to compile a register of citizens.

The latest draft list includes only 19 million of the state's more than 32 million residents. It was prepared on the orders of the Supreme Court, which is hearing a series of claims to Indian citizenship from undocumented residents of the state.

But there are also concerns the Assam state government, which is led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party,

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## 3 killed in 'gunfights'

Ex-municipal councillor among the dead

STAR REPORT

Three people including a former municipal councillor were killed in separate "gunfights" with law enforceers in Habiganj, Netrakona and Feni early yesterday.

In Habiganj, former Chunarughat municipality councillor Yunus Miah, 40, an alleged drug peddler, was killed when police conducted a drive in Magurunda village in Paikpara union around mid-

"On information that Yunus and three to four others were taking yaba around midnight, a team of police conducted the drive," said Azmiruzzaman, officer-incharge of Chunarughat police.

Sensing the presence of police, the drug traders attacked the law enforcers with

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HUNGER STRIKE FOR MPO FACILITIES

### Teachers 'won't budge on their demand'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When teachers and students across the country celebrated the textbook festival yesterday, a section of teachers was observing a hunger strike unto death in the capital, demanding their inclusion in the government's Monthly Pay Order (MPO) facilities.

The strike entered the second day yesterday with the teachers vowing not to return to their workplaces until their demand is met. At least 16 of them fell ill and some of them were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said leaders of the agitating teachers.

"We did not take part in the textbook festival and will not give lessons to students either until our demand is realised. We have no choice but to remain on the streets for our demand," said Golam Mahmudunnabi, president of a federation leading the programme.

"Two days have passed, but nobody from the government has contacted us," he told The Daily Star last night.

Several hundred teachers under the banner of "Non-MPO Shikhya Pratishthan Shikhyak Karmachari Federation" started the fast unto death programme on Sunday in front of the Jatiya Press Club after staging a sit-in unit.

The government yesterday started distributing 35.42 crore copies of free SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

protest at the same place for five consecutive days.

#### Factional clash kills JCD man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An activist of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was killed in a factional clash during a procession marking the 39th founding anniversary of the pro-BNP student body in Sylhet city yesterday.

The victim, Abul Hasnat Shimu, 25, was a former assistant organising secretary of JCD Sylhet Metropolitan unit.

Shimu, son of Abdul Aziz of Shahi Eidgah area in the city, was a supporter of Kazi Meraj, who is a former president of JCD Madan Mohan College

Police said around 3:00pm, the men of Meraj SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

### Quintuplets to start school together

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Five children born at one birth, known as quintuplets, are set to begin their education together at Korpara Modo Government Primary School in Gopalganj Sadar's Korpara Union.

They, along with their parents, went to the school for admission in playgroup on the New Year's day.

Ashish Kumar Roy, headmaster of the school,



#### 2 journalists sued under ICT act

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

under Section 57 of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Act in Narayanganj on Sunday. They are Shahjahan

Two journalists were sued

Shamim, editor-in-chief of SEE PAGE 10 COL 4



JAMAAT 6-05 1-15 4-15 5-35 7-30 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

AZAN 5-30 12-45 4-00 5-30 7-00

TARIQUE, 48 OTHER ACCUSED IN AUG 21 CASES

# Prosecution demands highest punishment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday sought the highest punishment for BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and 48 other accused in the August 21 grenade attack cases.

Syed Rezaur Rahman, chief prosecutor of the cases, made the prayer while wrapping up his closing argument at the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 in Dhaka.

"We, the prosecution, have been able to prove the charges brought against the accused beyond any reasonable doubt through the testimonies of impartial and non-interested witnesses and other documentary and circumstantial evidence," he said.

"We are praying for highest and exemplary punishment for the accused as per the law so that the litigants get justice."

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অনলাইনে অননুমোদিত ভার্চুয়াল মুদ্রায় (যেমনঃ বিটকয়েন) লেনদেন হতে বিরত থাকার বিষয়ে সতকীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

সম্প্রতি বিভিন্ন সংবাদ মাধ্যম এবং ইন্টারনেট হতে প্রাপ্ত তথ্য থেকে জানা যায় যে, অনলাইন ভিত্তিক ভার্টুয়াল মুদ্রা বা crypto currency যথা Bitcoin, Ethereum, Ripple, Litecoin ইত্যাদি বিবিধ বিনিময় প্লাটফর্মে (exchange platform) লেনদেন হচ্ছে। এসব ভার্চুয়াল মুদ্রা কোন দেশের বৈধ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত বৈধ মুদ্রা (legal tender) নয় বিধায় এর বিপরীতে কোন আর্থিক দাবির (financial claim) স্বীকৃতিও থাকেনা । এসব মুদ্রায় লেনদেন বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক বা অন্য কোন নিয়ন্ত্রক সংস্থা কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত নয় বিধায় এসব ভার্চুয়াল মুদ্রার ব্যবহার বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা নিয়ন্ত্রণ আইন, ১৯৪৭; সন্ত্রাস বিরোধী আইন, ২০০৯ এবং মানি লন্ডারিং প্রতিরোধ আইন, ২০১২ এর দারা সমর্থিত হয় না। অনলাইনে নামবিহীন/ছদ্দনামিক প্রতিসঙ্গীর সাথে ভার্চুয়াল মুদ্রায় লেনদেনের দ্বারা অনিচ্ছাকৃতভাবে মানি লন্ডারিং ও সন্ত্রাসে অর্থায়ন প্রতিরোধ সম্পর্কিত আইনের লংঘন হতে পারে। মূলত অনলাইনভিত্তিক নেটওয়ার্কের মাধ্যমে ভার্চুয়াল মুদ্রায় অর্থমূল্য পরিশোধ ও নিষ্পত্তি সংঘটিত হয় এবং এটি কোন কেন্দ্রীয় কর্তৃপক্ষ/পেমেন্ট সিস্টেম নিয়ন্ত্রণ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক স্বীকৃত না হওয়ায় গ্রাহকগণ ভার্চুয়াল মুদ্রার সম্ভাব্য আর্থিক ও আইনগত ঝুঁকিসহ বিভিন্ন ঝুঁকির সম্মুখীন হতে পারেন।

এমতাবস্থায়, সম্ভাব্য আর্থিক ও আইনগত ঝুঁকি এড়ানোর লক্ষ্যে বিটকয়েনের ন্যায় ভার্চুয়াল মুদ্রায় লেনদেন বা এসব লেনদেনে সহায়তা প্রদান ও এর প্রচার হতে বিরত থাকার জন্য সর্বসাধারণকে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

the teachers being taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital after he

became sick during the protest.