



Chattogram district administration yesterday rescued 150 birds of different species -- including some rare ones -- from 12 shops in a drive at Riazuddin Bazar market. It also arrested and sentenced 11 people to one month in jail each.

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## Admin buildings besieged for second day at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Students and teachers of Jahangirnagar University (JU) besieged the two administrative buildings for the second consecutive day yesterday, protesting alleged corruption of the authorities and unplanned development work which they say would endanger the biodiversity of the campus.

The protesters started gathering on the campus and blocked entrances of the two buildings around 8:30am under the banner of "Jahangirnagar Against Corruption."

JU Pro-vice Chancellor (education) Professor Nurul Alam and Pro-VC (Admin) Prof Amir Hussain talked to the protesters on behalf of the administration around 9:15 am. Later, the protesters rejected the administration's proposal as they didn't get proper assurance from them.

Around 10am, a group of administrative officials led by university Treasurer Prof Sheikh Md Manzurul Huq along with a proctorial body held a discussion with the demonstrators at the site of the protest. But it didn't yield any results either.

However, the protesters demanded a specific proposal from the university authority.

Ashikur Rahman, president of Jahangirnagar Sangskritik Jote and one of the leaders of the protest, said, "We won't agree to sit with the administration only for small talk. We want a specific proposal that addresses our demands, and only then we will discuss with them."

He added that their protest will continue today. Protesters said they will agree to a meeting presided by an official of the state or of University Grants Commission, but the VC cannot preside over the meeting as the allegations have been brought against her.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Anu Muhammad of Economics department -- who took part in the protest -- said, "We repeatedly urged them (authorities) to engage teachers of different departments and listen to their suggestions. We suggested they take around three months of

time, make a participatory master-plan and disclose it on the university website."

Instead of a transparent, participatory master-plan, they have created a hide-and-seek situation, so there is room for doubt, he said.

He also urged the higher authorities to conduct an enquiry over allegations of corruption and tender-schedule snatching.

Contacted, JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam said about the protest, "When a protest starts, several groups instigate it further because they have ulterior motives. This movement has also become a little complex. We hope to find a solution as soon as possible. Our administrative body has already spoken to them. I also spoke with one of the teachers."

Agitated students of JU have been demonstrating on campus since August 23 demanding the relocation of three male students' dormitories which the authorities planned to construct near Rabindranath Hall, and a judicial probe into the allegations of corruption.

## Transgender people facing hatred all over the world: Earl Miller

DU CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador to Dhaka Earl R Miller yesterday said transgender communities around the world are facing violence and hatred, and their gender identity is rarely respected.

Speaking at a book launch at Dhaka University's Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium, he urged the youth of the country to come forward to unite the world -- which is divided by race, religion, and gender.

Zobaida Nasreen's "Narratives of Gender Diverse People", a book that underscores the struggles faced by transgender people, was launched at the event, organised jointly by DU anthropology department and The American Center in the capital.

DU Pro-vice Chancellor (academic) Nasreen Ahmad and social science faculty's dean Sadeka Halim were present at the event as special guests.

Nasreen Ahmad said the transgender community must be given the opportunity to find gainful employment, so that they

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## ATTACK ON POLICEMAN Auto-rickshaw driver arrested in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A driver of a battery-run auto-rickshaw attacked a policeman in Rajshahi on Tuesday. He was angry at the seizure of his vehicle, Rajshahi Metropolitan Police said yesterday after interrogating him overnight.

The driver Rafiqul Islam, 36, of Chhoto Bongram area was arrested from his home at 12:30am, RMP's spokesperson and additional deputy commissioner Golam Ruhul Kuddus said in a press release.

"He confessed every detail of the attack," the police official told The Daily Star, adding that Rafiqul used an iron rod for the attack, not a machete, as told earlier by the police.

The injured policeman Joy Ram Kumar, who is still undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, was declared out of danger by doctors, he said.

At 1pm on Tuesday, a traffic sergeant seized Rafiqul's vehicle from Laxmipur intersection in the city and sent it to the city's traffic police office at Bhatapara.

