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22 students still tangled up in cases

MUNTAKIM SAAD

Students who took to the streets last year for safer roads could not achieve what they had set out to do, but now many of them have to appear before courts almost every month as the police accused them of vandalism.

As the cases filed against them are still being investigated, those who were arrested during the demonstrations, including 22 private university students, are having to appear in court.

The cases are affecting their studies and work as well, they said.

They are particularly frustrated as they don't know when the investigations may complete.

"I'm always in fear. If I don't attend a hearing, a warrant will be issued for me," said Saber Ahmed, a business student of the Asian University, who was accused in a case filed with Vatara Police Station.

Saber, who lives in Bashundhara area, has to attend court hearings in old Dhaka every month.

Sometimes his exams coincided with the hearings, making it difficult for him to appear at both places on the same day.

Some of the accused students would appear before a Dhaka court today.

Another accused Iktidar Hossain Ayon of the Southeast University said, "We are innocent. We hope police would submit the investigation report soon and relieve us."

"Being accused in a case means it is difficult for you to get certain jobs or go abroad."

Some of the accused students said they didn't even join the protests.

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DOWN WITH DENGUE

Six-year-old Sneha stares blankly, lying on a bed at Dhaka Shishu Hospital yesterday morning. Later in the day, her condition deteriorated and she was shifted to the ICU there. Sneha's mother said the child has been suffering from dengue for over a week. But they could not admit her to the hospital until Saturday as no seat was available there amid a surge in the number of dengue patients.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

A shelf full of memories

Families of Diya, Rajib struggling to cope with grief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The schoolbag, bought just months before the tragedy, still looks new. Roksana Khatun kept it safely on the reading table. Her daughter Diya Khanom Mim used to love that bag very much. Her textbooks were lined neatly right next to it.

A few feet away, stood a shelf, on which lies Diya's college ID card, wristwatch, some of her childhood dolls and a framed photograph of Diya.

"We just look at the things she left behind, as these are all we have left with her memories. What else can we do?" Diya's father Jahangir Fakir's voice cracked as he spoke.

"My daughter will never return, but we want roads to be safe so that no parent has to ever endure the pain of losing a child," he told The Daily Star, ahead of his Diya's first death anniversary today.

Diya was one of the two college students killed in the July 29 road crash last year, which sparked unprecedented student demonstrations for road safety.

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SAVINGS INSTRUMENT

Tax at source to be slashed back to 5pc

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal has stepped back from his budget decision to increase the source tax on all national savings instruments to 10 percent, considering that the hike would add more burden on the fixed income groups.

Now, savings certificates (Sanchayapatra) up to Tk 5 lakh would incur 5 percent tax at source instead of 10 percent.

However, savings instruments over Tk 5 lakh will incur 10 percent tax at source.

The minister disclosed this at a briefing at his secretariat office yesterday.

The decision will be

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60 hajj pilgrims 'swindled' by 2 agencies, broker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Alleged fraudulence by two hajj agencies and a broker has made around 60 people's pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia uncertain.

They were scheduled to fly on July 26. But after they arrived at the Ashkona Hajj Camp in the capital, they learnt that they were yet to get visas.

Most of them are from Khulna and Bagerhat. Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Azizul Islam said each of them paid Tk 3.20 lakh to Tk 3.60 lakh to two hajj operators -- Swadesh Aviation and Bidesh Bhraman -- through a group leader named Shamsuzzaman Toha, vice-principal of a Bagerhat madrasa. "I have been preparing to perform the holy hajj since 2017. After saving the required money, I planned it this year. My flight was on July 26. But after coming to the hajj camp, I came to know that our visas are yet to be complete," he said in an emotion-choked voice.

Swadesh Aviation told them that the group leader did not pay the hajj agencies and had "misappropriated" a major portion of the amount.

Ehsan Hossain, another hajj aspirant, said the two hajj operators were now demanding additional Tk 50,000 to Tk

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FESTIVAL SHOOTING

3 killed in California

Suspect gunman shot dead by cops; 15 others injured

AFP, Gilroy

Three people were killed and at least 15 others injured in a shooting at a major food festival in California on Sunday, police said.

Officers confronted and shot dead the suspect "in less than a minute," said Scot Smithee, police chief of the city of Gilroy, 30 miles (48 kilometers) southeast of San Jose.

Police said it was "still an active crime scene" at the site of the three-day Gilroy Garlic Festival, one of the largest food festivals in the country.

A search for a possible second suspect was

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3 killed in 'gunfights' with Rab

2 of them 'drug peddlers'

STAR REPORT

Three alleged criminals, including two drug peddlers, were killed in "gunfights" with Rab in the capital and Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

Lt Col Ashique Billah, commanding officer of Rab-2, claimed that an illegal arms trader was killed when a Rab team, acting on a tip-off, conducted a drive in the capital's Hazaribagh area to recover firearms from him.

The dead is Md Sumon, 39.

He said when the team

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Man invents surgery, then cures himself



CNN ONLINE

Doug Lindsay was 21 and starting his senior year at Rockhurst University, a Jesuit college in Kansas City, Missouri, when his world imploded.

After his first day of classes, the biology major collapsed at home on the dining room table, the room spinning around him.

It was 1999. The symptoms soon became intense and untreatable. And Lindsay eventually realised that if he wanted his life back, he would have to do it himself.

His journey since has amazed medical professionals. From the fall of 1999 onward, Lindsay was bedridden about 22 hours a day.

Lindsay immersed himself in medical research, determined to find a way out. He saw specialists from endocrinology, neurology, internal medicine and other specialties. When one doctor was out of ideas, he referred Lindsay to a psychiatrist.

That's when Lindsay he realised he'd have to

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 30

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-20 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15
JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45

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