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Our society needs radical change: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday said a radical change needs to be brought to the society as unexpected incidents are taking place.

"State properties are being damaged mindlessly. A policeman was killed and kept hanging. Can you imagine how brutal it is? On the other hand, police reportedly did not hesitate to shoot a person even when he was dying. The people of this country do not respect the police like that in the past."

"Our teachers are divided on party lines. Teachers motivate students while politicians incite... Who will they learn from? We have to make drastic changes in our society," said the HC bench of Justice KM Kamrul Kader and Justice Khizir Hayat Lizu.

The court made the comments while hearing a petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer JR Khan

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Sitting on his rickshaw, a man looks at his smartphone, finally able to experience the internet again after mobile data connections were restored yesterday. While broadband was restored on July 23, a large number of internet users, who rely on mobile data service, remained disconnected until last afternoon. The photo was taken on Fuller Road.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Jamaat-Shibir intruded into quota protests

PM tells Spanish envoy

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said "Jamaat-Shibir terrorists" initially kept a low profile within the quota reform protests and later emerged on the frontlines dangerously.

She made the remarks during a meeting with Spanish Ambassador to Bangladesh Gabriel Maria Sistiaga Ochoa de Chinchetru at Gono Bhaban.

PM's Press Secretary M Nayeemul Islam Khan briefed reporters after the meeting.

The prime minister accused them of attacking structures symbolising the government's achievements.

"All of our development symbols, which gave comfort and convenience to the masses, became their targets of destruction," she said.

Regarding the army's role in handling the situation, Hasina praised their patience and restraint.

She also mentioned that 21 Awami League members were killed in the unrest. Irrespective of party affiliation, the PM said she is helping all who

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More than just NUMBERS

A 14-year-old boy shot and killed in Savar. A 22-year-old Chittagong University student died from bullet wounds at DMCH. A 27-year-old car driver fatally shot in Dhaka. At least 162 lives (the actual number could be much higher) were lost when law enforcers opened fire on protesters during the recent unrest. But these victims are not just statistics; they are sons, husbands, and friends. In this report, we try to know the stories of three such names among these tragic numbers.



How will I raise our son alone?

Asks wife of Mamun who was shot in Mohakhali

ANWARUL HAIDER and NILIMA JAHAN

The air in the home of 27-year-old private car driver Mamun Hossain is thick with grief following his tragic death on July 19.

He left behind his grieving parents, his wife Sultana Rahman, and their three-and-a-half-year-old son Musab Hasan.

Mamun, from Jalial village in Noakhali's Binodpur, was fatally shot on the Mohakhali flyover while heading back to his home from his aunt's residence in Shaheenbag, Dhaka.

The bullet hit his back and pierced through his stomach, leaving him unconscious and bleeding profusely.

Locals rushed him to a nearby hospital, which then referred him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

As DMCH was filled to the brim with other bullet-hit patients, they had to take him to another hospital in Mohakhali. He died around 3:30am the next day.

Mamun's father, Abdul Mateen, is a driver by profession, as are three of his four sons, who live in the Mohakhali area of the capital.

"My son was innocent, a hardworking man trying to support his family. He was walking home because he couldn't find any transport on the road. But he was shot down like an animal. We demand justice and support for his son's future."

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Why did cops shoot my boy? He was only 14

Says father of Saad who was killed in Savar

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

It was around 6:30pm on July 20 when 14-year-old Saad Mahmud was fatally shot during a clash between the law enforcers and quota reform protesters.

Saad was playing with his cousin on the roof of a rented house in the Shahibagh area in Savar.

From the rooftop, he noticed smoke on nearby Chapain Road.

Driven by curiosity, he went to the New Market side of the road, where he was caught in police firing and sustained serious injuries, as per witnesses.

He succumbed to his wounds on the way to Enam Medical College Hospital.

With tears in his eyes, Saad's father, Bahadur Khan, recalled the incident at their village home in Manikganj's Singair yesterday afternoon.



"No one's son should die from police firing like mine. I will never get my child back," he said, tears streaming down his face.