Thin wheeled semi-auto-rickshaws are banned in the city as these are considered risky for both its driver and passengers, and it is generally made by attaching an engine with leg-pulled rickshaws, said RMP's deputy commissioner Sazid Hossain.

"Normally when we seize such a vehicle, we keep it for a day and return it to its owner after removing the engine," he said.

But Rafiqul thought police dumped and damaged his vehicle and got angry, the press release says.

The RMP spokesperson said he decided to harm policemen, as he

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## Transport owners of Ctg threaten indefinite strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A platform of transport owners and workers threatened to go for an indefinite strike unless authorities concerned take steps to stop harassment and extortion by law enforcers within three days.

"Gono o Ponno Paribahan Malik-Oikya Parishad" gave the ultimatum at a press conference in the port city yesterday.

They also placed a nine-point demand, including not to use consumer rights act against transport workers, issuing license and updating those in a flexible condition.

Golam Rasul Babul, joint secretary of the platform, in a written statement claimed that law enforcers had made the lives of transport workers miserable by demanding extortion.

Police harass transport workers on the pretext of verifying documents, he alleged, adding that the harassment continues even if the documents are found genuine.

He also criticised Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, saying that they were not against any drive or fine but those have to be based on reasonable grounds.

Monjurul Alam Manju, convener of the platform, was also present at the event.

## 70,000 yaba pills seized in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7), in separate drives, arrested three persons and seized 70,070 yaba pills from them in Chattogram yesterday.

The arrestees are Monwarul Hassan, 42; Md Nasibur Rahman Nasib, 42, from Faridpur; and Md Rashed, 27, from Pirojpur, said Rab-7 sources.

On secret information, a Rab-7 team installed a check-post on Chattogram-Cox's Bazar highway in Patiya upazila. They then intercepted a microbus coming from Cox's Bazar around 12:30pm, said Assistant Director (AD) Mashkur Rahman of Rab-7 Media Wing.

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## Road accidents kill two, injure 18

STAR REPORT

At least two people were killed and 18 injured in road accidents across the country yesterday, according to our correspondents.

In Madaripur, college student Rakib Hossain, 18, was killed when a bus hit his motorbike at Kathalbari Ferry Ghat area in Shibchar, police quoted locals as saying.

Rakib was rushed to a nearby health complex where a doctor declared him dead.

Police seized the bus and arrested its driver.

In Manikganj, at least 17 people were injured when two buses collided at Baniajuri Shashanghat area in Ghior upazila, said police, quoting passengers.

The injured were taken to Manikganj District Hospital.

In Satkhira, Fatima Khatun, 30, was killed when a pickup van hit the motorbike carrying her at Kumira Kadomtala area in Tala upazila.

Her husband Azizur Rahman, who was riding the bike, was injured.

Police, quoting witnesses, said after the collision, both the husband and wife fell on the road. Fatima died on the spot, while the van driver fled the scene.

Locals took critically injured Azizur to Satkhira Sadar Hospital.

Fatima's body was sent to the hospital's morgue for autopsy.

## Decision on Bay Terminal at final stage

Says state minister for shipping in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday said the government is going to take final decision soon regarding construction of Bay Terminal, the long-awaited mega project of Chattogram port.

"The government is at the final stage on Bay Terminal. We are going to take final decision any time in this regard," said the state minister while talking to newsmen after the first meeting of the recently-reshuffled body of Chattogram Port Advisory Committee in the port city yesterday afternoon.

The four-hour meeting, that started at 10am was held at the auditorium of Chattogram Port Authority (CPA) Training Institute, with Khalid Mahmud in the chair.

CPA Chairman Rear Admiral Zulfiqer Aziz moderated the meeting, also attended by information minister Dr Hasan Mahmud.

CPA took the project several years back to construct a mega container terminal, after a huge land mass emerged from sea bed near Halishahar coast, creating a six-kilometre long channel for vessel movement.

The project was planned to be completed in three phases, the first phase of which was earlier expected to be completed by 2021 -- creating around 4,00,000 square metres of container storage space.

