



Criminals have put up a banner of Cotton Textile Crafts Ltd at the entrance to “PHA Bhaban” of Gonoshasthaya Kendra, founded by Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury, in Savar yesterday after vandalising the building. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Gonoshasthaya

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The attackers also hung a banner reading, “Cotton Textile Crafts Ltd” in front of the PHA Bhaban, Alamgir said.
LLM student Limon told The Daily Star that he was attacked when he tried to save female students from being harassed.

He is undergoing treatment at the surgery ward of Gonoshasthya Hospital, which is on the premises of Gonoshasthaya Kendra. Doctors said his right arm was fractured.

Limon came under the national spotlight in 2011, after a Rab team shot him, “having mistaken” him for a criminal. His injured leg had to be amputated.

Alamgir alleged that police did not take any action despite being informed. “We filed a written complaint but police did not record it as a GD.”

Javed Masud, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Ashulia Police Station, said a police team visited the scene and denied receiving any written complaint.

According to Gonoshasthaya officials, the building attacked yesterday was built in 2000.

Visiting the site yesterday, this correspondent saw that the main entrance, glass fittings, and part of the boundary walls were broken.

Jailer held

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Talking to our Chattogram staff correspondent, Prashanta Kumar Banik, senior jail superintendent of Chattogram Central Jail, said Soheli went on a five-day leave from yesterday. He had been there for the last nine months.

There is an allegation against Soheli that he takes drugs, he said. “Earlier, Soheli was transferred elsewhere from the Chattogram Central Jail by the higher authorities within three months of his joining there in 2009 over some allegations,” Prashanta said.

The senior jail superintendent said he warned Soheli over allegations of his taking drugs and misconduct with jail staffers after he took charge again. Prashanta added that he informed the higher authorities about Soheli’s arrest. Departmental action would be taken against Soheli if he was found guilty.

10 killed

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Babul Haque of Dashmile village, who witnessed the accident, told reporters that when the truck was crossing Dashmile Bazar area, the Banglabandha-bound bus crashed head-on with it.

On information, police and firefighters rushed to the spot, rescued the injured and took them to Panchagarh Sadar Hospital. The wounded were undergoing treatment at the sadhar hospital and the RMCH.

Japan rejects UN call to stop returns to Fukushima

AFP, Tokyo

Japan’s government yesterday rejected calls from a UN rights expert to halt the return of women and children to areas affected by the Fukushima nuclear disaster over radiation fears.

UN special rapporteur Baskut Tuncak on Thursday warned that people felt they were “being forced to return to areas that are unsafe, including those with radiation levels above what the government previously considered safe.”

In the wake of the Fukushima disaster, Japan’s government lifted its standard for the acceptable level of radiation to 20 millisieverts per year from 1 millisievert.

It has been urged to revise that level back down again, but has rejected calls to do so, a decision Tuncak called “deeply troubling.”

French court orders new probe in Paris bombing case

AFP, Paris

A French court yesterday ordered a new probe into evidence allegedly linking a Lebanese-Canadian academic to the 1980 deadly bombing of a Paris synagogue before deciding whether to put him on trial.

The October 3, 1980, bombing of a synagogue on 24 Rue Copernic in Paris, which killed four people and injured 46, was the first fatal attack against Jews in France since the Nazi occupation in World War II.

Yesterday, the appeals court said it would grant an anti-terrorist investigating magistrate until February 15 to further analyse a handwritten hotel registration form, which prosecutors claim was filled out by Hassan Diab, the only identified suspect in the case.

Diab, 64, was extradited from Canada to France in 2014, but then released earlier this year after French magistrates ruled evidence against him was “not convincing enough” to hold him.

Prosecutors had appealed the decision and the Paris court had been expected to decide yesterday whether to drop all charges or proceed with a trial.

Prosecutors and defence lawyers have already long haggled over results of previ-

ous handwriting analysis carried out on five words left on a hotel registration form.

The form was filled out in the name of Alexander Panadriyu who, investigators believe, was a false identity used by Diab who is currently living in Canada.

