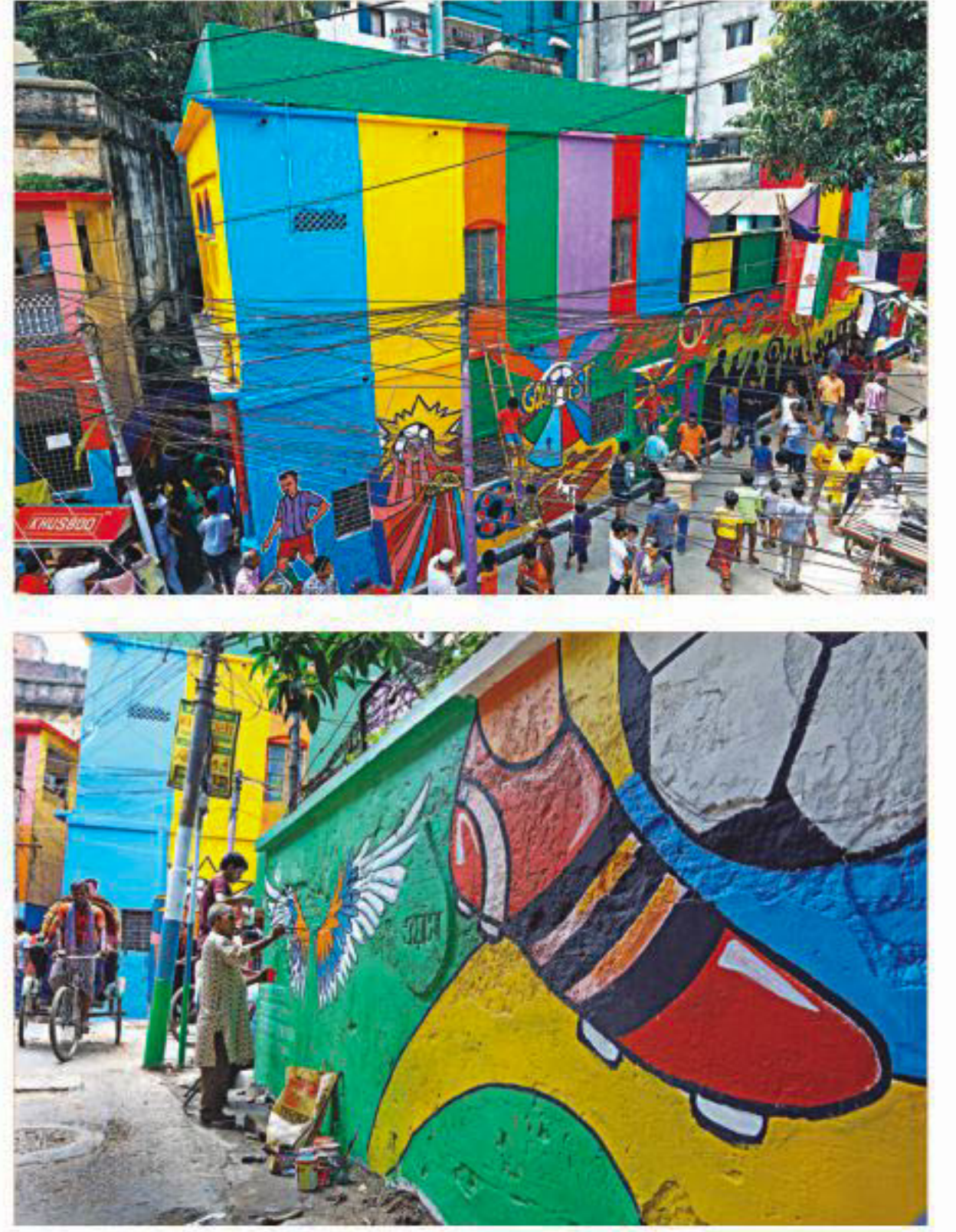


WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.0 L 27.4	H 32.3 L 27.4	H 30.2 L 26.0	H 33.2 L 26.0	H 34.8 L 26.8	H 34.2 L 27.8	H 33.5 L 26.5	H 32.6 L 26.7	H 31.8 L 26.0

Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with gusty wind may occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal & Chittagong divisions, at a few places over Dhaka, Sylhet and Mymensingh divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:18am.

