Says Rab STAFF CORRESPONDENT

from abroad

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday claimed that miscreants collected funds from Europe and Middle East in the name of providing aid to students during the quota protests.

These funds were used for subversive activities by communicating with the vested quarters in the country and abroad.

Rab made the claims while addressing media at the capital's Karwan Bazar yesterday following the arrest of four members of Gono Odhikar Parishad, including its joint member secretary, involvement in violence and sabotage activities in BTV building and metro

Arrestees are Tareq Rahman, 31, joint member secretary of the party; Sajal Mia, 24; Al Foysal Roky, 27; and Ariful Islam, 30.

Lt Col Munim Ferdous, director of legal and media wing of Rab, said they have identified four already people who financed the violence.

Without disclosing the details, he said they are investigating to know the roles of suspects.

Addressing media at the same venue, Harun Ar Rashid, additional inspector general of Rab, said the protests turned violent from July 19.

Protesters targeted the police and conducted violent activities at different government establishments. said the Rab chief.

Rab said at least 100 of their members suffered injuries and at least 13 vehicles were damaged and set on fire.

Harun said miscreants' plan was to make the city unstable and create a challenging situation government.

"There was no violence when just students were protesting... it was the anti-liberation forces, like Jamaat-Shibir," he said.

Harun said many were unaware that the antiliberation forces looking for scope during the student movement.



A man reads a newspaper to get updates on the recent events. With internet being shut down amid the countrywide curfew, people are relying more on newspapers for information. The photo was taken in Sylhet's Bandarbazar area yesterday.

NARSINGDI JAIL ATTACK Trying hard to arrest attackers Says home minister

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

The government is trying hard to arrest all the attackers of Narsingdi District Jail and the masterminds behind the incident, said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday.

"We have already arrested 95 people who carried out the anarchy... We are trying our best to arrest the rest of the criminals involved in the incident,"

The minister was briefing reporters on the Narsingdi Jail premises.

"Many convicts -- who fled from the prison -- are now surrendering," he said.

"We have formed two probe committees to investigate the incident. We believe that BNP-Jamaat men are behind the incident," he added.

The home minister also informed that the nationwide curfew will be withdrawn within a day

In a separate press conference yesterday afternoon, the district's Deputy Commissioner Badiul Alam said 136 convicts have already surrendered and 33 firearms have been recovered.

Narsingdi Jail Superintendent Md Abul Kalam Azad and Jailer Md Kamrul Islam have been suspended, he said.

On July 19, a total of 826 prisoners fled from the jail, while 85 arms, and 9,000 bullets were looted.

Fuel sales drop by 89.3pc

 ${\bf MD\ NAZRUL\ ISLAM,}\ Ctg$

The ongoing curfew, which began on Saturday, has resulted in fewer vehicles plying streets throughout the country. As a result, fuel sales have decreased significantly.

The sale of diesel has dropped by 98 percent, while sales of petrol and octane has fallen by 82 and 88 percent respectively. On average, fuel sales dropped by 89.3 percent.

Chairman of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Aminul Ahsan told The Daily Star that there is a sufficient fuel stock in the country. Fuel depots were closed due to unstable situation, but now all activities in the depots are

"Sale of fuel decreased in the past few days, as vehicular movement remained stopped," he said, adding, "As the situation has improved now, sale of fuel has also increased since Tuesday.'

As per data from BPC, around 3,000 tonnes of diesel was sold on Monday. On the same day, 175 tonnes of octane, 295 tonnes of petrol and 1,400 tonnes of furnace oil was also sold.

On Saturday only 1400 diesel, 42 tonnes of octane and 160 security forces.

tonnes of petrol were sold. No furnace oil was sold on that day.

Requesting anonymity, a number of officials of BPC said 11,000 tonnes of diesel was sold in the country on July 20, 2023 while 1,000 tonnes of octane and 1,300 tonnes of petrol were sold on that day.

At present, the demand for diesel in

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the country is 15,000 tonnes a day, while for octane the daily demand is 1,500 tonnes and 1,600 tonnes for petrol.

According to officials at the depots, demand for diesel is high in the northern districts of the country, including Rangpur and Dinajpur, at present. So, supply of diesel is being ensured in this region through railway wagons.

