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Mob burns man to death

He was caught for 'killing' night guard in Dinaipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

A mob beat up and burnt a 28-year-old man alive accusing him of killing a security guard and stabbing two others, including a 5-year-old boy, in Birganj upazila of the district early yesterday.

The killings took place beside Dinaipur-Panchagarh highway at Purba Jagdal village, police said.

The security guard was Suruz Ali, 40, son of Abul Kashem and the man killed by villagers was Rabiul Islam, 28, son of Tara Mia. They were residents of Purba Jagdal village.

Hamidul Alam, superintendent of police in Dinaipur, told the reporters Suruz was stabbed to death while he was working near the highway early in the morning. Another security guard Shahid Hossain, 35, and his son Ekramul Haque, 5, were stabbed at Haatkholra area soon afterwards.

As the news spread, angry villagers blocked the highway at Purba Jagdal around 6.00am, causing long tailbacks on the road, he said.

The SP added that Rabiul seemed to have mental instability and evidence suggested he stabbed the three persons.

Action will be taken against the villagers who killed him, he said.

Shakila Parveen, officer-in-charge of Birganj Police Station, said some villagers caught Rabiul with a sharp weapon within an hour at Gorerhat and took him back to Purba Jagdal area while others vandalised his house.

The villagers found bloodstained clothes in his house.

The villagers then beat Rabiul up and burnt him to death, said Chan Mia, a resident of the area.

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A man sits on top of a seemingly overloaded truck crossing the Shah Amanat Bridge on the Karnaphuli River. Inset, Despite the risk and numerous incidents of overloaded trucks tipping over, the practice continues.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

After 2 years, Hasnat freed

STAR REPORT

Abul Hasnat Reza Karim was finally freed yesterday, ending his two years ordeal in jail. His release comes a day after a special tribunal in Dhaka exonerated him from having any involvement in the Gulshan Café attack.

Hasnat, a private university teacher, walked out of Kashimpur High Security jail in Gazipur around 4:30pm and left hurriedly with some of his relatives in a black SUV parked outside the main gate, reports our Gazipur correspondent.

Jailer Bikash Raihan said they received the court order of his release on Wednesday night and after scrutiny and completion of process, he was finally released.

British-Bangladeshi Hasnat took his family to Holey Artisan Café on July 1, 2016, to celebrate his daughter's birthday.

During the attack, he was held hostage, along with his family and several others. He was finally released before the army commandos raided the café the next morning.

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Fresh check-up on Shahidul Alam ordered

HC directs home secy to make arrangement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the home secretary to make arrangements for examining whether noted photographer Shahidul Alam was tortured in custody.

"We direct the respondent No 1 [home secretary] to arrange for further examination with regard to torture of detainee Dr Shahidul Alam," a two-judge HC bench said in the order.

The bench also asked the secretary to submit a report to this effect before the lower court concerned by August 13.

HC said in the order that Rahnuma Ahmed, wife of Shahidul, can take any step at the lower court concerned about the case against Shahidul in accordance with law.

The bench of Justice Syed Muhammad

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Myanmar calls it 'meritless'

Rejects request for ICC Rohingya probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar has categorically rejected the International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor's request to seek jurisdiction over suspected deportations of Rohingyas from Myanmar to Bangladesh, saying it was meritless.

"The request by the prosecutor [of ICC] may be interpreted as an indirect attempt to acquire jurisdiction over Myanmar, which is not a state party to the Rome Statute," said a statement of Myanmar's office of the state counselor yesterday.

Myanmar has declined to engage with the ICC by way of a formal reply. Early April, Fatou Bensouda, chief prosecutor for the ICC in The Hague, had asked judges to rule whether the body has jurisdiction to open a probe into the deportation of the Rohingyas across the international border into Bangladesh.

The Court then asked Myanmar to come up with opinion. The prosecutor had also asked for opinion from Bangladesh, which has already responded to the queries of ICC over its jurisdiction to run a case against Myanmar in regard to the Rohingya issue.

Over 720,000 Rohingyas fled a brutal military campaign since late August last year. Doctors without Borders said in a month since the violence began, some 6,700 from the minority group were killed.