CAUGHT UP IN WORLD CUP FERVOUR



Artists paint graffiti on the walls of an alley in Old Dhaka's Kolta Bazar, transforming it into a vibrant walkway celebrating people's festivity surrounding the FIFA World Cup. The event, titled "World Cup Goal-e Fest" was jointly organised on Saturday by ZANALA Bangladesh Ltd, Earki.com and Thousand Miles Club. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Rashed shown arrested in another case, remanded again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Quota reform leader Muhammad Rashed Khan was shown arrested yesterday in another case filed for ransacking the residence of the Dhaka University vice-chancellor in April, although his name was not included in the first information report (FIR).

The case was filed with Shahbagh Police Station against unknown people for entering the VC residence and ransacking it around 12:30am on April 9.

Rashed, a joint convener of Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Odhikar Sangrakkhan Parishad, was also placed on a five-day remand in the ransacking case.

This is the second time he was remanded. Earlier, Rashed was interrogated during a five-day remand in a case filed under the information and communication technology (ICT) act for "demeaning" Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Facebook.

After the end of the five-day remand, the investigation officer -- Sub-inspector Md Sajibuzzaman of Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police -- yesterday sought to remand Rashed for 10 more days in the ICT case.

After the hearing, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Asaduzzaman Nur gave an additional five days. SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

DU teachers condemn 'unprecedented' brutality on quota protesters

DU CORRESPONDENT

Condemning the attacks on general students demanding quota reform, renowned educationist Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury yesterday said such incidents did not take place during the Pakistan or British period.

"These incidents are unfortunate, shameful and unbelievable," he said while addressing a protest rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka.

Under the banner of "Nipiron Birodhi Shikkhakbrindo (Teachers Against Repression)", a group of teachers of Dhaka University brought out a procession from in front of the DU central library which ended at the Shaheed Minar.

They demanded a campus free from repression.

Serajul, also a professor emeritus of Dhaka University, said the government was compelled to form a committee because of the logical protest of the students. But the protesters were brutally and barbarically attacked.

"I have never seen such a brutal attack with a hammer," he said. "In the current situation, there is no security for people. Cases are being filed against those taking part in protest. From this programme, I raise my demand for quota reform," he added.

Criticising the role of the DU administration in this regard, law professor Asif Nazrul

said, "On many occasions, we saw that the university administration and teachers' association supported students in any logical movement.

"But during the quota demonstration they didn't give any support to the students. They didn't even try to help the injured students."

Citiara Nasreen, a professor of mass communication and journalism, placed a five-point demand including the arrest of those who attacked the quota reform protesters on university campuses across the country.

Their other demands include the university authorities bearing the expenses of treatment of the injured protesters, trial for the sexual assault on female participants, and withdrawal of the "false cases" against the demonstrators.

They also urged the authorities to bring an end to the assault and repression on general students and teachers.

Kazir Maruful Islam, a professor of development studies, and Prof Fahmidul Haq of mass communication and journalism department also took part in the procession.

Meanwhile, Pragatishil Chhatra Jote, an alliance of left-leaning student organisations, yesterday brought out a procession on the DU campus around 12:15pm protesting brutalities against students allegedly by Bangladesh Chhatra League across the country. They later met DU Vice Chancellor

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BCL attacks leave 15 injured at JnU, CU

Three female students harassed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 15 people including five journalists were injured as Bangladesh Chhatra League activists allegedly attacked quota reform protesters on Jagannath University (JnU) and Chittagong University campuses yesterday.

At JnU, BCL activists attacked a rally of the Progressive Students Alliance in front of the Liberation War sculpture. They were protesting recent attacks on quota reform activists.

When the university correspondents went there to collect information about the incident, the BCL activists beat them up as well, leaving five of them injured. In all, 12 people including seven students suffered injuries, said protesters and journalists.

