

26 injured in police-JCD clash

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At least 26 persons were injured in a clash between police and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) in Mymensingh city's Char Kalibari area yesterday afternoon.

Six policemen were also injured in the incident. They were given first aid at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, said police.

Quoting locals, police said marking the death anniversary of BNP president Ziaur Rahman, JCD Mymensingh city unit organised

a rally on Char Kalibari Madrasa ground around noon.

The JCD activists started throwing brick bats towards law enforcers when a police team went to the spot and asked them to stop the meeting as it was organised defying guidelines of the ongoing pandemic, said Mymensingh police superintendent Mohammad Ahmar Uzzaman.

Police lobbed teargas shells and fired blank shots to bring the situation under control, said the SP.

They also detained eight persons for their involvement in the attack on police, he said.

Abu Daud Raihan, secretary of JCD Mymensingh district (south) unit, refuted the allegations. He claimed that police attacked them without any reason and foiled the rally around 1pm.

He said some 18-20 JCD and BNP men were injured in the attack.

They were treated at private hospitals and clinics outside the district, said the JCD leader.



Police charged Chhatra Dal activists with batons during a clash with the law enforcers in Mymensingh city's Char Kalibari area yesterday. The clash erupted when JCD activists held a rally marking Ziaur Rahman's death anniversary defying health guidelines of the ongoing pandemic, said police.

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Virtual graduation ceremony of Scholastica ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The three-day long virtual graduation ceremony of Scholastica, one of the leading English-medium schools of the country, ended yesterday.

Due to the Covid-19 situation, virtual ceremonies were held to celebrate the achievements of graduates of O and A Level programmes, said a press release.

A total of 626 students of Scholastica Uttara and Mirpur campuses graduated this year. Among them, 368 completed their O Level and 241 their A Level.

Syeda Madiha Murshed, managing director of Scholastica, addressed the graduates as the ceremony's keynote speaker.

Farah Sophia Ahmed, principal and section head of Uttara senior campus; Nurun Nahar Mozumdar, section head of Mirpur senior campus; and Sabina Mustafa, head of academic affairs of Uttara and Mirpur senior campuses; congratulated the graduates on reaching an important milestone in their lives.

Alumni Shah Rafayat Chowdhury, co-founder and president of Footsteps Bangladesh, sent his inspirational message and best wishes to the graduating class of 2021.

Banks, stock market

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"The most heinous convicted persons are being pardoned. It can't be," he said.

He demanded that the government gives permission to Khaleda Zia to receive treatment abroad.

He also demanded an end to extrajudicial killings.

"Have we been able to build the foundation of our democracy in 50 years? Is there any democratic situation in the country? Is there any electoral system in the country?" he questioned.

Harun said there was no way to deny the government's achievements. "Of course, the prime minister had made history," he said, adding, "Padma bridge, metro rail, nuclear power plant, tunnels are being built in the country. There is no way to deny such development activities."

After Harun's speech, ruling party whip Abu Sayeed Al Mahmood Swapon said what the BNP MP said about the constitution should be expunged.

He said Ziaur Rahman started the politics of killing by "crushing the constitution under the boot".

"Ziaur Rahman is the mastermind of bank looting culture. Bank looting started from his time. 90 percent of the directors of different banks [involved in bank loot] will be found to be BNP supporters," he said.

Opposition leader Raushan Ara Mannan said small and medium enterprises were disappointed with the budget. There is not much to be found for the common people in it.

Bikolpodhara Bangladesh lawmaker MA Mannan said people have witnessed irregularities and corruption in the health sector. The most frustrating picture of spending money has been seen in this sector. The reason is lack of ability and skill. Lack of such capacity in an important sector like health and their failure is unacceptable.

Syed Nazibul Bashar Maizvandary of Bangladesh Tarikat Federation said corruption, bureaucratic tangle and lack of good governance are obstructions behind the budget not being implemented.

Workers Party MP Lutfunnesa Khan said allocation in the health sector was much less than needed. More importantly, money in health sector is not used properly and transparently. Unimaginable corruption took place in procurement in the health sector, she added.

HC berates

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"uncourteous" manner with the writ petitioner, Tanzeen Bristy, and her mother at Abu Dhabi International Airport, and forced them to go back to Dhaka at their own cost, the verdict said.

The act was "unreasonable", "mala fide" and "arbitrary", which is contradictory to the principle of fair and natural justice, and also illegal and beyond the airline's jurisdiction, Justice Md Ashraf Kamal and Justice Razik-Al-Jalil observed in the 192-page verdict.

The bench had announced the verdict on October 8 last year, following a writ petition filed by Tanzeen in July 2011.

On June 28, 2011, Tanzeen and her mother Nahid Sultana Juthi were going to Canada by an Etihad Airways flight, when they were reportedly harassed by the airline staff at Abu Dhabi airport, and were forced back to Dhaka at their own cost.

The HC on July 14, 2011 issued a rule, asking Etihad authorities to explain

why they should not be directed to pay compensation to the victims, and why appropriate action should not be taken against them.

In the full text of the verdict, the HC bench ordered Etihad to pay compensation through its Bangladesh country manager in 20 monthly instalments from the month after receiving the verdict's copy.

The judges asked Bangladeshi embassies to organise meetings and seminars based on this case to make expatriate workers aware about civil aviation organisations' accountability to airways passengers.

In the full verdict, the HC has also given special thanks to The Daily Star and its reporter concerned for running a report on July 2, 2011 on the incident.