Myanmar, which has been denying Rohingya citizenship, government jobs, healthcare, higher education, freedom of movement, said its action was a response to the attacks by Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA).

Rights bodies and many other countries demanded that the UN Security Council refers Myanmar's situation to the ICC. The UN has not done so or taken any concrete action against Myanmar to address the Rohingya crisis mainly because of opposition from China and Russia, the veto powers.

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ANTI-NARCO DRIVE Two 'drug dealers' killed in 'gunfights'

STAR REPORT

Two alleged drug dealers were killed in separate "gunfights" with police in Chandpur and Rajshahi districts, while one was arrested by police from the capital's Gabtoli, yesterday.

In Chandpur, an unidentified man, assumed to be about 30-years-old, was killed in Shahrasti upazila in the alleged shootout with police, our local correspondent reports.

Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Shahrasti Model Police Station, said that acting on a tip-off, a team of police were patrolling Shorshak area in Suchipara union of the upazila at around 2:30am. When the "drug dealers" attacked them, the police retaliated, triggering the "gunfight" that left one of

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Car that runs on air, goes up to 40 km/hr



REUTERS, Cairo

A group of Egyptian students has designed a vehicle they say will battle rising energy prices and promote clean energy by running on nothing but air.

The undergraduate students, who built the vehicle as part of their graduation project from Helwan University just outside Cairo, are rolling out a prototype one-person vehicle that runs on compressed oxygen.

The go-kart-like vehicle comes as Egypt pushes ahead with painful economic reforms that include deep cuts to energy subsidies, measures tied to a three-year \$12 billion IMF loan program it began in late 2016.

The students say their vehicle can hit 40 kilometres an hour and last 30 kilometres before needing

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3 killed as truck hits rickshaw in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A truck rammed into a battery-powered rickshaw killing three persons at T and T intersection in the district town around 9:45pm yesterday.

In an attempt to escape, the driver rammed into another rickshaw about 200

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BESPECTACLED BEAUTY

A rare Phayre's leaf monkey, locally known as *chosma pora honuman*, on a tree in Lawacharra forest in Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar. This is one of around 20 of the monkeys remaining in the forest. These primates, a species of old world monkeys, have decreased in numbers due to poaching and habitat destruction. The photo was taken last week.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA



ISRAEL AIRSTRIKES ON GAZA

Child, pregnant mother among three killed

UN 'deeply alarmed'; Hamas fires dozens of rockets

AFP, Gaza City

Israel carried out a wave of strikes across Gaza yesterday in response to some 180 rockets and mortars fired at its territory, killing three Palestinians including a toddler in another severe flare-up of violence.

It was the third major escalation since July and came despite attempts by UN officials and Egypt to secure a long-term truce between Israel and Hamas, the Islamist movement that runs the Gaza Strip.

Those killed in the Gaza Strip included Enas Khammash, 23, and her 18-month-old daughter Bayan, according to the health ministry in the Hamas-controlled enclave.

They were killed in an air strike in Jafarawi in central Gaza, the ministry said, while her husband was injured. The ministry said Khammash was also pregnant.

A Hamas militant was also killed in the strikes and at least 12 others injured, the health ministry said.

Two Palestinian officials said on condition of anonymity that Gaza militants halted rocket fire at noon yesterday. One of the officials said "they consider this round of escalation over."

But hours later, a long-range rocket fired from Gaza struck an uninhabited area outside Beersheba, the largest city in southern Israel, Israeli Army Radio reported.

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Badiul bins 'propaganda over dinner at his house'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shujan Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar has alleged that a vested quarter was cooking up a conspiracy theory about the dinner, attended by US Ambassador to Bangladesh Marcia Bernicat, at his Mohammadpur residence on August 4.

In a statement yesterday, he said the dinner was a family event and its date had been fixed 20 days prior to the student movement for safe road began, adding, "A quarter is involved in an ill-effort to present a conspiracy theory over it."

Badiul said the vested quarter is using the mass media for establishing the theory and making the dinner seem like a "secret meeting".

At the same time, he said, the quarter also mentioned the names of some people, saying they were also present at the event, even though they weren't.

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