“The court still has a doubt (...) and it wants to close all loopholes before reaching a decision,” Diab’s lawyer William Bourdon said.

Diab has always denied involvement, saying he was taking exams in Beirut at the time of the bombing.

Diab, a former professor of sociology at Ottawa University, was accused of planting the bomb inside the saddle bag of a motorbike parked outside the packed synagogue close to the Champs-Élysées, where hundreds of people had gathered for Sabbath prayers.

Evidence presented against him also included a sketch of the bomber which resembles Diab and the discovery of a passport in his name with entry and exit stamps from Spain, where the bomber is believed to have fled.

There were also testimonies from witnesses that Diab was a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) at the time of the bombing.

Oikyafront rally today

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permission was denied for security reasons.

The Oikyafront was asked to organise the rally on one side of the road in front of the BNP office, leaving the other side open to traffic, he said, adding that they were asked to wrap up by 5:00pm.

The event is scheduled to start at 2:00pm with Dr Kamal Hossain as the chief guest. BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and other alliance leaders will also be present.

The Jatiya Oikyafront -- an alliance of BNP, Jatiya Oikya Prokriya, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Rab), and Nagorik Oikya -- held its first rally in Sylhet on October 24.

ARRESTS CONTINUE

Chattogram city BNP Vice-president Abu Sufian said “false cases” had been filed against BNP leaders and activists. “A case was even filed against a dead

person.”

BNP leaders alleged that police were conducting raids in the city to arrest activists of the BNP and other parties of the Oikyafront ahead of the rally.

About 10 BNP activists were arrested on Wednesday night in different areas, said City BNP President Shahadat.

“The government is trying to create panic although it said a level playing field would be created for all parties during the polls.”

Over a hundred leaders and activists were arrested in the last seven days in different areas of the city, he said. He, however, hoped that the rally would be a success as “people are united to press home their right to vote and to revive democracy”.

Asked, the CMP commissioner said police only arrested the people accused in different cases.

BNP likely to offer 100 seats

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while Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna from Bogura. These parties are key members of the Oikyafront launched on October 13.

The EC is likely to declare the polls schedule after meeting President Abdul Hamid at the Bangabhaban on November 1. However, neither the BNP-led 20-party combine nor the Oikyafront has yet formally announced whether it would participate in the polls.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, BNP Standing Committee Member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy said, “We will join the polls only if Khaleda Zia is released from jail and the election is held under a nonpartisan government.”

“The way all political parties have united for the seven-point demand [placed by the Oikyafront], we hope they will agree on the finalisation of candidature.”

Manna told this newspaper yesterday, “We are yet to discuss the seat sharing issue. Currently, we are waging a movement for a free, fair and inclusive election. We will sit with the alliance partners once the demand is met.”

However, sources in the 20-party alliance said it was almost final that leaders from the BNP’s key ally Jamaat-e-Islami would be given 25 to 30 seats to run.

Jamaat can’t contest the polls as the EC has scrapped the party’s registration. It, however, wants the BNP to set aside 60 seats for its leaders.

Out of the 20 parties, only nine are registered with the EC. Among the Jatiya Oikyafront parties, Gonoforum and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal have the registration.

Liberal Democratic Party Chairman Col (ret’d) Oli Ahmed is likely to contest from two constituencies while Bangladesh Jatiya Party Chairman Andaleev Rahman Partha from two seats. The two parties are components of the 20-party alliance.

“Election is now our secondary issue. The seven-point demand of the Oikyafront is now our main focus. If the demands are met, we will go for election,” Andaleev told The Daily Star.

Although the alliance leaders are yet to say anything publicly about the seat sharing issue, they have already sought around 174 seats for their aspiring MP candidates, according to alliance insiders.

Powerful quake strikes off Greece

AFP, Athens

A powerful 6.8-magnitude earthquake struck off Greece yesterday and was felt strongly in the tourist hotspot island of Zante, monitoring agencies said.

Electricity in the main town, also called Zante, was down while the fire service reported damage to the road network caused by landslides.

It hit off the southern part of the island, also known as Zakynthos, in the Ionian Sea at 1.50 am (2250 GMT Thursday), according to the US Geological Survey (USGS).

