

Rajshahi University students take to the street in front of the campus yesterday, demanding safe roads and justice over the death of a university student in an accident in Dhaka on Tuesday.

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'Killed out of jealousy'

PBI finalises charges against six for murdering student couple in Rajshahi hotel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) has finalised murder charges against six people for the deaths of a student couple in a hotel room in Rajshahi in 2016. A previous investigation had claimed that the male student killed the girl and then died by suicide.

"We've completed the investigation and will submit the charge sheet upon getting approval from higher authorities," Abul Kalam Azad, additional superintendent of police of Rajshahi PBI, told The Daily Star yesterday.

While investigating, Mohidul Islam, the investigation officer, found that four persons gang-raped the girl and murdered the couple in their hotel room. Two of the hotel staffers assisted the killers.

The IO said the couple was murdered out of jealousy as the girl broke up with one of the four killers.

On April 22, 2016, police recovered the bodies of Mizanur Rahman, 22, a student of Rajshahi University and his fiancée Sumaiya Nasrin, 20, a student of Pabna University of Science and Technology, from a room of Hotel Nice International in the city's Shaheb Bazar area.

Mizanur's body was found hanging from the ceiling with hands tied with a scarf. Sumaiya's body was found on the bed. There were stab marks on her body and her face was buried under a pillow.

A case was filed with Boalia Police Station. raped her and killed them.

Ten months later, police submitted final report, stating that Mizanur hanged himself after killing Sumaiya. The autopsy confirmed his suicide.

A Rajshahi court said the report failed to answer how Mizanur could take his life with hands tied, why his body bore torture marks and why cigarettes of three brands were found in the room. On April 17, 2017, the court asked PBI to reinvestigate. PBI then went through Mizanur's call records, which

was not done previously. After investigation, PBI identified Ahsan Habib, 20; Rahat Mahmud, 21; Borhan Kabir Utso, 22; and Al Amin, 20; -- all university and college students in Rajshahi and two hotel staffers -- Md Bokhtiar, 32; and Nayan Hossain, 32.

confessional statements before courts, admitting their involvement. Habib and Utso said they murdered the couple as Sumaiya "cheated on" their friend Rahat. "Our murder charges are based on their

Of them, Habib, Utso and Nayan gave

statements and circumstantial evidence," said the IO. When asked about previous report, he said it was "evidential error". He did not elaborate further.

Bribing the hotel staffers, the four entered the couple's room cutting a window grille beside the air conditioner. They found Sumaiya alone inside and forced her to call Mizanur. Once Mizanur arrived, the four

Demand for safe roads rings louder

Students demonstrate in Rajshahi, Chattogram

STAR REPORT

Demanding justice over the recent death of a university student in a Dhaka road accident, students demonstrated across the country yesterday.

Rajshahi University students rallied for one and a half hours on Dhaka-Rajshahi highway in front of the campus, seeking road safety, reports our staff correspondent from Rajshahi.

Traffic movement on the highway remained suspended for the entire duration of the programme, where students held placards to press an eightpoint demand, including capital punishment for those

responsible for the death. Their other demands include installing close circuit cameras at level crossings, footbridges at Kajla and Binodpur and other important points on highways in the district, and removal of vehicle stoppages from educational

institutions.

The students said they will keep demonstrating until the demands are met.

Our CU correspondent adds, several hundred students of Chittagong University formed a human chain on the campus, demanding safe roads.

They also protested police action on them while they were protesting another accident.

Mehedi Hasan, a fourth year student of the Statistics department at Chittagong University, was injured when a vehicle hit him at Gate no. 1 area on Wednesday. He was taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

Following the incident, students from various departments of the university blockaded the Chattogram-Rangamati road

around 12:30am. However, police dispersed the agitating students charging them with batons, alleged

Maruf Islam, a master's student of International Relations department.

He also demanded punishment for the law enforcers involved in the action that injured two students.

The demonstrators also urged the government to take necessary measures to bring discipline on the roads so that no more precious lives are lost.

On Tuesday, a university student was killed as a bus ran him over while he was reportedly walking through a zebra crossing near the capital's Bashundhara Residential Area, igniting a firestorm of protests.

The victim, Abrar Ahmed Chowdhury, himself a road safety campaigner, met this tragic end while Dhaka Metropolitan Police was observing traffic week to bring discipline on the city

Abrar was a first-year honours student at Bangladesh University of Professionals.

KILLED IN 'GUNFIGHT' Victim's mother sues three cops

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Mother of slain Mohammad Selim, who was killed in an alleged gunfight with police on March 1, filed a murder case with a Dhaka court yesterday against four people including three police officers of Munshiganj.

The accused are: Md Fariduddin, officerin-charge of Sirajdikhan Police Station; Md Saiful Islam, in-charge of Shekhornagar police box; Md Hassan, its sub-Inspector; and Afzal Hossain from Keraniganj.

Rufiza Begum filed the case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court of Dhaka. Metropolitan Magistrate Kazi

Ashrafuzzaman recorded statement of the complainant, and directed special additional superintendent of Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) to submit a probe report by April 24, after conducting an investigation into the issue.

In her complaint, Rufiza said at about 9:30am on March 1, a group of eight to 10 policemen led by Farid, Saiful and Hassan went to her Keraniganj residence and picked up her son Selim without showing any arrest warrant. Then they took her son to the bank of the Dhaleshwari River and shot him dead.

The police then claimed that Selim, a suspected robber, was killed in a "gunfight" even though there was no case against him.

