

UPDF man killed in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A member of United People's Democratic Front was killed allegedly by a group of unidentified criminals in Bandarban's Baghaichari upazila yesterday.

The dead is Uday Bikash Chakma alias Sikke Dhan, 45, of Bongoltoli union in the upazila. He was the organiser of Bongoltoli union unit UPDF.

According to police and witnesses, a group of criminals opened fire on the UPDF leader when he was having tea at a local tea stall in Horengatoli area. Uday was left dead on the spot.

In a statement UPDF Rangamati unit Organiser Sochol Chakma alleged that PCJSS-MN Larma was involved with the murder.

Sochol also demanded immediate detentions of the killers in his statement.

Contacted, Prashanto Chakma, assistant information and publicity secretary of PCJSS-MN Larma Central Committee, denied UPDF's allegation and said Uday might have been killed over UPDF's internal conflicts.

Muhammad Abul Monjur, officer-in-charge of Baghaichari Police Station, said they recovered the body from the spot and sent it to Khagrachhari General Hospital for autopsy.

No case was lodged and no one was held in this connection till the time this report was filed.

More than 52 people were killed in suspected inter-party conflicts between regional political parties in Rangamati and Khagrachhari in last two years.

Girl raped in Dhamrai

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A 17-year-old girl has allegedly been raped by two youths in Dhaka's Dhamrai upazila.

The girl yesterday filed a case with Dhamrai Police Station accusing two youths -- Babu and Rezaul.

According to the case statement, the duo took the girl to an abandoned house in Shoilan area Saturday night and raped her.

The criminals threatened to kill her if she disclosed the matter to anyone, the case statement read.

Dipok Saha, officer-in-charge of Dhamrai Police Station, said they were trying to arrest the accused who went into hiding after the incident.

The girl was sent to One-Stop Crisis Centre at Dhaka Medical College Hospital for medical tests, the OC added.

CHAWKBAZAR FIRE

It originated from Wahed Mansion's first floor

Finds home ministry probe

Unb, Dhaka

The devastating Chawkbazar fire that claimed the lives of at least 71 people on February 20 originated from the first floor of Wahed Mansion, says the probe body formed by the home ministry.

The five-member committee submitted its report to Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday.

Seeking anonymity, a home ministry official said the probe body mentioned in its report that the fire ensued from the first floor of the building. But he declined to elaborate further.

On February 22, the home ministry formed the five-member committee, headed by additional secretary Pradip Ranjan Chakraborty, to investigate the incident.



PHOTO: PTI

Flanked by ministers and senior Awami League leaders, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina places a wreath at the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in the city's Dhanmondi yesterday, marking the historic March 7.

The day after the thunder

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delivered one of the greatest speeches in history at the Race Course Maidan (now Suhrawardi Udyan), stopping short of directly declaring independence.

His words no less changed the path of the nation going forward.

On March 8, the radio station in Dhaka aired Bangabandhu's Race Course speech at 8:30am. Other radio stations in the then East Pakistan followed.

By now, "civil disobedience" was launched and Bangabandhu's edicts were being fully observed. Sharing the dreams of freedom, Bangalees of all ages took the responsibility of achieving it with a passion.

The Pakistani rule continued to be rejected.

Support for Bangabandhu's powerful words poured in. The then Chhatra League president Nur-e-Alam Siddiqui, General Secretary Shahjahan Shiraj, DUCSU Vice-President ASM Abdur Rob and it's General Secretary Abdul Quddus Makhani shared their support for the speech.

They jointly stated that this fight for liberation would be termed the "Freedom Fight" and Bangabandhu "the Father of the Nation".

The impact of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's speech was gaining visibility both inside and outside the coun-

try.

Almost 10,000 Bangladeshis living in Britain gathered in front of the Pakistani High Commission in London to demand an independent Bangladesh.

In Rajshahi, military authorities imposed an indefinite curfew from 9:00pm. This was deemed unreasonable and the military was urged to withdraw it.

In the morning, Bangalees working in Pakistani International Airlines marched out of the Airport and brought out a procession to Sheikh Mujib's Dhanmondi residence.

