

WHERE NO ONE FOLLOWS RULES



Clockwise from left, With a major part of the footpath occupied by vendors, commuters wait for buses on a busy road in Farmgate area yesterday. A biker drives on a footpath on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Illegally parked cars take up almost two lanes of Abdul Gani Road near Secretariat, despite a "no parking" sign. A car drives on the wrong side on Bijoy Sarani.
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NEWS IN brief

Street child hit by vehicle dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An 11-year-old street child died after a vehicle hit him while crossing the road in the capital's Narda area yesterday.

The vehicle hit the boy, identified as Md Lutfor, around 8:00pm, said Salahuddin Miah, inspector (investigation) of Gulshan Police Station.

On information, police rescued the boy and took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the duty doctor declared him dead around 10:15pm, he said, adding that they were not able to identify the vehicle but are trying to trace it.

Police identified the boy after they showed his photo to other street children in the area, but none of them were able to provide any address or information of his relatives.

Two killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Two people were killed in road accidents in Madaripur and Faridpur on Monday and yesterday.

In Madaripur, Kamran Khan, 27, died as a human haulier hit his bicycle yesterday. In Faridpur, trucker Liton Mia, 39, was killed as his vehicle hit another parked truck on Dhaka-Khulna highway on Monday, said police.

Ahmed Younus' death anniv today

CITY DESK

Today marks 10th death anniversary of Alhaj Ahmed Younus, former joint secretary of Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation and founder president of Rajshahi Zila Samity, Dhaka. He was involved in several social activities.

QUOTA, SAFE ROAD DEMOS BCL men beat up CU student for 'spreading rumours'

CU CORRESPONDENT

Several activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Chittagong University (CU) yesterday beat up a student of the university for allegedly spreading rumours on social media during the recent quota reform and safe road movements.

The injured student is Shahedul Islam, a fourth-year student of Education and Research Institute at CU.

Shahedul claimed that around 10 to 12 BCL men took him to a corner of a tea stall in front of the arts and humanities faculty building around 12:10pm when he went there to have some snacks.

"They started beating me asking why I took part in the protests for safe roads and quota reformation," he claimed.

He said some journalists rescued him and sent him to the university medical centre.

Abu Tayub, chief medical officer at the centre, said Shahedul was referred to Chittagong Medical College Hospital as he suffered head injuries. He was later released from the hospital.

Contacted, Mansur Alam, a leader of the BCL group involved in the beating, said Shahedul spread rumours and posted provocative posts from his Facebook account to confuse students during the recent demonstrations.

"That's why our activists beat him," he said, adding that Shahedul was also involved in Shibir politics.

When asked, Shahedul admitted his involvement with the student protests, but said he did not spread any rumours on social media nor was he involved in Shibir politics.

CU Assistant Proctor Litan Mitra said they were looking into the matter.

ACC sues railway official over graft

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday sued a railway official for allegedly taking bribe and not disclosing his sources of income, officials said.

Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) Sharif Uddin of ACC Chittagong Zone filed the case with Kotwali Police Station against Oli Ullah Sumon, an assistant claims inspector at Bangladesh Railway.

According to the case statement, from August 2010 to January 2018, a total of Tk 1.38cr was deposited into two bank accounts held by Sumon at Sonali Bank Limited and Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited.

ACC investigations found that the money came from different parts of the country in his accounts during this time, the DAD said, adding that the transactions raised suspicion.

"Sumon mentioned salary and family business as his source of income while opening the bank accounts. But the probe found that he had no such family business. Also, it is illegal for a government employee to do any business while in service. Therefore, the source of his money is unclear," the ACC official said.

In 2013, he bought five decimals of land worth Tk 24 lakh in Kishorgani, the ACC found during probe.

In 2016, he took Tk 3,40,000 as bribe from one Mizanur Rahman, promising that he would arrange a job for Mizan in the railway, the DAD added.

ANTI-NARCOTICS DRIVE

Deaths in shootouts 'necessary' for peace

Says CMP chief, blames border forces' failure in preventing yaba proliferation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Defending law enforcing agencies' position against drug traders, Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Commissioner Mahbubur Rahman yesterday said the deaths in shootouts between law enforcement agencies and drug peddlers happen for the sake of peace.

"The drug peddlers do not listen to religious sermons, advice or sympathetic behaviour, as drug trading is an easy and highly profitable business. The traders will only stop the illegal business if their life is under threat," the CMP chief said.

He came up with the remarks while addressing an anti-narcotics rally held at Muslim Hall of the city. Kotwali Police Station organised the rally under community policing initiative, in which people of various professions took part.

Speaking as the chief guest, the CMP commissioner said "They [the drug peddlers] carry weapons to secure their business because it involves large sums of money."

"There is no alternative; the lives lost were for the sake of peace. If they [the peddlers] attack law enforcers, then we [police]

have the right to use our weapons in retaliation," Mahbubur said.

"You see, drug peddling has already been reduced significantly due to the strict stance of law enforcers," he added.

The police chief also blamed the failure of border security forces for yaba being smuggled into the country through the borders.