“There has been no damage to houses, according to the first reports,” a spokesperson for the fire service told AFP.

A 12th century Byzantine monument on a small island near Zante has been severely damaged, local media reported.

The earthquake was also felt on mainland Greece, including in the western town of Pyrgos.

USGS said the quake, which struck at a depth of 16.6 kilometres (10 miles), was preceded by a shake of 5.0 and followed by a series of smaller aftershocks.

It said there was a low likelihood of casualties.

The Athens earthquake observatory said the tremor was felt strongly in Zante, a popular holiday destination with its own international airport.

Greece lies on major fault lines and is regularly hit by earthquakes, but they rarely cause casualties.

However, in July 2017 a magnitude 6.7 earthquake killed two people on the island of Kos in the Aegean sea, causing significant damage.

Zante island experienced a major earthquake in 1953 of 6.4, killing hundreds of victims and injuring thousands, leaving the island in ruins.

'Drug peddler'

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retreated and the body of Lalu, a listed top drug peddler and an associate of infamous robber Abdul Hamid, was found on the spot, the OC claimed.

Two locally made firearms, 10 bullets and 6,000 yaba pills were recovered from the spot, he added.

The body was sent to Cox’s Bazar Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

With Lalu, at least 245 suspected drug dealers and peddlers have been killed since the nationwide anti-narcotics drive began on May 4.

Police claim that at least 52 of them were killed in “gunfights” triggered by internal conflicts.

Hilsa catching

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awareness among the fishermen, it is really difficult to stop them.”

The district fisheries officer said about 189 raids were conducted between October 7 and October 23 in the district. During the drives, 280 people were jailed, 74 others fined and 1.9 tonnes of hilsa was recovered through 76 mobile courts.

Deputy Commissioner SM Ferdous said the district administration was conducting mobile courts and trying to create awareness among the fishermen about protection of mother hilsa.

The government has banned catching hilsa from October 7 to October 28 to protect hilsa, which is a national resource.

Floods kill six in southern Russia

AFP, Moscow

Six people died in floods in southern Russia which also damaged regional infrastructure including an oil pipeline, authorities said yesterday, as emergency workers were struggling to provide food and water to the victims.

Flash floods affected parts of the Krasnodar region, including the area around the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, where Moscow hosted the Winter Olympics in 2014.

Russia’s emergencies ministry said it had recovered the bodies of six people while clearing rubble and two people were hospitalised.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told journalists that all the government services are “working in emergency mode” to battle the “ruthless elements.”

The emergencies ministry said over 2,300 houses were flooded in the region.

Flash floods frequently cause devastating damage in the area wedged between the Black Sea and the Caucasus mountain range as mountain rivers swell and destroy settlements below.

Similar floods in 2012 killed over 150 people around Krymsk, another town in the region.

A regional subsidiary of Russian oil transport company Transneft said Friday that the flash floods and resulting landslides “damaged a pipeline” in the region’s Tuapse district causing “a spill of five cubic metres of oil.”

The company is working to keep the oil from getting into the Tuapse river, a major source of water for the town of Tuapse, home to over 60,000 people.

The floods also damaged a major railway line and roads, authorities said. Russian Railways, the country’s rail monopoly, said Thursday that 31 passenger trains were stopped due to the damage, and passengers were being bussed to the nearest stations to continue their journeys.

Who gave order to kill

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people to come to Turkey?” he said, referring to a 15-man Saudi security team Turkey said flew into Istanbul hours before the killing.

Saudi officials initially denied having anything to do with Khashoggi’s disappearance after he entered the consulate, before announcing that an internal inquiry suggested he was killed by mistake in a botched operation to return him to the kingdom.

Riyadh says 18 people have been arrested and five senior government officials have been sacked as part of the investigation. Prince Mohammed, Riyadh’s de facto ruler who casts himself as a reformer, has said the killers will be brought to justice.

Erdogan said he had spoken with Prince Mohammed. “I also told the crown prince. I said, ‘You know how to make people talk. Whatever happened between these 18 people, this dodgy business is among them. If you are determined to lift suspicion, then the key point of our cooperation is these 18 people.’”

