



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placing a floral wreath at the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on Dhanmondi Road-32 yesterday.

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Nation mourns Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People from all walks of life streamed onto Dhanmondi Road-32 yesterday to pay tribute to the Father of the Nation, as speeches of Bangabandhu and patriotic songs reverberated through the city.

The mourners placed wreaths at Bangabandhu's portrait and stood in sombre silence in observance of the National Mourning Day.

On this day in 1975, some disgruntled army officers assassinated Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members inside his Dhanmondi residence.

Yesterday's programmes began with President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, daughter of Bangabandhu, paying respect to the great leader.

The president and the PM placed floral wreaths at the portrait separately and

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'SPREADING RUMOURS'

3 more students held under sec 57

So far 97 detained in Dhaka alone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three more students were arrested yesterday, in the latest actions against quota and road safety protesters, although police have yet to arrest any of the thugs who attacked demonstrators and journalists during the protests.

The three were held under the controversial section 57 of the ICT act over "spreading rumour and sharing provocative posts" on social media.

Eden College student and quota reform leader Lutfun Nahar Luma, 21, was picked up from Sirajganj in a pre-dawn raid. Nazmus Sakib, 24, a student of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), was held from the capital while Ahmed Hossain, 19, of Jamia Nuria Madrasa, from Kamrangirchar.

Since the student protest for road safety began on July 29 bringing Dhaka to a standstill, at least 97 people, mostly students, have been rounded up in 51 cases in the capital alone over similar charges, according to Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

However, police have failed to arrest any of those who beat up and

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6th-grader 'gang raped', killed

Her mother 'sexually abused'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A sixth-grader was killed after allegedly being raped by four unidentified people at her home in a remote village here on Tuesday night.

The victim's mother, who was at home with her two minor sons when the incident took place, was also sexually abused, alleged her relatives.

However, police later detained her for "interrogation" and did not allow journalists to talk to her.

The deceased, aged about 11, was a student of Mohipur Cooperative High School in Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila.

According to relatives, the girl's mother was sleeping with her two sons aged 2 and 3 on the ground-floor of their two-storey

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Heartbreaking

Bus runs over, kills 2 on motorcycle, ploughs into roadside shops killing a schoolgirl in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Three people were killed when an empty bus ran over two on a motorbike and ploughed into several shops before pinning a schoolgirl to the wall of a shop at Nawdapara market in Rajshahi city yesterday.

Ismail Hossain, 25, and Sabuj, 30, employees of a cable operator, died on the spot. They had been dragged some 100 yards on impact, said witnesses and police.

Anika Sharmin, 13, a student of class-VII at Nawhata Girls School, was declared dead at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. She was returning home from school after taking part in the National Mourning Day programmes.

The bus also hit several vehicles and injured four others. The accident

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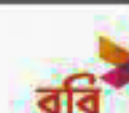
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