Contacted, writ petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshed said the HC issued some directives about ICAO, as Bangladesh Civil Aviation is one of its members. However, no court of Bangladesh can issue any directive on international organisations like ICAO.

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At that moment, they did not stop the testing programme, only postponed it. After ten days, they started it again by taking proper measures and increasing manpower, and it is still functional.

They also turned it into a unique lab -- "biological hazard analysis and health research laboratory" -- for higher studies on virology.

"There is no denying that Dhaka University was not able to invent any testing kit, vaccine or medicine like Oxford University or Johns Hopkins University. But many know the reason behind it," the release press said, without specifying anything in this regard.

Khaleda in

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inaugurating a tree-plantation programme in the capital's Beraid area arranged by Dhaka North City unit of BNP.

He said, Khaleda was admitted to Evercare Hospital after being infected with coronavirus and she has already beaten the virus with the blessings of Allah.

The BNP leader said their party chief has been suffering from heart, kidney, and liver problems. "She also had an old problem of arthritis, which is causing serious pain. With all these diseases, she is very ill and doctors are saying she is in a very vulnerable condition."

He said Khaleda's family members had submitted an application to the government seeking permission to allow her to go abroad for treatment.

"But the government didn't allow her due to political vengeance," he alleged.

Fakhru also demanded the government free her fully and called upon people to pray for Khaleda's speedy recovery.

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The MRT Line-1 will be second among the six lines to be built in the capital and its adjacent areas to ease traffic congestion and control environmental pollution.

The government has taken up a plan to build the 128.74km metro rail network -- 67.56km elevated and 61.17km underground -- within 2030 for Dhaka city and adjacent areas.

Construction of the country's first ever metro rail line -- MRT-6 -- is now going on to connect Uttara Third Phase with Motijheel with 20.1km elevated rail lines.

Siddique said they would not be able to meet their target for early commissioning of the metro line in December this year due to the Covid situation.

However, they are hopeful about starting partial operation -- first phase from Uttara to Agargaon -- from June next year, if the pandemic situation does not deteriorate further, he said.

The project has seen 64.91 percent progress till May.

MAJOR FEATURES OF MRT LINE -1

Feasibility study of MRT Line-1 was done in December 2018. The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council approved the project in October 2019.

Of the Tk 52,561.43 crore costs, the government will provide Tk 13,111 crore while Japan Tk 39,450 crore as soft loan.

The authorities had a plan to start the physical work of the project in December last year. Later, they hoped to start the work in June this year. But, the Covid-19

situation forced them to change the deadline, officials said.

Asked whether they will be able to meet the deadline, Project Director of MRT Line-1 Saidul Hoque said, "It's true that we are lagging behind in some works due to Covid situation... But we have deployed more manpower to cover it. We are hopeful about completing the project within December 2026."

MAN Siddique said they will start boring works from four places -- Airport, Kuril, Natun Bazar and Kamalapur -- in Dhaka city.

"We are hopeful that we will be able to do early commission of MRT Line-1, like as we planned for MRT Line-6 if the Covid situation does not deteriorate further," he added.

Asked about the possible public suffering when project works start, he claimed that suffering would not be that much like MRT Line-6, as most of the works would be done underground. However, they will take measures to reduce people's suffering, he said.

Saidul Hoque said so far 15 companies, mostly from Japan, two from China and two from Bangladesh, have expressed interest to works for the first of 12 packages.

MAN Siddique also refuted the allegations that Dhaka North City Corporation Atiqul Islam raised on Wednesday about metro rail authority's inaction for water-logging in Shewrapara and Kazipara.

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Laxmipur-2

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In another order, the SC dismissed a leave to appeal petition filed against the HC order that on June 8 summarily rejected another petition challenging the legality of decisions for announcing the Lakshmipur-2 constituency vacant and the schedule for holding a by-election to this constituency on June 21.

The grounds on which the Appellate Division passed the orders could not be known immediately as the full text of the orders was not released yesterday.

On February 22, the parliament secretariat issued a gazette notification announcing that the constituency fell vacant because of Kazi Papul's moral turpitude.

A Kuwait court on January 28 sentenced Kazi Papul and four others to four years in jail in a bribery case.

On March 4, the Election Commission issued a schedule announcing by-election to this constituency on April 11. Later, the date for holding the by-election was deferred to June 21 due to the ongoing pandemic.

Govt mulling

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Replying to a query, she said registration of educational institutions under Monthly Pay Order is an ongoing process.

Educational institutions without MPO are gradually being enrolled in MPO on the basis of eligibility. All educational institutions which are not MPO registered will be considered for registration, she added.

She informed the parliament that out of 20,499 schools, 15,676 are taking classes online while 700, out of 4,238 colleges, have started online classes.

She also said online classes are being taken at district and upazila levels at the initiative of local administration.

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Memo No. 46.03.5100.061.07.265.14-1259 Date: 16/06/2021

Re-Tender Notice No. 23 (2020-21)

1. Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
2. Implementing agency	Department of Public Health Engineering.
3. Project/program name	GOB.
4. Tender ID	588353, 588462, 588547, 588549.

Description of works:

- Installation of Deep Tube Well with No. 6 Hand Pump in building homes for homeless and displaced people on the occasion of Mujib Year of the Ashrayan-2 Project under Revenue Budget at Ramgoti & Kamalnagar Upazila in Lakshmipur District.
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6. Name, designation & address of official inviting tender: Md. Rafiqul Islam, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Lakshmipur District, Tel. No. 0381-91405

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