



Students of Barishal University hold a candlelight vigil on campus yesterday in memory of Abrar Fahad. They also demanded maximum punishment for those responsible for the Buet student's murder.

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Bamboo as electricity

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Pirjabad Councillor Shaheda Begum Baby said, "PDB officials apparently do not care about how risky the situation is." She also alleged that some PDB staffers had set up the connections before installing concrete poles and they visit the area every month to "collect fees".
"We have informed the matter to the officials numerous times but to no avail," she said, adding that not so long ago, a man got electrocuted after he came in contact with a live electric wire.
Contacted, Shariful Islam, executive engineer of Northern Electricity Supply Company (Nesco) in Rangpur, said it is illegal to use bamboo poles for drawing power lines. Nesco is a part of PDB, which oversees sales, distributions and bill collections.
Shariful said he was unaware of the situation in Pirjabad area. "We will look into it and take steps accordingly."
The executive engineer was also unaware of the power line workers.
He said, "Installing concrete poles is a continuous process... it is usually done by a third-party on contractual basis. I will look into the allegations."
This correspondent tried to get in touch with them, which turned out to be a strenuous task. None of the residents or PDB employees apparently knew anything about them nor had their contact information.

Students, teachers stage

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Forum -- staged a separate demonstration with the same demand. They also demanded exemplary punishment for the killers of Buet student Abrar Fahad.
Last month, an audio clip of a conversation between the Pro-VC and wife of a job seeker surfaced on social media, where Prof Zakaria is heard talking about money for a recruitment.
On the other hand, speaking at an international conference at the university's senate building, the VC said "Jai Hind", which drew strong reaction on social media.

Decline

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degradation over the years. Decline in social values was a reason behind such degeneration in student politics, he said.
Prof Abdullah Al Mamun Chowdhury, chairman of International Relations department at Rajshahi University, said some of the students who are considered to be the most meritorious in the country have killed their peer, which was "unusual".
However, it will not be wise if the killing is judged only from a political aspect. Instead, it is imperative to find out why those students turned so violent, he said.
Issuing a statement yesterday, Ganosamhati Andolon yesterday called for a mass movement against the kind of politics that allows such murders.
The party's Chief Coordinator Zonayed Saki said they were supposed to stage demonstration over issues related to prime minister's recent India visit.
However, they had to protest the killing of Abrar who was murdered for sharing his opinion on the PM's India visit, he said.

Murder for exercising

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President Subrata Chowdhury said their meeting strongly condemned the gruesome killing of Abrar for expressing his opinion about the recent bilateral documents with India on his Facebook.
To register their protest against the brutal murder, he said leaders and activists of their alliance will gather in front of the Jatiya Press Club at 3pm on Sunday. "Later, we'll bring out a civic mourning rally towards the Central Shaheed Minar."
Subrata, on behalf of the Oikyafront, called upon the people from all walks of life to make their programme a success with their spontaneous participation.
Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President ASM Abdur Rob, Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna, Gonoforum Executive Presidents Prof Abu Sayeed, Subrata Chowdhury, BNP Standing Committee Member Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku and Gonoshasthya Kendra Founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury were, among others, present at the meeting with Dr Kamal Hossain in the chair.
A SECTION OF TEACHERS LEADING STUDENTS ASTRAY: OLI AHMED
A quarter of teachers are leading students astray instead of guiding them in the right direction, said Liberal Democratic Party President Col (ret'd) Oli Ahmed yesterday.
Speaking in a press conference organised by Jatiya Muktu Mancha at the Jatiya Press Club.
Condemning the murder of Abrar Fahad, he alleged that the government has appointed unqualified teachers and vice-chancellors at universities on political consideration, and handed weapons to students to quell political dissent.
Regarding the recent anti-casino drive, Oli Ahmed said many Awami League leaders involved in casino and drug businesses have not been arrested, nor have been lawmakers, ministers and leaders "who got their share from the casino trade".
Miya Golam Parwar, Nayeb-e-Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami; Syed Muhammed Ibrahim, Chairman of Bangladesh Kolyan Party; Ehsan Huda, Chairman of Jatiya Dal; and Kamaluddin Mustafa, standing committee member of LDP, were also present.