WEST MULLS REPERCUSSIONS

How Western allies deal with Riyadh will hinge on the extent to which they believe responsibility for Khashoggi’s death lies directly with Prince Mohammed and the Saudi authorities.

The stakes are high. Saudi Arabia is the lynchpin of a US-backed regional alliance against Iran but the outcry over the murder has strained Riyadh’s relations with the West. Dozens of Western officials, bankers and executives boycotted a major investment conference in Riyadh this week.

Erdogan also said Saudi Arabia’s public prosecutor was due in Istanbul on Sunday to meet its regional chief prosecutor.

“Of course, we have other information; documents, but there is no need to be too hasty,” said Erdogan, who previously described Khashoggi’s demise as a “savagely killing” and demanded Riyadh punish those responsible, no matter

how highly placed.

On Thursday, Saudi state television quoted the Saudi public prosecutor as saying the killing had been planned in advance and that suspects were being interrogated on the basis of information provided by a joint Saudi-Turkish task force.

Turkish officials suspect Saudi security agents killed Khashoggi, 59, inside the consulate and dismembered his body. Turkish sources say authorities have an audio recording purportedly documenting the murder.

Pro-government Turkish newspaper Yeni Safak, citing the audio, reported that Saudi agents cut off his fingers during an interrogation and later beheaded him.

CIA DIRECTOR BRIEFS TRUMP

US CIA Director Gina Haspel heard an audio of the killing during a visit to Turkey this week, sources told Reuters and she briefed President Donald Trump about Turkey’s findings and her discussions after her return to Washington on Thursday.

It remains unclear what can be heard in the audio. Officials from the CIA and Turkish intelligence declined to comment.

However, a European security source who was briefed by people who listened to the audio said of the recording: “There was an argument at the beginning, they insulted each other, it then developed. (Saudi said) ‘Let’s give a lesson to him.’”

In Moscow, the Kremlin said yesterday that Russia has no reason to doubt the statements of the Saudi king and crown prince that the royal family was not involved in the murder.

Khashoggi’s eldest son Salah and his family left Saudi Arabia this week after the government lifted a travel ban, according to Human Rights Watch.

His departure came after he was photographed with Prince Mohammed during a condolence visit, staring coldly as the pair shook hands.

Sri Lanka

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platform of economic reform and accountability for atrocities committed during his opponent’s 10-year rule at the close of Sri Lanka’s bloody civil war.

Colombo was on the verge of facing economic sanctions from Western nations over Rajapakse’s human rights record before his government lost office.

Maithripala Sirisena, who was Rajapaksa’s minister of health, broke away from him to contest the presidential elections, reported NDTV Online.

Political analysts said President Sirisena’s move to install Rajapaksa as the prime minister could lead to a constitutional crisis as the 19th amendment to the Constitution passed in 2015 would not allow the sacking of Wickremesinghe as the premier without a majority.

The ousted PM Wickremesinghe hit out at his shock sacking and said he will challenge his ouster in court.

“This is not legal,” he said, referring to his dismissal and the appointment of controversial former strongman president Mahinda Rajapakse to replace him. “I will go to court.”

Wickremesinghe said he still retained a majority in the 225-member

parliament. The Rajapaksa and Sirisena combine has only 95 seats and is short of a simple majority. Wickremesinghe’s UNP has 106 seats on its own with just seven short of the majority.

The surprise move comes after disagreements between Sirisena and Wickremesinghe over economic policy and day-to-day administration of the government.

The pair were reported to have clashed in cabinet last week over government plans to lease a container terminal to neighbouring India.

Earlier this year, Sirisena reneged on a pledge not to run for re-election, sparking tensions with Wickremesinghe who is believed to have his own presidential ambitions.

Sirisena is also believed to be behind a failed attempt to impeach Wickremesinghe in April.

Last week, it was reported that Maithripala Sirisena accused his senior coalition partner the UNP of not taking seriously an alleged conspiracy to assassinate him and Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, the former top defence ministry bureaucrat and brother of ex-president Mahinda Rajapaksa.

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