



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina meets Alexey Likhachev, director general of Russia's state-run atomic agency Rosatom, at her official residence Gono Bhavan yesterday.

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FARDIN'S DEATH

Family unhappy over CID's progress

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After around a year of being tasked with the investigation into the death of Fardin Noor Parash, a third-year Buet student, the Criminal Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police has yet to make any headway.

Even in February this year, the CID was still looking for the most basic information regarding the investigation, such as Fardin's full name, alongside details about his university department and hall.

Talking to The Daily Star recently, Fardin's father and plaintiff in the case, Kazi Nooruddin, said, "On February 6 this year, CID Inspector Belayet Hossain messaged me on WhatsApp seeking information

about Fardin's full name, department, batch, roll number, hall name, and ID card details of the university."

Baffled by the investigation's progress, Nooruddin said, "If the

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Amid the situation, Fardin's family members have expressed

their dismay, fearing that this case may join the list of unresolved cases, such as the Sagar-Runi, Taqi, and Tonu murders.

Meanwhile, Belayet has been transferred from the CID, and ASP Sharafat of CID took charge of the investigation two weeks ago.

Contacted, Belayet said, "There was no significant progress in the investigation of the case. If there was any progress, we would have definitely informed journalists."

On November 7, 2022, the decomposed body of Fardin, a student of Civil Engineering department at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, was recovered from Shitalakkhya river in Siddhirganj of Narayanganj, three days after he went missing on November 4.

In February 2023, the Detective Branch (DB) of police submitted a probe report, saying Fardin died by suicide and was not killed by anybody.

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2 killed as vehicles catch fire after lorry overturns

Eight others injured, 2 have 100 pc burns

STAR REPORT

Two persons were burnt to death and at least eight others injured when a tank lorry carrying oil overturned and caught fire on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar yesterday morning.

The fire soon spread and burnt at least four more vehicles – a private car, one cement-laden truck, one watermelon carrying truck and a lorry – to ashes, said Md Alauddin, deputy assistant director of Fire Service Zone 4.

The deceased were identified as Nazrul Islam, 45, and Iqbal Hossain, 28.

Iqbal, a helper of the cement-laden truck, died on the spot, said Sub-inspector Babul Miah, acting in charge of Savar highway police station. Meanwhile, Nazrul died after being brought into Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute in Dhaka, he added.

The eight injured who are currently being treated at the facility are: Abdus Salam, 35, Nironjon, 45, Al Amin, 35, Helal, 30, Sakib, 24, Milon Molla, 22, Md Al Amin, 22, Mim, 10.

Of them, Helal and Sakib sustained 100 percent burn injuries, Milon 45 percent, Mim 20 percent, Al Amin 10 percent, Nironjan 8 percent, Abdus Salam 5 percent and Md Al Amin 15 percent respectively, reports UNB citing the institute's resident surgeon Dr Tarikul Islam.

Witnesses said the oil tanker overturned and caught fire when it hit a road island on the Aricha-bound lane in Jordpul area around 5:35am. The fire spread fast, engulfing a private car and nearby trucks, said Savar Model Police Station OC Zaman.

Six firefighting units from Savar and Hemayetpur brought the fire under control, said fire official Alauddin.

Injured Abdus Salam, driver of the burnt private car, said he was returning to Dhaka after refilling his vehicle from a CNG station in Hemayetpur. Suddenly, the tank lorry overturned and caught fire. A number of vehicles running around the lorry were burnt, he said.

There were no passengers in his car, said Abdus Salam who suffered burns on one side of his head and leg.

Jannati, wife of injured Milon, said that her husband is a labourer who was travelling on the cement-carrying car.

Following the accident, transport movement on the highway was disrupted, creating long tailbacks.

SI Babul said traffic movement became normal after the damaged vehicles were removed from the highway around 2:00pm.



Summer heat as always has arrived early in the country. This rickshaw-puller struggles to find any comfort in the scorching sun over Nayabazar in Old Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

They stole 20,000 phones in 5yrs

Rab arrests 20 of a gang in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After stealing a cell phone, it only takes three to seven seconds for the gang to change the stolen phone's IMEI number.

Using special software, the syndicate changes the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) of the phones they steal and gives them a new look. Then they change the phone's cover and display screen before sending it back to the market for sale again.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-3) yesterday disclosed the findings following the arrest of 20 members of four such cell phone theft syndicates.

Rab arrested the members of those syndicates by conducting drives in

the capital's Gulistan, Sanir Akhra, Mohammadpur, and Khilgaon, alongside Narayanganj, on Monday.

The arrestees are – Hafizur Rahman, 35; Roni Ahmed Imon, 29; Jashim Uddin, 35; Jamal Uddin, 50; Abul Matubbor, 42; Ahammad Ali, 35; Kamal, 40; Bappi, 29; Abid Hossain Sonu, 38; Robin Bhuyan, 21; Ariful Hossain, 22; Ibrahim Mia, 40; Sujon, 29; Delowar, 33; Abdur Rahman, 19; Raju, 27; Jihad Hossain, 24; Munaem, 38; Raju, 45; and Rafiq, 38.

Rab recovered 542 smartphones, 341 button phones, a large number of fake IMEI stickers, a heat gun, electronic sensor devices, various tools used to change IMEI, six knives, a laptop, an LCD monitor, and Tk

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HOLIDAY SEASON Security measures taken: DMP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has taken round-the-clock special security measures to keep the capital secured during the holiday season

Habibur Rahman, commissioner of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, came up with the disclosure yesterday while addressing the media after visiting Bashundhara Shopping Complex in Panthapath.

"There is no threat centring the Eid festival. However, the security plan has been designed keeping every possibility in mind,"

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GRAFT CASE

Court accepts charges against Prof Yunus

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday accepted the charges pressed against Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus and 13 others in a case filed over misappropriation of about Tk 25.22 crore of Grameen Telecom Workers' Profit Participation Fund.

Judge Mohammed Ash-shams Joglul Hossain of the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order, said an official of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

meanwhile, Professor Muhammad Yunus said people are not getting the benefit of the "rule of law". He was speaking to reporters in front of the Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court.

Speaking about social business, he said "... If we follow the path, we'll get that freedom [from misfortune]. We are moving forward in that way. But we're being obstructed at every step." When asked why they were being obstructed, Prof Yunus replied, "You can judge that. What can we explain?"

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MOHAMMADPUR GANG-RAPE MJF expresses concern

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) strongly condemned and expressed deep concern over the rape of a young woman who was confined and shackled for 25 days in Mohammadpur.

In a press statement, MJF demanded a thorough investigation to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, said, "Women continue to endure various forms of torture, including rape, both inside and outside their homes. The recent rape incident in Mohammadpur has deeply shocked and saddened us."

"Such heinous crimes against women will persist unless justice is ensured for the victims, she added. She highlighted a report by Ain O Salish Kendra which mentioned at least 114 women were raped in the first three months of 2024.