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Death count tops 100 in 15 days

Drug dealers' killed in 'shootouts'; number of deaths crosses 10,000 as raids continue

STAR REPORT

So-called shootouts in the ongoing anti-narcotics drive keep claiming lives with the number of deaths standing at 108 until last night.

Twelve more alleged drug dealers were killed in Dhaka and eight other districts yesterday.

Although the "extrajudicial killings" in the "gunfights", mostly involving law enforcers, are drawing criticisms from rights activists, the police headquarters yesterday extended their 10-day special anti-drug drive, beginning on the first day of Ramadan on May 18, until further notice.

The Rab drive has also been continuing since May 4, raising concerns that the number of the "shootout victims" may rise.

During the nationwide drive for the last 15 days, law enforcers have arrested around 10,000 people over their alleged involvement in drug peddling while mobile courts

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COUNCILLOR KILLING IN TEKNAF Family demands judicial probe

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, from Teknaf

The family members of Teknaf municipal Ward Councillor Akramul Haque, who was killed in a "gunfight" with RAB-7 on May 27 in the ongoing anti-narcotics drive, have demanded a judicial investigation into the killing.

Family members and AL leaders said Akram was a victim of either political rivalry or misinformation. To unearth the truth, they also sought Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's intervention in the matter.

"He called the PM 'Ma' and worked with honesty. Now I seek the intervention of my mother (Sheikh Hasina) in connection with the killing and demand justice," Ayesha Begum, Akram's wife, said.

Akram, son of Abdus Sattar, had been the Teknaf upazila Jubo League president for 13

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Akramul Haque

Pay workers Eid bonus by June 14

State minister for labour asks industry owners

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Owners of industries, including garment factories, would have to pay the Eid festival bonus to workers by June 14 to avoid any untoward incident ahead of Eid, Mujibul Haque Chunnun, state minister for labour and employment, said today.

He also urged factory owners to clear the salaries for the month of May by June 7. The Eid-ul-Fitr is scheduled to be held on June 16, depending on the moon sighting.

He especially emphasised the need for garment factory owners to clear all payments owing to past experiences.

Chunnun made the remarks at a special meeting of the national crisis management committee at the secretariat office in Dhaka. Representatives from the owners, trade unions, law enforcement agencies, members of industrial police, regional members of the committee and government high-ups took part in the meeting.

Chunnun, also head of the national crisis management committee, held the meeting as there was a possibility of unrest before the Eid festival due to delay in payment of salaries and bonuses.

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's Shahbagh area yesterday. People across the coun-

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