CPA has so far acquired 66.85 acres of privately-owned land for the project, and land development activities are going on. The Central Land Allotment Committee in its 120th meeting in March this year allocated another 803.17 acres of government land.

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## RANGPUR-3 By-Polls

# JP camp heats up over nominations

KONGRON KARMAKER, back from Rangpur

Jatiya Party's politics is heating up in Rangpur since the announcement of by-election schedule to Rangpur-3, that fell vacant with the death of party leader HM Ershad.

A clash broke out on Monday night between two factions over party tickets, which left seven people injured, said party sources. According to party insiders, discord has been boiling since Ershad's son and niece collected party tickets to contest in the race, without discussing with dedicated grassroots leaders.

Ershad's son Rahgir Al Mahi Saad and niece Mehezebunnessa Rahman Tumpa collected forms for party nomination on Tuesday, while Ershad's nephew Hossain Mokbul Shahriar Asif is also an aspirant in the race, although he was expelled from the party for violating rules.

On the other hand, JP presidium member SM Fakhar Uzzaman Jahangir, and central committee's joint secretary general SM Yasir also collected party tickets on Tuesday. Abdur Razzaq, secretary general of the party's district unit and organisational secretary of the central committee, collected nomination forms yesterday.

JP chairman GM Quader has urged party leaders to work for whoever is the nominated candidate, said party insiders.

However, Rangpur City Corporation Mayor Mostafizur Rahman Mostafa, also president of the party's metropolitan unit and a presidium member, has sharply reacted over Saad's nomination collection.

He said party leaders of Rangpur will not stand by Saad, if he is nominated.

"There are three leaders who deserve candidacy as they are honest, dedicated and popular," he said on Tuesday at a press briefing, without taking names, and implored the central command of the party to nominate a dedicated leader.

SM Yasir, also general secretary of Rangpur Metropolitan unit of JP, said he is popular among party activists and supporters in his area.

Fakhar Uzzaman, president of Rangpur Metropolitan unit of JP said he has been involved with the party for the last 15 years.

He was the JP candidate at the 11th national election from Rangpur-5.

The organisation said elections may be disrupted as it would be difficult for them to cast ballots while Durga Puja observances are going on. Besides, restriction of traffic movement on the election day will affect movement of Hindus to visit puja mandaps at Rangpur metropolitan area, Dhiman said. "We want EC to reschedule the date so the election and puja can be held peacefully," he added.

Shahtab said he got a letter regarding the issue, which was sent to the EC.

On Tuesday, a procession led by Asif was brought out in Rangpur town. Speaking there, Asif said that people of Rangpur would not accept any candidate from outside Rangpur. People of Rangpur want to see him as candidate, he claimed.

Saad could not be reached over phone for comments.

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, secretary general of BNP on Tuesday said his party will contest the by-election, although there is no election environment in the country.

He made the remarks while visiting family members of Mozaffar Hossain, president of Rangpur Metropolitan BNP, who died of cardiac arrest on Sunday night.

Moshirul Rahman Ranga, lawmaker of Gangachara seat and secretary general of JP on Saturday urged AL not to give any candidate at the by-election.

Deerring the demand of Ranga, Tushar Kanti Mondal, general secretary of Rangpur Metropolitan unit AL, said the 11th national election was a combined election of AL and JP, but this by-election is for individuals.

"AL will contest the race as per demand of Rangpur residents," he said, adding that at least six aspirants of AL collected party tickets.

As per the election schedule, September 9 is the last date of nomination submission. Scrutiny of papers will be held on September 11, and the last day to withdraw candidacy is September 16. The election will be held on October 5.

## HINDU COMMUNITY REQUESTS DEFERRING OF POLL DATE

Leaders of Rangpur unit of Bangladesh Puja Ujjapan Parishad have urged the election commission to defer the by-election considering Durga Puja, the biggest festival of the country's Hindu community.

The festival this year begins on October 4.

"The election will be held in the middle of Durga Puja," said Shree Dhiman Bhattacharya, general secretary of the Parishad in Rangpur.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, he said a letter regarding the issue was handed over to GM Shahtab Uddin, regional election officer of Rangpur, on Tuesday.

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