Teenager

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the deaths of 93 dengue patients after reviewing 151 reports out of 242.
The government said 91,115 people were hospitalised with dengue across the country since the beginning of the year. Of them, 89,579 recovered fully.

RAIN BRINGS FRESH CONCERN

Though the number of dengue patients has been declining for the last one month, the rain for the last one week is increasing the risk of further dengue spread, experts say.
They also suggested continuing effective measures by all so that the number of dengue patients does not rise.
"This spell of rain will increase the density of Aedes mosquito if the authorities concerned as well as people from all walks of life do not continue their anti-mosquito efforts," Prof Kabirul Bashar, an entomologist of Jahangirnagar University, told The Daily Star.
He said the drive against the mosquitoes will have to go on at least till the end of this month.
Kinkar Ghosh, an epidemiologist at Dhaka Shishu Hospital, echoed him.

Nabi Tareque's 34th death anniversary today

CITY DESK

Today is the 34th death anniversary of Mahmudun Nabi Tareque, son of Al-Haj AKM Nurun Nabi, retired district registrar.
Tareque was the brother of daily Financial Times Editor Anwarul Kabir Shahzada, said a press release.
He was a meritorious student who used to study at Begumganj Pilot High School in Noakhali, attaining remarkable results.
He died of cardiac arrest at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University on this day in 1985, at the early age of 17.
Quran-khawani and doa-mahfil will be held today at multiple mosques in Feni after Juma prayers.
All his family members are requested to attend the events to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.



Child, woman dies

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Meanwhile, at least five people were killed and two injured in other accidents across the country in the last two days, our correspondents report.
In Brahmanbaria, two forest officials were killed after a truck hit their motorbike at Ghatuara area in Sadar upazila around 6am yesterday, said police, quoting locals.
The deceased are Dolon Sarkar, 36, and Rajib Chowdhury, 38. Both were office assistants of Brahmanbaria Forest Department office.
Dolon was killed on the spot and Rajib was critically injured after the accident. Locals took Rajib to a nearby hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries while being shifted to Dhaka for better treatment.
In Mymensingh, Rahmat Ali, 55, was killed after a truck hit the battery-run auto-rickshaw carrying him at Krishnachura Chatter area in Gargaon upazila around 8am yesterday, said police, quoting locals.
Ali was critically injured after the accident and died while locals were taking him to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH), they added.
Police sent the body to MMCH morgue for autopsy. They seized the truck but its driver managed to flee. A case was lodged with Pagla Police Station.
In Dinajpur, Tango Roy, 50, was killed on the spot and two were injured after a bus hit them at Ranirbandar area in Chirirbandar upazila around 8:30pm on Wednesday.
The injured are Moktarul Hosain, 22 and Reazul Islam, 40.
Police, quoting witnesses, said after the BRTC bus's breaks failed, it hit three people one after another.
Locals took the injured to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for treatment.
Police detained the bus, but its driver and helper fled after the vehicle stopped.
MAN DIES IN TRAIN ACCIDENT
A man was run over by a train at Joraganj area in Mirsharai upazila of Chattogram early yesterday.
The deceased is Nazrul Islam, 31. On information from locals, police recovered Nazrul's body, said police.
The body was handed over to his family, and railway police were informed to take necessary steps, they added.

Free student

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the statement said, adding that some of them are now getting involved in corruption and irregularities in collusion with so-called student leaders.
Calling for proper investigation into and exemplary punishment to the killers of Abrar, Dr Iftekharuzzaman said the government should not view this incident as an isolated one, but as a "symptom of a deadly disease" in political arena.

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