

## 'They're enemies of the country'

Raushan on those who destroyed state resources

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Raushan Ershad, chairman of a faction of Jatiyo Party, yesterday demanded justice for the victims of recent anti-quota movement violence across the country.

She also called on the government to provide proper compensation to the families of the victims and ensure adequate medical treatment for the injured.

The former opposition leader made these remarks while speaking to reporters after visiting various damaged government establishments, including "Setu Bhaban", in the capital during the anti-quota demonstrations.

Accompanied by senior party leaders, Raushan condemned the destruction caused by armed criminals.

Those responsible for such extensive damage need to be tried under sedition laws through proper investigation, she said. "Citizens of any country cannot destroy state resources like this. Those who did are enemies of the country."

She acknowledged the valid demands of the young students and supported their cause, which she said had been addressed by the Supreme Court.

However, she added that the movement turned violent due to conspirators, resulting in the loss of many lives, including students, civilians, and law enforcement personnel.

## 3 sent to jail over rape of schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A Jashore court yesterday sent three persons to jail in a case filed for allegedly raping a sixth grader and filming the incident in Jashore's Monirampur upazila.

The accused are Ashraful Islam, 20, and his two friends -- Pranto Biswas, 22, and Shaon Hossain, 19.

Police arrested the three after the victim's grandmother filed a case with Manirampur Police Station, said ABM Mehdi Masud, officer-in-charge of the police station.

The three accused were sent to jail by a court.

According to the case statement, Ashraful recently returned home from Malaysia.

Around 8:00pm on Friday, Ashraful and two friends picked up the victim and raped her.

## Failing to find elder brother, police pick up HSC examinee

STAR REPORT

Police picked up an HSC examinee after failing to find his elder brother during an early morning raid on July 22.

Eighteen-year-old Abu Raihan, a student of Reboti Mohan Pilot School and College, is now in Narayanganj jail, said his family members.

They alleged that law enforcers in plainclothes raided their Atigram home under Siddirganj upazila of Narayanganj around 3:00am to arrest Raihan's elder brother Abdul Kader Jilani, who is the Siddirganj Thana Jatiyatabadi Chatra Dal president.

"The law enforcers came to our house in search of our brother Jilani who usually stays away from home for his involvement in politics. Failing to find him, police picked up Raihan despite our mother telling them that he has been appearing in the HSC exam," Sagor, the second of three siblings, told The Daily Star.

Raihan, a student of science department, secured GPA 5 in the 2022 SSC exam, said Sagor, adding that his younger was not involved in politics.

Sagor said he was in another room when police were whisking away Raihan, saying



Abu Raihan

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my wallet which was wrapped inside my lungi, then my hip, and finally exited through my lower abdomen," he added.

Bystanders quickly took him to Suhrawardy hospital, where doctors performed a two-and-a-half-hour colostomy surgery.

He is now on a colostomy bag to manage his bodily waste, the duty doctor told

The Daily Star.  
He required four bags of blood during the operation.

Yasin, the youngest of three siblings, is being accompanied by his father, Rouf Shikder, and his brother, Md Mizan.

"My son has been very anxious since the incident and keeps asking when he will recover. Every time he wakes up, he cries out in pain," said his father, Mizan.

who came all the way from Nazirpur upazila of Pirojpur.

Yasin's brother Mizan mentioned that despite promises of free treatment, they have already spent Tk 1 lakh, borrowed from others.

"We are very poor, and our family relies on our income, which is currently halted. We don't know if things will improve," said Mizan.



PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Caught in a sudden rain, a woman covers herself with a leaf in Khulna city's Shibbari intersection yesterday.

## ATAI RIVER IN JASHORE

# 3 villages inundated as dam breaks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The dam on Atai river in Abhaynagar upazila of Jashore broke on Thursday, inundating three villages under Siddhipasha union.

Since then, hundreds of families in Shantipur, Chandrapur and Rammagar villages have been going through immense sufferings.

The villagers urged the authorities concerned to repair the broken dam quickly, and demanded a permanent solution to the issue.

The river's water started entering through Rishipara section of the dam in Shantipur village after a 300-metre stretch of the embankment collapsed early on July 26 due to rise in tidal water, said locals.

Soon, areas across Shantipur, Chandrapur and Rammagar villages became waterlogged, causing sufferings to the residents, said Akbar Khan, a local union parishad member. The upazila administration has been informed in this regard, he added.

"Around 2,000 people in the three villages have been affected while



numerous houses, animal sheds, fish enclosures and rural roads across the area have been waterlogged for the last three days," said A Kamal Hasan, chairman of Siddipasha Union Parishad and a resident of Chandrapur village.

Contacted, KM Abu Nawshad, UNO of Abhaynagar upazila, said the officials concerned of Bangladesh Water Development Board have been informed about the collapsed dam.

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