Dalits demand law to protect their rights

Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination observed in Barishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Dalit and other excluded communities in Barishal yesterday demanded an end to discrimination against them.

Marking International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, they formed a human chain in front of the city's Ashwini Kumar Hall.

They also sought formulation of anti-discrimination

Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement (BDERM) in cooperation with Nagorik Udyog organised the programme.

Lalit Das, district president of Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement, presided over the event. It was addressed, among others, by Uttam Kumar

Vakto, its central organising secretary; and adviser Ranajit

The speakers said there are around 5.5 to 7 million dalits and excluded community members in the country with only 5 percent literacy, 10 percent schooling and 95 percent

dropout rates. They said although the constitution declared that the state shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds of religion, race and caste, the dalits and other excluded community members face disparity and social exclusion in

many cases. It is the state's responsibility to protect rights, dignity and uniqueness of the dalit communities, they said.

CUCSU POLLS

Five-member committee to review policy

CU CORRESPONDENT Chittagong University (CU)

authorities formed a five-

member committee yesterday, to review the policy for holding CU Central Students Union (Cucsu) election. The five-member committee led by Prof

Mohammad Shafiul Alam,

dean of science faculty, was asked to make an upgraded policy for the polls, as the existing policy is not time befitting, said CU Vice-Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury. The committee will also

review policies of other universities' student unions, including Dhaka University, he added.

Contacted, Prof Shafiul Alam said they would begin working on this after receiving the official letter on the matter.

The last Cucsu election was held in 1990.

Trial of Zafar Iqbal 10,000 metres Debate to uphold attack case begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday started the trial of a case filed over the attack on eminent educationist Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal at a programme on Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) campus on March 3 last year.

During hearing yesterday, Additional Session Judge Mominun Nesar recorded the testimony of Ishfaqul, in presence of all the accused of the case, said Masuk Ahmed, additional public prosecutor of

the court. The court also set April 25 for recording testimonies, the prosecutor added.

Prof Zafar Iqbal was stabbed three times on the back of his head during a programme at Mukta Mancha on the campus.

The renowned writer was first taken to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital and then airlifted to CMH in Dhaka the same day, while the attacker Foyzur Hasan was caught red-handed and

handed over to police. The next day, Muhammad Ishfaqul Hossain, registrar of the university, filed the

case with Jalalabad Police Station in Sylhet. On July 26 last year, OC Shafiqul Islam of the police station pressed charges against six persons including Foyzur. The lone attacker gave confessional statement under section 164, after he was produced before a magistrate's court on March 18

last year.

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of illegal net seized from Halda river

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court seized 10,000 metres of illegal fishing net from Halda River in Hathazari upazila of Chattogram yesterday.

The nets were seized during a drive led by Ruhul Amin, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of the upazila. Ruhul Amin said, the

nets were being used to catch indigenous carp fishes illegally. However, owners of the

nets could not detained as they fled the scene. "Halda is a unique river and the lone natural breeding ground of indigenous carp fishes in the country,"

Ruhul said. "Illegal fishing in the river destroys the mother fishes," he also said, adding drives would continue to protect the mother fishes in the river.

freedom of speech

JDC Eloquence kicks off at St Joseph School

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day long school debate tournament titled "JDC Eloquence 2019" began yesterday morning on the St Joseph Higher Secondary School campus in Dhaka's Asadgate area.

Around 70 debate teams from different schools of the country are participating the event while renowned adjudicators from Bangladesh, Singapore, Malaysia and the United States are also attending.

Josephite Debating Club (JDC) is organising the tournament with a view to upholding and practising freedom of speech among students.

At the inaugural session, international award-winning adjudicators Patrick Cheang and Sher Mat Nar spoke on how debate can help students in their professional lives and also advised them on the debating process.

The first day concluded with completion of two rounds of the competition. The closing ceremony of the tourna-

ment will take place at 5:00pm on Saturday at the same venue.

Tender closing date

& time

22-April-2019 15:00



Children perform at the inaugural programme of JDC Eloquence 2019, a national debate tournament organised at St Joseph Higher Secondary School yesterday. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

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e-Tender (OTM)

Following e-Tender are invited in e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) by Executive Engineer, Magura PWD Division, Magura for the procurement of:

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This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and offline & hard copies will not be accepted. e-Tender details may be

obtained from e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd).

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ংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান একাডেমী জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর ভবন (৪র্থ তলা)

'যানবাহন নিলাম বিজ্ঞাপ্ত'

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বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান একাডেমীর নিমুবর্ণিত পুরাতন মাইক্রোবাসটি "যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে ভিত্তিতে" প্রতিদিন (শুক্র ও শনিবার ব্যতিত) নিলামে বিক্রির নিমিত্তে আগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের নিকট হতে মুখবন্ধ/ সিলকৃত খামে নিলামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। | যানবাহনের | ৣ | যানবাহনের | যানবাহনের | বেজিস্টেশন | য়ানবাহনের

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"দরপত্রের শর্তাবলি" ১) আগহী দুবদাকাগণকে সাদা কাগজে/পুকিষ্ঠানের প্যাদে যানুবাহনের বেজিসেইখন নমুর উল্লেখপর্বক তার/কাদের দুব অংক ও কথায় উল্লেখ করে উহা মখবছ/সিলক্ত খামে							

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8) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা আংশিক গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষন করে।

সচিব, বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান একাডেমী