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ATTACK ON SIT-IN

BCL men swoop on protesters

50 beaten up when students besiege DU VC's office

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Bangladesh Chhatra League men yesterday attacked dozens of Dhaka University students who were demonstrating in front of the vice-chancellor's office to press home a four-point demand, including expulsion of some BCL leaders for "harassing" female students a few days ago.

At least 50 students and two campus-based journalists were injured in the second such attack by the pro-Awami League student body in just eight days.

BCL General Secretary SM Jakir Hossain and its DU unit President Abid Al Hasan led the attack to "rescue" DU VC Prof Akhtaruzzaman, who was confined for around an hour in front of his office at the Registrar Building, demonstrators said.

Of the injured, 24 took treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. One sustained brain injuries while three to four might have to be admitted there, said Sanaul Hoque Sarker, a doctor at the DMCH.

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Shabony Shaila, in yellow dress, general secretary of Kuwait Moitree Hall Chhatra League, pounces on a fellow student of Dhaka University in front of the vice-chancellor's office yesterday afternoon. Leaders and activists of the pro-Awami League student front assaulted a group of students, right, who were demonstrating to press home a four-point demand.

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ARRESTED EDN MINISTRY STAFF

They 'sold secret docs to Lakehead owner'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two education ministry staff, who were arrested on Sunday, had allegedly handed over secret state documents to the owner of Lakehead Grammar School to help reopen the institution after it was shut down for "patronising militancy".

They took a bribe of Tk 4.3 lakh in different phases for this, according to the statement of a case filed by a sub-inspector of Detective Branch early yesterday.

Nasir Uddin, upper division assistant of the ministry, and Motaleb Hossain, personal official of Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, met Lakehead owner Khaled Hassan Matin at his Banani office on December 16, 2017.

They struck a deal for Tk 4.3 lakh to facilitate quick reopening of the school violating a court order, said SI Monirul Islam in the case statement. "One or two other ministry staff or officials were supposed to get part of

the bribe money."

The Anti-Corruption Commission has already started probing the bribery incident, said its chief Iqbal Mahmud yesterday.

"The ACC will investigate if corruption takes place in any ministry," he told reporters at the anti-graft body's head office.

Besides, the education ministry will suspend the arrested officials, Nahid said in response to a query at a briefing at his secretariat office in the afternoon.

Detectives arrested Nasir, Motaleb and Khaled in the capital's Gulshan and Basila areas on Sunday. A Dhaka court yesterday afternoon sent them to jail, rejecting their bail petitions.

DB Sub-Inspector Md Firoz, who produced them before the court, prayed for keeping them in jail until the ACC appoints an investigation officer.

CASE STATEMENT

Nasir received Tk 50 thousand on December

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It's a PR ploy by Myanmar

Says Human Rights Watch about Rohingya repatriation plan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights Watch has demanded suspension of the bilateral plan between Bangladesh and Myanmar on return of the Rohingyas.

The US-based global rights watchdog said Myanmar has shown no ability to ensure a safe, dignified, and voluntary return of the Rohingyas as provided by international standards.

"Rohingya refugees shouldn't be returned to camps guarded by the very same Burmese forces which forced them to flee massacres and gang rapes, and torched villages," said Brad Adams, HRW's Asia director, said in a statement yesterday.

He said the repatriation plan appears to be a "public relations ploy" to hide the fact that Myanmar has not taken measures to ensure the safe and sustainable return of the Rohingyas.

The repatriation was scheduled to begin yesterday, two months after Bangladesh and Myanmar signed a deal and days after signing a physical arrangement on return of the Rohingyas, over 688,000 of whom fled military atrocities in Rakhine since August 25 last year.

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WEF DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Bangladesh ahead of most of its neighbours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has been ranked 34th in the World Economic Forum's Inclusive Development Index (IDI) list of emerging economies, ahead of South Asian competitors India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka but behind Nepal.

India is ranked 62nd, Pakistan 52nd, Sri Lanka is 40th, the WEF says in the report published on Monday.

Nepal is ranked 22nd.

Norway remains the world's most inclusive advanced economy, while Lithuania tops the list of emerging economies.

On a scale of one to seven, Bangladesh scored 3.98 in the IDI, with one being the worst and seven the best. India scored 3.09, Pakistan 3.55, Sri Lanka 3.79 and Nepal 4.15.

The IDI is an annual assessment of 103 countries' economic performance that measures how countries perform on 11

IDI SCORES ON 1-7 SCALE

SOURCE: WEF



dimensions of economic progress in addition to the GDP. It has three pillars; growth and development; inclusion and intergenerational equity -- sustainable stewardship of natural and financial resources.

The IDI data suggest that relatively strong GDP growth cannot be relied upon by itself to generate inclusive socioeconomic

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Faruque jailed for violating 2009 HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday sentenced Qazi Faruque Ahmed, the ousted chairman of Proshika, to one-month imprisonment in a civil prison for violating its 2009 directive.

The HC on August 10, 2009 issued a status quo on the possession of Proshika office, saying that Qazi Faruque could enter the office as its former chairman, but he could not take any decision for the office and could not hold any meeting or procession on the office premises.

Qazi Faruque, in total violation of this directive, along with his men on May 20, 2012, entered the Proshika office in Mirpur, took its control and has been carrying out the duties as its chief, a lawyer for Proshika Chairman MA Wadud said.

Yesterday, the HC bench

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TAMIM'S TRIPLE TRIUMPH: Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal's fine 76 in the tri-series match against Zimbabwe at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday saw him bag the player-of-the-match award, become the first Bangladeshi batsman to reach 6,000 ODI runs and also achieve the world record for the most ODI runs scored at a single venue.

Tamim, Shakib continue dominance

BISHWAJIT ROY

It was yet another comprehensive win for the Tigers when they posted a 91-run victory with a bonus point against Zimbabwe in their third tri-series match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. Fittingly, the key architects behind their third big win on the trot were none other than the country's two prolific players Shakib Al Hasan and Tamim Iqbal, and the latter was finally delighted with the player-of-the-match award despite the former continuing his all-round brilliance with a half-century and a three-wicket haul.

Bangladesh have already confirmed a final berth with their two earlier wins, but their opponents for the final next Saturday is still uncertain with Zimbabwe now having slipped below Sri Lanka in their net run rate. With Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe having one win each and the latter having played all of their league games, a win for Sri Lanka in Thursday's last group match against Bangladesh should see them through.

The game also saw some notable individual achievements. While scoring a magnificent 76 on a difficult track, Tamim brought up two milestones as the left-hander became the first Bangladeshi batsman to reach 6,000 ODI runs and also became the highest run-scorer at a single venue in ODI cricket, going past Sri Lanka's Sanath Jayasuriya's 2514 at R. Premadasa Stadium. It was also skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza's 30th win as Bangladesh captain.



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