Witnesses said three followers of JnU BCL general secretary Joydul Abedin Rasel led the attack along with 15 others. The three are Riaz Mahmud, a student of accounting, Porag Hossain of mathematics, and Nure Alam of history department.

The injured including Latiful Islam and Aslam Ark, JnU correspondents of daily Samakal and Amar Sangbad; Samajtantrik Chhatra Front's JnU unit president Kishor Kumar Sarker, general secretary Golam Rabby, organising secretary Somit Bhowmik, office secretary Animesh Roy; and Bangladesh Chhatra Union's JnU unit president Ruhul Amin and activist Khairul Hasan Jahin took treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Humayun Kabir, secretary of JnU Journalists Association, said they submitted a written complaint to the university authorities demanding punishment for those who attacked the reporters while they were performing professional duties.

JnU Vice Chancellor Prof Mijanur Rahman told The Daily Star that they received the complaint and were looking into the matter.

Asked about the BCL attack, BCL leader Joydul Abedin SEE PAGE 5 COL 7

QUOTA REFORM Committee holds 1st meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The seven-member committee formed "to review or reform or cancel" the quota system for civil service will study reports of the committees and a commission that previously worked on the quota system.

The committee, which held its first meeting at the Secretariat yesterday, will also review such quota provisions in other countries before putting forward its suggestions.

"We will sit for the second meeting once we have all the reports and information from the committees and the commission," Abul Kashem Mohammad Mohiuddin, joint secretary of public administration ministry, told reporters after the meeting.

"We are working on it continuously and willing to complete the task within the given 15 working days," added Mohiuddin, who is providing secretarial support to the seven-member committee, headed by Cabinet

Secretary M Shafiqul Alam.

Reports from the committees and the commission suggested reforming the quota system for government jobs but successive governments turned a deaf ear to the call until recently.

The government formed the committee on July 2, asking it to submit a report within 15 working days amid protests by students and jobseekers demanding reformation of the quota system, and after some of them were attacked allegedly by Bangladesh Chhatra League activists.

Other members of the committee are secretaries to public administration ministry, finance ministry, Liberation War affairs ministry, law ministry (legislative division), Public Service Commission, and the acting secretary to the Prime Minister's Office.

Earlier in February, students of public universities and jobseekers, under the

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আবুল মনসুর আহমদ প্রবন্ধ প্রতিযোগিতা

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Dhaka University teachers hold a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday, demanding a stop to attacks on general students taking part in quota reform demonstration and harassment of the protesters through filing cases against them. PHOTO: STAR

ACC summons seven over Panama, Paradise Papers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday summoned seven businessmen, including a foreigner, for quizzing as their names appeared in the Panama Papers and the Paradise Papers leaks.

The ACC is enquiring them for amassing wealth beyond known source of income, and laundering money. Earlier, ACC quizzed at least 10 persons as their names appeared in those leaked documents.

Yesterday, ACC in two separate letters requested the businessmen to appear on July 16 and July 17, said ACC's Public Relations Officer Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya.

In an emergency meeting with ACC directors general and secretary, and director of the detective unit on June 20, ACC Chairman Iqbal Mahmood directed officials to come up with reports by June 30 of the ongoing investigations into persons whose names appeared in the Panama Papers and the Paradise Papers leaks.

The first leak of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, known infamously as the Panama Papers, was published in 2013 and contained names of 32 Bangladeshis.

In 2016, the ICIJ named three new companies, 14 new addresses and 24 individuals with links to Bangladesh on its second list of leaks, nicknamed

the Paradise Papers. This ICIJ database contains information on almost 320,000 offshore entities that are part of the Panama Papers and the Offshore Leaks investigations. The data covers nearly 40 years up to the end of 2015, and links to people and companies in more than 200 countries and territories.

Among those whose affairs have come under scrutiny include former UK Prime Minister David Cameron, presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia, Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine and Mauricio Macri of Argentina, along with Argentinean football star Lionel Messi, Hong Kong film legend Jackie Chan and Spanish movie director Pedro Almodovar.

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