



JU students break into their dorms

Demands reopening of dorms; university says it is up to the govt

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Several hundred students of Jahangirnagar University broke open the locks to all 16 residential halls yesterday, a day after at least 35 students were injured in clashes with villagers just outside the campus.

However, the university authorities later locked down eight female dormitories. They said reopening of the university and the halls was subject to a government decision.

The institution and its dormitories have been closed since March last year due to the pandemic.

Yesterday, over 600 students gathered in front of the Shaheed Minar on campus demanding reopening of the halls. They later took position before the vice-chancellor's residence around 11:00am.

The agitators placed three-point demand before the university authorities. The demands are: reopening of the halls, closure of a road linking the campus to

Gerua Bazar, and legal actions against the attackers of students.

The students blamed the university administration for its failure to protect the students during Friday's clashes.

The JU authorities assured the protesters of meeting all their demands, except reopening of halls.

Speaking to journalists, Prof Motaheer Hossain, president of the hall provost committee, said no one would be allowed to stay inside the dormitories amid the pandemic as there was a government decision to keep educational institutions shut.

Around noon, the agitating students intercepted a youth from Gerua Bazar on a road in the campus suspecting him to be involved in Friday's attacks. They beat him up and vandalised his motorbike before letting him go, said witnesses.

In the afternoon, the university syndicate in an emergency meeting decided that a

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A child, sitting on his mother's lap, showing pictures of his father who was burnt to death in Churhatta fire two years ago. They were receiving the personal grants of the Member of Parliament of Dhaka-7 constituency.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Teen held for murder of stepmother, her 2 kids

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police arrested a 17-year old boy and sent him to jail on Friday for the murder of his stepmother and her two children in Sylhet Sadar upazila.

Police are also looking for the boy's biological mother for allegedly planning the murder with her son.

The victims were identified as Rubaiya Begum, 30, her daughter Maha Begum, 9, and son Tahsin Hossain, 7. They were stabbed to death on Thursday night.

A case was filed against the boy and his biological mother, Sultana Begum Rumi, with Shahporan Police Station the next day.

According to Anwar Hossain, the mother-son duo had pre-planned the murder and the boy was provoked by his mother to kill his stepmother and step-siblings over property-related issues, said Syed Anisur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the police station. The boy allegedly tried to set the victims' house on fire after the murder was committed.

On information from neighbours, a police team rushed to the spot and detained the teenage boy.

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Councillor held for 'forcing minor into prostitution'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A local court yesterday placed Gazipur City Corporation Councillor Roksana Ahmed Rozi on one-day remand in a case over forcing a 16-year-old girl into prostitution.

The court decision came a day after Rapid Action Battalion-1 arrested the councillor from Dhaka's Dakshin Khan area, said Rab.

The girl filed the case against five people, including Roksana and caretaker of her house Nurul Haque, with Basan Police Station under Gazipur Metropolitan Police on Tuesday.

Nurul was arrested soon after the filing of the case. He is now behind bars.

According to the case statement, Roksana runs a beauty parlour at a shopping mall in Gazipur city's Chandana intersection.

The plaintiff, who hails from

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ANTI-COUP PROTESTS IN MYANMAR

2 killed as cops open fire

Several wounded in Mandalay; US urges military to 'refrain from violence'

REUTERS

Two people were killed in Myanmar's second city Mandalay yesterday when police fired to disperse protesting opponents of a Feb. 1 military coup, emergency workers said, the bloodiest day in more than two weeks of demonstrations.

Protesters took to the streets in several cities and towns with members of ethnic minorities, poets and transport workers among those demanding an end to military rule and the release of elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi and others.

But tension escalated quickly in Mandalay where police and soldiers were confronting striking shipyard workers and other protesters.

Some of the demonstrators fired catapults at police as they played cat and mouse through riverside streets. Police responded with tear gas and gun fire, though it was initially not clear if they were using live ammunition or rubber bullets.

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VACCINE FUNDING Bangladesh, 11 others may get \$1.6b from World Bank

REUTERS, Washington

World Bank is expected to approve \$1.6 billion in Covid-19 vaccine funding for Bangladesh and 11 other countries, its President David Malpass has said.

Malpass told Reuters he expected the bank's board to approve the fund to the countries, which also includes the Philippines, Tunisia and Ethiopia, by the end of March, with 30 more to follow shortly thereafter.

World Bank is working to standardise Covid-19

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Woman, 90, treks miles in snow to get vaccinated



AFP, Washington

A 90-year-old American woman trudged six miles in a foot of snow with two walking sticks to get her coronavirus vaccination.

Fran Goldman, of Seattle, had been trying frantically to get an appointment for her first shot,

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Biden for deepening ties with Bangladesh

Accepts credentials of Bangladesh ambassador to US

UNB, Dhaka

US President Joe Biden has welcomed the new Bangladesh ambassador to his country and expressed his government's desire to advance common goals and deepen the strong and abiding friendship between the two countries.

Biden made the remarks in an acceptance letter

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The city dwellers purchasing not-sealed face masks and other safety personal protective equipment at wholesale price in Old Town's Babubazar bridge area. Most of them are either wrongly wearing masks or not at all.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS INOCULATION

Over 200m doses administered

Reveals AFP tally; Russia registers third vaccine

AFP, Paris

More than 200 million coronavirus vaccine doses have been administered in at least 107 countries and territories, according to an AFP count based on official sources.

In total 201,042,149 doses had been given worldwide by 1000 GMT yesterday -- a figure that does not include the latest data from China and Russia, who have stopped making their progress public in recent days.

Some 45 percent of the injections took places in countries belonging to the wealthy G7 club, whose members account for just 10 percent of the global population.

Its seven countries -- the US, Canada, Britain, Germany, France, Italy and Japan -- promised Friday to share doses more fairly with worse-off countries.

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NATIONAL VACCINATION

Over 20.82 lakh gets the first jab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 1.5 percent of the target people have been inoculated with Covid-19 vaccines as 2,34,564 new people received the first jab yesterday.

The number of people who have received the first shot is now 20,82,877. The government has planned to inoculate 13.68 crore to attain herd immunity.

The nationwide vaccination was kicked off on February 7. More than 1,000 vaccination centres are inoculating people with 50 lakh doses of Oxford-AstraZeneca's

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