Later that night, in a statement by general secretary of the Awami

League, he said the press note released by the military authorities gave a gross and wrong depiction of the events, as they significantly lowered the number of casualties and deaths of innocent civilians during their crackdown.

In Islamabad, Peoples' Party Chairman ZA Bhutto declined to make a comment on the conditions Bangabandhu had given to join the National Assembly on March 25.

Black flags waved on the rooftops of every Bangalee, following the orders made by Bangabandhu and signifying the approach of war.

(Source: Liberation War Museum)

Dhaka places \$35b proposal

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"The Saudi authorities will conduct studies on the proposed projects and then they will inform us about the decision on investment very soon."

He added he was hopeful of getting a green signal as the committee included the planning minister of Saudi Arabia who was authorised to make the decision.

However, Kamal said the real investment figure would be finalised after the studies were conducted.

A 34-member Saudi delegation arrived in Dhaka last night to join the meeting, with the Saudi commerce and planning ministers having arrived earlier on Wednesday.

"I want to assure you this is a new chapter of Saudi-Bangladesh relationship," Saudi Commerce Minister Qasabi said during an introductory session yesterday morning.

Terming Bangladesh an "Asian Tiger," he said his country was "serious" in seeking out and enhancing businesses in Bangladesh.

"We are here to [offer] support. We are here to work, identify scopes, listen and open the highway of dialogue between the two countries."

He also expressed interest in forming a Saudi-Bangladesh business council to enhance bilateral trade and invite Bangladeshi businesses to Riyadh.

Finance Minister Kamal said when the PM had urged the Saudi king and crown prince in October 2018 to send a business delegation to Bangladesh to get first-hand experience of the prospects of business in

Bangladesh.

On her request, the Saudi government sent the high-level team, comprised of two senior ministers, two deputy ministers and business tycoons.

Kamal claimed that the visiting Saudi delegation believed that Bangladesh had improved more.

Bangladesh placed 17 projects for Saudi investment, including a rail link from Bhanga to Pyara port, high speed railway linking Dhaka-Chattogram, establishment of oil-refinery and petro-chemical complex, storage, establishment of aircraft maintenance facility in Lalmonirhat, a manufacturing unit for high-voltage cables and construction of hotels and tourism facilities, along with a Saudi special economic zone in Mirsarai, a urea-ammonia plant and upgrading service of state-owned mobile operator Teletalk to 4G.

2 AGREEMENTS, 4 MoUs SIGNED Bangladesh inked two agreements and four memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with Saudi Arabia.

The deals included a \$ 100 million agreement between Alfanar Company and Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Limited for 100MW Solar IPP and a \$35 million agreement between General Electric Manufacturing Company Limited and Engineering Dimension on manufacturing transformers and electricity devices.

The MoUs included one signed between Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation and Yousuf Al Rajhi Const Est on urea formaldehyde

plant; one between Al Maml Trading Est and BMET; an MoU between Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation and Al-Afaliq Group on Saudi-Bangladesh institute of biomedical engineering and technology; and one between Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation and Riyadh Cables Group of Companies on manufacturing cables.

Welcoming the two Saudi ministers, Hasina conveyed her regards to the Saudi king and the crown prince, reports UNB.

The PM said her government had set up special economic zones where the government was giving land to various companies so that they could establish industries as per their choice.

In this regard, she asked the Saudi entrepreneurs to invest in the special economic zones for mutual benefits.

Talking about THE aeronautics sector, which was identified for Saudi investment, she said the government had enacted a law to set up an Aviation and Aerospace University in Lalmonirhat.

PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT Replying to a question regarding private sector investment, Finance Minister Kamal said they had placed a list of projects which would be studied before approval.

According to the proposal, around 17 projects were placed to the Saudi delegation at a cost of around \$3 billion.

The minister said if they invest here, Bangladesh would fulfill regional demand as well as their expectation.

HC asks for list of ICUs

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include the manpower and the number of specialists needed for an ICU and a CCU, and the cost of setting up such a unit in the report.

