

BCL man
beaten up by
fellow activists

DU CORRESPONDENT

An activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League who studies at Dhaka University was assaulted by fellow activists, who are also the university's students, on campus on Saturday evening.

Zubaer Ibne Humayun, a student of the criminology department and leader of the social science faculty's BCL unit, had to receive treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

According to witnesses, a speeding car splashed muddy water on Zubaer while he was talking to some of his friends near the faculty building in the evening.

This prompted Zubaer and his friends to chase down the car near Tin Netar Mazar area for an explanation, initiating a quarrel with those inside the car, they said.

According to Zubaer, about an hour later, he was asked to come to Kabi Jasimuddin Hall area over phone. When he reached there, a group of around 15 students attacked him with sticks, cricket stumps. Some of them whipped him with their leather belts.

Witnesses said the attackers are also BCL activists.

Campus sources said the attackers stay at different halls of the university and run a "gang" called "Proloy".

The gang members are involved in different types of offences over trivial matters.

According to the victim, the accused students are Tabarak Mia, Sifrat Sahil, Faysal Ahmed Shakil and Shovon, students of Muktizoddha Ziaur Rahman Hall. The rest are Ferous Alam Emon of Bangabandhu hall; Ornob of psychology department; and Hedayetun Nur and Sadman Tawhid Borshon, students of Shaheed Sergeant Zahurul Haque Hall and Joy Biswas Jagannath Hall.

Talking to The Daily Star, Hedayetun, Borshon, both activists of Shaheed Serjeant Zahurul Huq Hall unit BCL, admitted to assaulting Zubaer. They claimed that Zubaer attacked them first.

Tabarak denied the allegation.

Contacted, DU Proctor Prof AKM Golam Rabbani said they know about the incident. "If the victim lodges any written complaint, then we will take action after investigation."

A written complaint has been lodged with Shahbagh Police Station.

PRAYER
TIMING

MARCH 27

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:45	12:45	4:45	6:20	7:45
JAMAAT 5:20	1:15	5:00	6:25	8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

SEHRI, IFTAR TIMING

RAMADAN	MARCH	SEHRI	IFTAR
4	27		6:16
5	28	4:34	6:16
6	29	4:33	6:17



As the holy month of Ramadan ensues, locals and visitors in Dhaka gather at the premises of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque for breaking their fast. Around 2,000 people gather here for iftar every day, where they are provided food for free.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Sandwip: A haven for
stolen motorbikes

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN

From the city of Chattogram, Sandwip island is nearly 60 kilometres away. It is located in the north-east of the Bay of Bengal, having only a waterway to move to other places. But the island has now turned into a haven for stolen motorbikes according to police.

In the latest development, Kotwali police station yesterday recovered 24 motorbikes that were stolen from different parts of the city and arrested five persons, including a leader of a motorbike-lifting gang, from the island.

Police said most of the motorbikes in Sandwip upazila have no registration and other required documents, and the thieves used to sell stolen motorbikes in the remote area for a meagre price, persuading local police and administration.

The arrestees are Mithun Dhar, 29; MD Babar alias Babul, 35; MD Shahad, 26; MD Ripon, 40, and MD Khorshed Alam, 29. Among them, Mithun is the ringleader, said police.

Mustafizur Rahman, deputy commissioner (DC, South) of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP), in a press briefing at his

office yesterday noon, said police first arrested Mithun and Babar from Chattogram Railway station area along with a stolen motorbike. Based on information, a team of police then started raiding different areas including Sandwip and traced down the huge number of stolen bikes.

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"They are the active members of an inter-district motorbike-lifting syndicate. The operatives are working in four tiers maintaining a good chain of command," he added.

The DC said, "During our investigation, police found that most of the motorbikes which are plying Sandwip upazila have no licence, registration and other documents. After stealing, the

motorcycles used to be moved to the island and sold for only Tk 15,000 to 30,000, based on the model."