BPC chairman Aminul Ahsan said jet fuel is being supplied to the four

VEGGIE PRICES

Low at wholesale markets, high at retail shops

MOSTAFA SHABUJ, Bogura

While the prices of vegetables in Bogura's wholesale markets have decreased, prices in the district town and city areas are still on the rise.

Bogura is a major hub for vegetables in the country, with Dhaka and Chattogram relying on

Farmers alleged that urban traders are using the current situation in the country as well as false claims of "supply chain issues" to make extra

Visiting Mohasthangarh vegetable market yesterday, this correspondent found that prices of some vegetables had fallen. However, retailers were still citing the countrywide curfew to purchase produce at even cheaper prices.

Shamim Hossain, cashier of Shikha Traders at Mohasthan Bazar, a wholesale market, said, "One week ago, chilli was Tk 250 per kg, now it Tk 190; snake gourd was Tk 30 per kg, not it is selling for Tk 20; bitter gourd was Tk 125 per kg, now it is Tk 100; pumpkin was Tk 45 per piece, now it is

Prices of most vegetable prices decreased as the demand from Dhaka and Chattogram decreased amid the current situation, said Shamim.

Mostafafizur Rahman, a farmer from Bogura's Dewli village under Shibganj upazila, said, "I cultivated one bigha of pointed gourd [potol]. Before the student protests hit our area, I was selling each kg of pointed gourd for Tk 60. However, now I am selling it for Tk 20 per kg due to a lack of demand. Local traders are also offering low prices, blaming transport costs."

Farmer Amirul Islam of Mokamtola echoed

Shafiqul Islam, secretary of Mohasthangarh Arotdar Samity, said, "Transport costs increased due to the student protest, followed by the curfew. Previously, we would pay Tk 30,000 to rent and send a truck full of vegetables to Chattogram. Now, the rent has risen to Tk 35,000. Similarly, we are now paying Tk 25,000 to send a truck of vegetables to Dhaka. The cost was Tk 18,000 last week.

Motlubar Rahman, deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Bogura, said, "The Kharif-1 [cultivation period] season is almost over. Therefore, supply of vegetables will decrease now. Farmers are ready to cultivate $advance\ winter\ vegetables.\ So, supply\ of\ vegetables$ will increase within a month.'



Trial run

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escalators can be repaired or they have to be replaced. "All these escalators

were imported from abroad. It would take a good amount of time if these need to be imported again," he said.

Ilias Shah, project director (Roads Department Highways part), said out escalators, 16 were burnt down partially or fully. Besides, different equipment at several under-construction stations from Uttara's Azampur area to Gazipur's Board Bazar area were either vandalised or burnt

down, he said. Now, they will have five months to either repair or replace the escalators before launching the trial run, he said. If they cannot repair or replace the escalators by this time, they will have to ration the rest of the escalators among 19 stations that fall under their (RHD) project area, he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Mohirul Islam, project director (Bangladesh Bridge Authority part), said six out of their 12 escalators for six stations under their (BBA) project area were affected.

He said they could not ascertain whether those have to be repaired or replaced.

If those escalators are found to be unusable, then all the stations may not be opened during the trial run, he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Dhaka hospitals

running and screaming, and

before he could understand anything, a bullet hit the left side of his chest and pierced through his back. When he regained

consciousness, he found doctors trying to stop his bleeding at DMCH. He had to go through

a surgery. Although his condition is now stable, he can neither eat, nor use the bathroom without the pipes installed in his body. Md Sumon, a middle-

aged trader in New Market shared a similar area, ordeal.

He was shot below his waist.

"I stay in Azimpur. On Friday, I went out for Juma prayers. When I reached the New Market area, a bullet suddenly hit me. Although doctors saved my life, I don't think I can ever return to normal life. I am not sure if I can even walk again," he said.