"10 lakh yaba pills enter into the country through one point of the border, and later it spreads to 100 places. What would be easier... plugging that one point or 100 points?" he questioned.

The CMP boss said no one, even the media, speaks about the failure of border security forces in this regard. "Police can do nothing within five kilometres of the border, as it remains under the jurisdiction of border security forces," he added.

"I request the government to strengthen Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Bangladesh Coast Guard, so that the forces can discharge their duty properly and effectively to curb drug smuggling," said the CMP commissioner.

He said there is a conspiracy against Bangladesh to destroy the land through yaba

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Abducted tea vendor found dead in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered the decomposed body of a tea vendor from a bush in Savar early yesterday, 14 days after he had been abducted.

The law enforcers also arrested two youths -- Mehedi, 22, and Hasan, 24.

On August 20, Sagor Hossen, 20, a tea stall owner in Khalek Market area in Aukpara, went out of his house saying that one of his customers over phone asked him to repay money he had borrowed. He had been missing since then, said family and police.

On August 21, an unidentified man called Sagor's mother from Sagor's number, demanding Tk 80,000 for her son's release. The man made the demand till August 29, they said.

As the family failed to manage the money and found the phone switched off, Sagor's mother Khadiza Begum filed a general diary with Ashulia Police Station on August 30, they added.

On Monday, police arrested Mehedi and Hasan by tracking phone numbers, said Sub-Inspector Moniruzzaman of the police station.

Following their confessional statements, the law enforcers recovered the body from the bush, about 2.5 kilometres away from the victim's house, said the SI.

Yesterday, Khadiza filed a murder case against three persons including the arrestees.

TV reporter Mamunur Rashid passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mamunur Rashid, a 32-year-old reporter at Ekushey Television, passed away on Monday night.

He was feeling unwell on Monday evening and fell asleep after going to a friend's home at Farmgate in Dhaka. He did not respond when his friend called him for dinner. Friends suspect that he died from cardiac arrest.

Mamun, who used to cover the prime minister beat as a senior reporter, was brought dead at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases around 11:30pm on Monday.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held on ETV premises yesterday. ETV Chief Editor and Chief Executive Officer Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul, Managing Director Maj Gen (retd) AK Mohammad Ali Shikder, Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbub-ul Alam Hanif, Prime Minister's Deputy Press Secretary Ashraf Alam Khokon and Dhaka Reporters' Unity President Saiful Alam, among others, joined the janaza. Mamun's body was taken to his village home in Narail where he was buried.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader condoled the untimely death.

MRI of waist finds tumour in brain!

Diagnostic centre promptly corrects blooper

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Octogenarian Nazir Ahmed fell down on the floor of his house at Chandgaon in the port city on August 26, and got hurt in the waist. He was admitted to a private clinic in the city the same day, and was undergoing treatment.

His doctor prescribed an MRI test, said Shahidul Kawsar, son of Nazir, adding, "My father was brought to Chevron Clinical Laboratories in the port city for the MRI test on September 1."

"The MRI of my father's waist [Lumbo-Sacral Spine] was performed there," he said, adding, "But we were shocked to see the report mentioning that my father was suffering from brain tumour."

"Although the subject line of the MRI test writes 'Lumbo-Sacral Spine', the comment of the report said my father has a 'Large well-defined lobulated intra-axial solid heterogeneously enhancing lesion'," he said.

"Seeing the report, the doctor understood that it was a wrong report made by Chevron and asked us to contact the

diagnostic centre," he said, adding, "We immediately contacted Chevron authorities with the report, and they said it was a printing mistake and gave us the actual report."

"But my question is: how did the clinic authorities make such a major mistake? They charge steeply for the tests, but do not maintain minimum quality in preparation and delivery of the reports," said Shahidul.

Contacted, the patient's physician Dr Samirul said he was informed from the clinic over phone about the report, and after hearing it, he told the on-duty doctor that it was not the report of that patient.

"When I got the report in the evening, it was okay," he said.

Pulak Parial, general manager of Chevron Clinical Laboratories, said it was a mistake in typing and placement in the IT section of the clinic.

"Being a responsible diagnostic centre, we should be more responsible. We are ashamed," he said, adding, "We have already fired the staff liable for it, and will be more cautious in future."

Deception leads to tragedy

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When asked, Mamunur Rashid, additional deputy commissioner (land acquisition) of Chittagong, said to his knowledge, they did not receive any proposal of acquiring land at Barua Para for any development work.

Meanwhile, work continues on the land. Biplob Banta, executive engineer of Palli Bidyut Samity, Chittagong (north), said it was going on as per the design by the consultant. "We have no authority to change that."

He also claimed that they have paid Tk 20,000 compensation to the family.

When asked whether they had any

authority to acquire land on their own or pay compensation directly to anyone, he said, "The land was acquired as per law and the compensation package was 'handled' by the project implementation office."

He also denied the allegation of obtaining the woman's fingerprints falsely and reiterated, "Everything was done in line with the existing law."

Mostafa Kamal, project director of the electrification work, and Maj Gen (retd) Moin Uddin, chairman of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, did not answer multiple phone calls seeking comments.

This correspondent also sent them text messages, but they did not reply.

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