Originally from Dhalla Khanpara village in Singair upazila, Manikganj, Bahadur had moved to Savar for his children's education.

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Dreams dashed by a bullet

CU student Hridoy dies of bullet wounds at DMCH



SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Hridoy Chandra Taruya, a 22-year-old student from Chittagong University, dreamed of becoming a BCS cadre after completing his education.

He joined the recent protests with hopes of eradicating what he has perceived as the discriminatory quota

system in the civil service entrance exam.

However, Hridoy's life was tragically cut short on July 18 after a bullet pierced through his back during clashes between protesters, law enforcers, and Chhatra League.

He was taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital first, then to a local private hospital and finally to Dhaka Medical College Hospital after his condition kept deteriorating.

Then, he succumbed to his injuries at DMCH on July 23, five days after being shot during the protest in Chattogram.

His untimely death has devastated his family, who had pinned their hopes on him leading the family after securing a good job.

On Tuesday night, July 26, Hridoy's body was cremated at his village in Patuakhali.

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There was conspiracy to occupy Gono Bhaban

Says Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Miscreants had a plan to occupy the Gono Bhaban like protesters occupied the Sri Lankan prime minister's office in 2022, said Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday.

However, the curfew announcement derailed their plan, he added.

Quader made the remarks while addressing a programme held at the Dhaka district Awami League office in Tejgaon.

He also said the government needed to verify whether certain individuals, including Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus, had any connection with the quota reform protests and the recent violence.

Who can provide more security than the family?

Questions Nahid's mother

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Momtab Nahar, mother of Nahid Islam, one of the key coordinators of quota reform protests, yesterday questioned the move by authorities of picking up the organisers one by one on the grounds of "providing security".

"Who can provide more security than the family?" she said replying to a query of a journalist at Minto Road when Nahid's family went to the DB office to see him. However, they were not allowed to meet him, she said.

A day before, detectives picked up three organisers, including Nahid, from a city hospital and yesterday DB took more two organisers into their custody "to ensure their security".

"We came [here] to meet my son. But we were not allowed. DB did not allow us to enter the office. Not only us, even Nahid's teachers were not allowed to meet him. I want to see my son. He must be returned to me safely," Nahid's mother said.

"I have not been able to contact Nahid since he was picked up. He was picked up for a second time... This time from a hospital. Nahid's physical condition is not good. I want the release of all [quota protest coordinators], who have been detained, including my child," Momtab said.

Ensure justice for all deaths

Demands Sector Commanders Forum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sector Commanders Forum, Liberation War '71 yesterday demanded justice for every murder and damage to government properties through an acceptable investigation.

In a statement, they called for the reopening of all educational institutions as soon as possible.

They also urged the students to provide all-out support to the government to ensure normalcy at educational institutions, as the government has already met their original demand.

They said the damaged government properties do not belong to any party or government; rather, they are the property of the country's people.

Students' protest for quota reform has caused major changes in the country, which was spontaneous and, at the same time, a wake-up call for the future, the statement says.

"A huge number of people, including freedom fighters, realised the fairness of the movement. But the most unfortunate thing is that the movement turned violent due to the involvement of anti-government groups, especially anti-Liberation War people," said

the statement.

"This is why the movement moved away from its real character and resorted to serious violence, which was very unfortunate," it added.

On one side, a large number of people died and got injured, and on the other side, huge government properties have been damaged, it said.

"It should be remembered that the freedom fighters did not sacrifice their lives for any quota or their own interests. The freedom fighters are the architects of the national flags that protesters carried," the statement added.

"Freedom fighters fought against Pakistani soldiers and their collaborators. So, the situation became complicated when religious fundamentalist groups got involved in the movement," it also said.

The statement was signed by Sector Commanders Forum's Executive President Md Nurul Alam, Vice Presidents M Hamid and AKM Sahidul Haq, Secretary General Harun Habib, Joint Secretary General Abdul Mabud, Organising Secretary Ansar Ali Khan, alongside freedom fighters Shahjahan Mridha Benu, Dr Amzad Hossain, and Maj Gen (retd) Mohammad Ali Shikdar.