'Detention, arrest of students concerning'

Say 22 current, ex-**DU IR teachers** STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-two and former teachers of International Relations Department at Dhaka University yesterday expressed grave concern over "large-scale arrests and detention of students" for participating in the quota reform protest, and demanded their immediate release.

In a statement, the teachers said the students merely exercised their rights to freedom of assembly and expression, guaranteed in constitution.

alleged Thev Rashidul Islam, a third-year student of DU IR and a cocoordinator of the protest, has been missing since July 18, and demanded that the authorities find him and ensure his security.

"There have been news reports of disappearance of student activists, with some being subsequently abandoned in isolated places with severe bodily wounds. We urge the authorities to take appropriate action against perpetrators and ensure that everyone is treated in accordance with the law," said the statement.

The signatories are Prof Akmal Hossain, Prof Ramjul Haque, Prof M Shahiduzzaman, Prof CR Abrar, Prof Ashequa Irshad, Prof Ehsanul Haque, Prof Rashed Uz Zaman, Prof Tanzimuddin Khan, Prof ASM Ali Ashraf, Prof Rozana Rashid, Prof Abdul Mannan, Prof Niloy Ranjan Biswas, Associate Prof M Obaidul Haque, Associate Prof Bushra Hasina Chowdhury, Asst Prof Sayeda Akhter, Asst Prof Mohammad Ali Siddiquee, Asst Prof Anwarul Azim, Asst Professor Lamea Momen, Lecturer Samia Zaman, Lecturer Tanvir Habib, Lecturer Iffat Ara, and Lecturer Saddam

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 behind masterminds the incident, said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday.

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

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

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

home minister also informed that the nationwide curfew will be withdrawn within a day or

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

recovered. Narsingdi 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.



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.

RECENT VIOLENCE

Funding came from abroad

Says Rab STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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, for their involvement in violence and sabotage activities in BTV building and metro rail.

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 already identified four 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 olent activities at different government establishments, said the Rab chief.

Fuel sales drop by 89.3pc

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

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 have fallen by 82 and 88 percent 20, 2023 while 1,000 tonnes of octane respectively. On average,

fuel sales dropped by 89.3 percent.

Chairman Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Aminul of petrol and octane 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."

onnes of diesel was sold on Monday. On the same day, 175 tonnes of octane, 295 forces.

tonnes of petrol and 1,400 tonnes of furnace oil was also sold.

On Saturday, only 1,400 tonnes of diesel, 42 tonnes of octane and 160 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

and 1,300 tonnes of petrol were sold on that

At present, the demand for diesel in 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

BPC chairman Aminul Ahsan said jet As per data from BPC, around 3,000 fuel is being supplied to the four airports

Arson chars 22

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Taken in November 2012, project, formally known as Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport Project, was originally planned to be completed by December 2016 at a cost of Tk 2,037.9

But long delay was caused by issues relating to land acquisition, relocation of utility services, design changes, contractors running out of money, and the pandemic. Moreover, physical work suspended twice.

As a result, the total project cost is now estimated at Tk 4,268.3 crore and the deadline is December 2024.

The 20.5-kilometre bus corridor, the country's first dedicated rapid bus service, will allow people to reach Dhaka from Gazipur in 35-40 minutes, which now takes between 1.5 and twothree hours. There will be 25 stations.

Moniruzzaman said all construction works under the project is supposed to be completed within September and they have already floated the tender to procure buses for the dedicated bus service.

According to progress report, 94.61 percent of physical work of the project was completed by May this year.

He, however, said at least 22 new escalators, which were kept on the project site, were burnt down either fully or partially during the unrest centring the quota protests.

Cost of each escalator is around Tk 50 lakh to Tk 60

lakh, he said.

He said they were now checking whether these escalators can be repaired

or they have to be replaced. "All these escalators imported were abroad. It would take a good amount of time if these need to be imported

again," he said. Îlias Shah, project (Roads director Highways Department part), said out 57 escalators, 16 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 vesterday.

Desperate for a glimpse **Holding NID card of**



PHOTO: STAR

her husband, Julekha

waits in front of the

CMM court to catch

a glimpse of him. Her

husband, Helal, a tea

seller, was arrested

early yesterday in

recent violence.

a case centring the

FROM PAGE 3 She said her son was a arrested him around

worker at Shanta Tower in 5:00pm on Monday while "My son was not involved after work," she claimed.

in any violence, but police he was returning home

Dhaka hospitals stretched

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 area, shared a similar 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."

"He cannot eat solid the worst on Friday, the

food now. Only liquids are 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

emergency

round the clock, and we had to keep all the eight operation theatres open for 24/7," he added. Doctors department said many patients, who

"The day-offs of all our

doctors and staff had to

be cancelled. They worked

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. ongoing crisis The

passengers in limbo ATABleaders said they are in total darkness regarding whether passengers who have already bought and issued tickets will be able

has also put outgoing

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. hundred Several passengers, mostly Saudi Arabia-bound migrant workers, suffered immensely

due to the cancellation or

delay of flights to and from

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

enforcers allowed workers with identity cards to enter the factories, he "Production resumed at

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

were going, said Masud. He said he was scheduled to ship 150 containers of

confirming where they

RMG factories jerseys to Spain by the end

of this month. "We already lost four days. Now we need our

ensure timely shipment," he said. Meanwhile, workers complained of having to pay double the

workers to do overtime to

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, vice-

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president of the BGMEA.



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Corrigendum-02

Memo No. 35.06.0000.010.07.002.24-595 Date: July 23, 2024 The Invitation for Tender (IFT) for "Supply and Installation of Galvanized Steel Rolling Shutter Gates in Station Front (Docking Locations) of 25 BRT Stations", vide IFT Memo No. 35.06.0000.010.07.001.24-506, dated: 26/06/2024 is

ITT Ref.	Title	Original Text	Amended Text
	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	24 July, 2024; 05:00 PM	31 July, 2024; 05:00 PM
-	Tender Closing Date and Time	25 July, 2024; 02:00 PM	01 August, 2024; 02:00 PM
ITT 44.1	Tender Opening Date and Time	25 July, 2024; 02:15 PM	01 August, 2024; 02:15 PM

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

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