For Md Sifat, 17, a joyous trip to his "nana bari" (grandfather's home in village) in Narsingdi turned hit by a bullet when he went out.

bullet pierced The through his waist. A cannula was installed on his wrist, and all sorts of pipes through his body. He couldn't talk to this correspondent, only tears

rolled down his cheeks. His aunt, Nasrin Akhter, said, "Our Sifat is a good boy. He was never involved in politics. He came to his native village in Narsingdi from Shariatpur after education institutions were closed."

food now. Only liquids are director said. being given to him through a pipe," Nasrin said. Meanwhile, 16-year-old

Waliullah is the middle child in a family of five. Due to poverty, his parents couldn't afford to

send him to school. He worked at a repairing shop in Narsingdi to support his father. On Friday, he went outside after lunch and got hit by a bullet. His condition

is similar to Sifat. Md Rubel, was stuck in his home for a day as sounds of gunfire and sound grenades rocked his neighbourhood on Friday. However, they ran out of

drinking water. So, he had to go out to buy water. When he reached Mugda Bishwo Road, a bullet pierced through his back.

Alauddin, Md resident medical officer at DMCH, said all the patients admitted now were brought in a critical condition. They all had to undergo surgery.

"Although most of their condition is now stable, there are chances of into a nightmare as he was infections in the wounded areas," he added.

The situation was more or less the same in National Institute of Traumatology, Orthopedic and Rehabilitation, and Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

In NITOR, around 1,369 patients were treated from July 17 to July 21, mostly with bullet and pellet wounds in arms and legs, said its Director Prof Dr Kazi Shamim Uzzama.

Of them, 537 had to be admitted.

situation was "He cannot eat solid the worst on Friday, the

"The day-offs of all our doctors and staff had to be cancelled. They worked round the clock, and we had to keep all the eight operation theatres open for 24/7," he added.

Doctors department emergency said many patients, who were admitted to the facility before the violence, had to be discharged before time to make room for patients with bullet wounds.

Nayeem Mia, 19, is one such patient. He had to undergo a surgery on his limbs on July 9.

His father Naser Mia said his son was supposed to stay for at least a week, but the doctors told them to leave and return when things turn normal to make room to for the influx of patients on July 19.

In SMCH, as many as 518 people were treated during same timeframe, according to its Director Prof Shafiur Rahman.

Of them, 30 had to undergo major surgeries while 150 minor ones.

Meanwhile, at least 394 patients were treated in National Institute of Ophthalmology, most with bullet and pellet wounds in

Of them, 157 had to be admitted, as per hospital sources.



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Travel agents face

communication. The ongoing crisis

has also put outgoing passengers in limbo. ATABleaders said they are in total darkness regarding whether passengers who have already bought and issued tickets will be able to fly to their respective

destinations. In the present situation, passengers who need to fly immediately buy tickets directly from the respective

airlines at airports. Things are really chaotic in the travel industry now,

said Abdus Salam Aref. Due to the internet outage, the total ticketselling system has collapsed, said different airlines as

foreign airline depends on agencies for selling tickets. Due to passenger shortage, around 26 flights

have been cancelled since last Friday, they said. Several hundred passengers, mostly Saudi Arabia-bound migrant workers, suffered immensely

due to the cancellation or

Dhaka airport. The return of the workers to KSA on time became uncertain as Saudia, the national flag carrier of Saudi Arabia, cancelled at

least 10 flights. according Meanwhile, to the civil aviation and tourism ministry, limitedscale internet service has resumed at airports.

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Law enforcers allowed workers with identity cards to enter the factories, he said.

RMG factories

Klarion Designs located in Dewanhat area at 8:00am," said Managing Director Altaullah Siddique Masud. Around 95 percent of

"Production resumed at

delay of flights to and from the factory's 1,100 workers came to work, as most live nearby, he said.

The workers of a sister concern, MKM Designs, travelling to their factory on eight buses were stopped by local police at Kalurghat, he said. They were released after confirming where they were going, said Masud.

He said he was scheduled

to ship 150 containers of jerseys to Spain by the end of this month.

"We already lost four days. Now we need our workers to do overtime to ensure timely shipment," he said. Meanwhile,

workers complained of having to pay double the transport fares to reach their factories.

Sultan Ahmed, quality in-charge at Uni Garment at Bayezid, said he had to spend over Tk 90 against Tk 40 on a regular day.

"Along with production resumption, restoration of internet is also needed now to ensure timely shipments," said Rakibul Alam, vicepresident of the BGMEA.



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All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged. This corrigendum will be an integral part of the published IFT.

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