The HC bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Md Khairul Alam came up with the order while hearing a writ filed by Human Rights Lawyers and Securing Environment Society of Bangladesh.

During the hearing, petitioner's lawyer Bashir Ahmed appealed for passing an order on the government to set up ICUs and CCUs at all hospitals so that patients could get proper treatment.

Earlier in the day, Deputy Attorney General Motaheer Hossain Sajju submitted a draft of the rules prepared by the government for setting up and running private clinics, hospitals and diagnostic centres.

Replying to a query from the court, he said there are 72 ICUs at public hospitals across the country, and 30 of them are at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Motaheer opposed Bashir's appeal, saying that a huge amount of money and several expert doctors and manpower were needed for setting up and running an ICU and a CCU.

The country is not poor now and the healthcare services are improving, the HC said.

The court also mentioned that renowned Indian cardiologist Dr Devi Shetty appreciated healthcare services in Bangladesh, but those were not so visible.

Human Rights Lawyers and Securing Environment Society of Bangladesh submitted the petition in

One dead

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before it went off around 11:30 am, reported news agency IANS.

A parked bus of the state road transport corporation (SRTC) suffered extensive damage in the blast which caused panic among the people.

"Whenever there is heightened state of alert, we strengthen checking and frisking but there is always a possibility of someone slipping through and this one seems to be a case like that," the IGP M K Sinha said.

The officer said there was no specific input about such an attack in the city.

Immediately after the explosion, people ran to safety and later as the situation returned to normal, shifted the injured to the hospital.

"The blast occurred on the road side when there was huge rush of people. I had come to drop my wife who was going to board a bus to Punjab," one of the injured, Kuldeep Singh of the Pragwal area of the city, said.

Singh, who is undergoing treatment along with his wife at Government Medical College hospital for injuries, said he felt that somebody hurled something which caused the powerful explosion, reported PTI.

On December 28-29 last year, suspected terrorists carried out a grenade attack on the bus stand with the intention to target the local police station building, an attack which took place seven months after another grenade attack along the B C Road left two policemen and a civilian injured on May 24, 2018.

A senior government minister condemned the yesterday's attack. "I wish the injured a speedy recovery," added Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Twitter.

Jammu and Kashmir state is divided between Kashmir, a Muslim-majority region that sees a large amount of militant activity, and Jammu, a Hindu-majority region and home to a city of the same name, where such action is less common.

Kashmir has been divided and disputed since the partition of the British colony of India and the creation of independent India and Pakistan in 1947.

They both rule it in part but claim it in full.

Famous Einstein puzzle

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scientific writings in the late 1940s.

There are also letters that Einstein, born in Germany in 1879, wrote to collaborators that deal with a range of scientific and personal issues, including one to his son, Hans Albert.

The 1935 letter to his son expresses concern about the rise of the Nazi party in Germany.

Nearly all the documents had been known to researchers and available in the form of copies -- "sometimes better copies, sometimes very poor copies", said Hanoch Gutfreund, scientific advisor to the university's Einstein archives.

Gutfreund, a physics professor and former president of the university, said the eight-page appendix of the 1930 unified theory paper had never been published, though researchers had copies of it.

"But in the copies we had, one page was missing, and that was a problem. That was a puzzle," Gutfreund told AFP.

"And to our surprise, to our delight, that page is now here. It came with the new material," he said.

Hebrew University said: "This article was one of many in Einstein's attempts to unify the forces of nature into one, single theory and he devoted the last 30 years of his life to this effort."

The collection, acquired through a donation from the Crown-Goodman foundation in Chicago, was bought from Gary Berger, a North Carolina doctor who had a private collection of Einstein writings.

Gutfreund refused to divulge the sum paid for the 110 papers.

Einstein was one of the founding fathers of the Hebrew University and served as a non-resident governor of the Jerusalem institution.

When the physicist died in 1955, he bequeathed the university his archives, with curator Roni Grosz saying its 82,000 items make it the world's most extensive collection of Einstein documents.



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