This correspondent talked to local sources in Sandwip upazila, who alleged that the stolen motorbikes are plying the local streets by persuading Sandwip police and political leaders.

Seeking anonymity, a local businessman in Sandwip municipality area told The Daily Star, "The lifters sometimes also manage local political leaders and police before moving the vehicles."

Locals also said Sandwip's Kalapani union parishad chairman Alimur Raji Titu is one of the masterminds behind the stolen motorbikes. Titu is also the athletics affairs secretary under Awami League.

Titu said he is not involved in any such activities, and his political rivals are spreading rumours to defame him.

Shahidul Islam, officer-in-charge of Sandwip police station, told The Daily Star, "Following the investigation of a case, police [Kotwali] recovered the bikes with our help. It's not true that police used to get money from stolen motorbikes."

The country
will become
pollution-
free: minister

UNB, Dhaka

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Md Shahab Uddin yesterday said that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had planted trees extensively in the country with the call of a green revolution, and enacted laws to protect environment and wildlife.

Taking Bangabandhu as an ideal and inspiration, work is being done to turn the country into a pollution-free green Bengal, he said.

The minister said these as chief guest at a discussion programme titled "The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historical leadership and development of the country" organised at the Forest Department on the occasion of the Independence and National Day.

At the beginning of the speech, the minister remembered all the brave

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Coming together
for iftar at Baitul
Mukarram

HELEMUL ALAM

Mohammad Hedayetul Islam, an employee of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC), usually breaks his fast at his mess at Jurain, but he came to Baitul Mukarram National Mosque yesterday as it was a holiday.

"It's an interesting experience having iftar with so many people. I attended an iftar at this mosque around seven years back and came here again since its a government holiday," said Hedayetul.

Omar Faruk, a marketing official of Salman Hospital and Diagnostic Centre at Shanir Akhra however, came here as he was at Paltan area for his official purpose.

"It isn't my first time. Whenever I remain in the area near the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque, I try to come here and attend the iftar as I feel good at the national mosque," said Omar.

Around 2,500 people from all walks of life attend the iftar every day at the mosque which are all free. Bachelors, jobholders, students, workers of different shops and customers of adjoining markets attend the iftar.

Many who have the scope to have iftar items with their family also sometimes go there to take an experience.

These iftars are distributed under two banners – Baitul Mukarram Jatiya Masjid Musolli Committee and Musalli Samaj.

Around 2,000 iftar packets are distributed at the eastern corner of the mosque funded by a big corporate group while iftar for around 500 others is distributed at the southern side of the mosque.

During a visit to the mosque yesterday, this

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Kids explore novo
theatre, museum
for free on holiday

MD ABBAS

Six-year-old Mohammad Aqib was seen playing in the kids' zone at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novo Theatre, the only planetarium in Bangladesh.

Accompanied by his father Sabbir Hossain, Aqib was thrilled to explore the novo theatre, located in the heart of Dhaka.



"You can see how happy he is from his face," said Sabbir, pointing to his son.

"We were walking next to the novo theatre and noticed the text displayed on a digital board at the main entrance -- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novo Theatre is open for all. So, we decided to enter the theatre," he said.

He described the experience as a captivating sight, and he compared visiting the planetarium to taking a trip through space from Mars.

"As my son watched the show at the novo theatre, I couldn't help but notice the wonder in his eyes."

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People suffer as drinking
water gets more saline
Chattogram Wasa waiting for rain

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Chattogram city dwellers have to drink bottled-water as the salinity of Chattogram Wasa's water has increased almost 30 times than it was a month ago.

This new phenomenon has put extra pressure on the monthly budget of people from low and lower-middle income groups, who are already

struggling due to the excessive price hike of daily essentials.

"We have been suffering because of this for around a month," said Manashi Talukder, a resident of port city's Jamal Khan area.

"A 15-litre drum of water from shops costs Tk 100, and a family needs one every alternative day," she said.

"If the companies cannot supply

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