



Though it has been raining continuously in port city, it could not dampen spirits of these youngsters. They made the best out of the situation yesterday and played football on a field in CRB Shirish Tola area in the afternoon. They even had some spectators too!

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

### Jafar Ahmed's first death anniversary today

CITY DESK

Today marks the first death anniversary of Jafar Ahmed Chowdhury, says a press release.

As a career civil servant, he served the government as secretary to the planning, environment and forest, and information ministries. He was also secretary to the president.

Jafar Ahmed was director general of BTV and Bangladesh Betar. He also worked as Director of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation.

He served different ministries as senior assistant secretary, deputy secretary and joint secretary. He was deputy project director of voter ID card projects at the Election Commission.

In administration, Jafar Ahmed worked as deputy commissioner (DC) of Mymensingh, ADC of Dhaka and Sylhet, and UNO of Laxmipur Sadar, Arahazar and Keraniganj.

He has written several books covering economics, literature, political science and travelling.

### Bangladesh

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# 'Should we stop sending our kids to school?'

## Worried parents urge govt to take stern approach against child abuse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

Guardians have urged the government to take a stern approach to end the recent spike in child abuse immediately, so that they can send their children to school without worrying.

They made the call from a human chain turned rally held in front of Chattogram Press Club yesterday. Khelaghor Chattogram (city unit) organised the event.

Over hundred guardians took part in the rally with their children to protest the recent rapes and deaths of minors across the country.

Moly Biswas, a protesting parent, said a country is considered civilised when its children's safety is ensured.

"We have absolutely failed to ensure a safe country for our children as everyday they are being abused in various ways -- a failure which might prompt the guardians to stop sending their young ones to school," she said.

She emphasised the need for a stricter law that will mete out exemplary

punishment to the rapists.

Sharif Chouhan, another guardian, said parents with young girls are in constant anxiety for their safety.

"The situation has deteriorated so much that parents now worry when sending their daughters outside home. We must eliminate this fear by ensuring a safe environment. A nation which fears for their girls cannot claim to be a civilised one," he said.

Prof Dr AQM Sirajul Islam, president of Khelaghor's Chattogram city unit, said today there is no place where children can feel safe.

"Our forefathers sacrificed their lives for a country that would be safe for its women, girls and children," he said, adding that they would not have wanted what Bangladesh has become now.

"If the government does not ensure justice for the victims, does not take necessary steps to remove the fear prevailing among parents, we will be forced to make a call to stop sending our children to school," he added.



Children demand justice at the human chain.

PHOTO: STAR

### Man stabs guard in a bid to rob bank

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An unidentified person stabbed a security guard of Rupali Bank's Ruet branch during an attempted robbery early yesterday.

The guard, Liton, 40, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital in a critical state, said OC Shahadat Hossain Khan of Motihar Police Station.

From the CCTV footage, police found that a little after midnight, the unidentified man broke open the bank's gate and stabbed the security guard in the neck. He tried to break the vault but failing to do so, fled the scene.

Meanwhile, Liton managed to call the bank's manager, who informed law enforcers, added police.

Law enforcers said they are trying to identify and arrest that person.

### Three die in road crashes, trains kill two

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed in road accidents and two under trains in five districts over the last two days.

In Jashore, a woman was killed and her husband injured as their motorbike and a bus collided head-on on Jashore-Magura road in Kodalia area on Thursday night.

Beauty Khatun, 25, died on the spot, said police.

Her husband Babul Hossain was taken to Jashore General Hospital.

In Dinajpur, a motorcyclist was killed as a truck ran him over in Phulbari upazila yesterday.

Fazle Rabbi, 24, from East

Gouripara village in Phulbari, died instantly, said police.

In Faridpur, Sujoy Chakraborti, 42, died after his motorbike collided with another one in Horisoba area of Sadar upazila yesterday.

Meanwhile, a kindergarten teacher died under train near Pakshey station in Pabna yesterday.

Sirajul Islam Babu, 42, from Diar Baghoil in Ishwardi, was founder and headmaster of Child Care Kindergarten in the area, said Railway police.

In Narayanganj, Shahjalal, 18, was killed as a train crushed him in Fatullah yesterday.

### PADMA BRIDGE Four held for 'spreading rumour'

STAR REPORT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) claimed to have arrested four persons in the last two days for allegedly spreading rumour on social media over the construction of Padma Bridge.

The arrestees are Md Arman Hosen, 22, of Chattogram; Hayatunnabi, 32, of Cumilla; Shahidul Islam, 25, of Narail; and Md Faruk, 50, of Moulvibazar.

The four were arrested from different districts at different times and handed over to police, Mizanur Rahman Bhuiyan, senior assistant director of Rab's legal and media wing, told The Daily Star. Separate cases were filed against them, the Rab official added.

The arrests were made after the Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges on July 9, in a notice, urged people not to pay heed to the rumour about the need for a human sacrifice for the Padma Bridge project.

The ministry also said it has noticed that propoganda is being spread by a certain group on social media. "Spreading such rumour is a criminal offence," it said.

Meanwhile, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader on Thursday said stern action would be taken against those who are spreading such rumours.

He indirectly linked the opposition with the rumour. "The opposition has failed in election and in movement. Now, rumour is their capital," he said.

He said a bizarre propoganda is being spread on social media that human sacrifices are required for Padma Bridge. The Bridges Division has already talked to different intelligence agencies and Rab, to find out who are spreading the rumour, he added.

The prime minister also asked the authorities concerned to take action against them, he said.

### Shantanu Biswas passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Shantanu Biswas, a lyricist, dramatist and artist, passed away at a Dhaka hospital yesterday, aged 65.

He left behind his wife and two daughters. Various cultural groups in Chattogram expressed deep shock at the death.

Shantanu was also chairman of Tea Traders Association of Bangladesh. He served Ispahani Group of Industries as the chief operating officer.

Born in 1954, Shantanu was involved with theatre. He wrote Kholapith, a book of song, and Nattatrayi, a book of drama.

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