

Dipu Moni, brother sued over attack on BNP leader's house

UNB, Chandpur

A case has been filed against former Social Welfare Minister Dipu Moni and her brother JR Wadud Tipu for attacking the residence of Sheikh Farid Ahmed Manik, president of the Chandpur district unit BNP.



Besides, 510 known and 1,000-1,200 unnamed people were made accused in the case. The case was filed on Thursday following a complaint lodged by A Razzak Hawlader, joint convener of Chandpur Municipal Jubo Dal, said OC Sheikh Mohsin Alam of Chandpur Sadar Model Police Station.

Manik, who was abroad for medical treatment during the attack, claimed the attack was carried out over political issues. The incident occurred on July 18 when armed individuals reportedly vandalised, looted, and set fire to Manik's house on JM SenGupta Road.

Rangpur jail: inmate dies in scuffle

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Tension remained high at Rangpur Central Jail after a prisoner died in a scuffle between two inmates yesterday.

The jail security fired bullets to bring the situation under control following several chases and counter-chases between prisoners and the jail security members. The deceased is Baharul Badsha.

Mohammad Mobasshwer Hasan, deputy commissioner of Rangpur, said two prisoners—Badsha and Rafiqul Islam—had a scuffle over a fruit at the jail complex around 8:00am.

During the scuffle, Badsha fainted. The jail authorities took him to Rangpur Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead, he said.

As the news of his death spread among prisoners around noon, they started staging protests inside the jail. At one stage, the guards had to open fire to control the situation. Rangpur DC said strong security measures have been taken in and around the jail.

STUDENT MOVEMENT

5 coordinators resign at CU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A coordinator and four assistant coordinators of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement at Chittagong University resigned from their posts yesterday.

"We decided to resign as central coordinators are ignoring our decisions," Al Masnun, a coordinator, said at a press conference at CU. The four others are Sumaya Shikder, Dhruva Barua, Saidduzzaman and Esha Dey.

Masnun alleged central coordinators Rasel Ahmed and Khan Talat Mahmud have allowed students to enter halls defying a combined decision.

Besides, both coordinators failed to give them specific answers about increasing the members of the coordinating committee in CU, Masnun said.

Rasel or Mahmud could not be reached for comments.

They shot my boy

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While visiting the village home of Raihan, this correspondent saw the family in despair. Raihan's mother stood beside his grave and said, "What was my son's fault? He wanted a system without any

discrimination but they shot my boy six times."

His father added, "It was our dream that he would someday join government service and support our poverty-stricken family. His untimely death has left our dreams shattered."

Inaugurated but

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CDA, however, failed to complete it within the stipulated time, so the project's deadline was extended twice till June 2024, while its cost went up from Tk 3,250 crore to Tk 4,298.95 crore.

The 16.5 metre wide expressway has a four-lane path with 14 ramps at nine points.

In August 2023, CDA decided to name it after former Chattogram city mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

Visiting Lalkhan Bazar point of the expressway recently, this correspondent observed that workers were installing electric cables to connect lamps.

Contacted, Mahfuzur Rahman, project director and executive engineer at CDA, said there is no work left except installation of lights on the expressway.

Asked why the expressway has not opened to traffic yet, Mahfuzur dodged the question and requested this correspondent to contact the CDA chairman to know the date for opening the expressway to the public.

Asked why it was

inaugurated last year before all works were completed, the CDA official said, "They [high officials of public works ministry] forced us in this regard."

This correspondent went to the office of CDA chairman Mohammad Yunus for his comment on August 13 but found that he has not been coming to office since the former government's fall on August 5. He could not be reached over phone despite several attempts.

Safety, equal

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the state's responsibility to ensure the protection and equal rights of all people in the country, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

It also called upon everyone to ensure the protection of life and property by abandoning all forms of division, enmity, oppression, violence, and destruction.

In a separate press release, it also condemned the murder of three youths in the capital's Jatrabari area.

Yunus should be head

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regulations with international laws and repeal the existing ones that contradict these standards.

Badiul Alam Majumder, secretary of Shushashonir Jonno Nagorik, also questioned the validity of the current constitution.

He stressed the importance of thoroughly investigating and bringing to justice those responsible for wrongdoings over the past 16 years to end the culture of impunity in the country.

Activist Rakhil Raha suggested that the interim government should reflect the true aspirations of the students and people who brought about the mass upsurge.

He emphasised the need for a counter-narrative to challenge the narratives propagated by Awami League-affiliated cultural groups.

Poet and journalist

Mahbub Morshed urged students to remain vigilant and active on the streets to ensure the movement's outcomes benefit those who initiated it.

He also advocated for student union elections in educational institutions, especially universities, and proposed the formation of a Sangram Parishad to coordinate leadership across universities.

Prof Moshrekha Aditi Huq of Chittagong University highlighted the psychological, economic, and political challenges that lie ahead, emphasising the need to ensure law and order.

She called for amending the flaws in the current constitution and repealing repressive laws, including the Cyber Security Act.

Other notable participants included Chittagong University's Kh Ar Raji, Dhaka University's Prof Mohammad Azam, and journalist Faruk Wasif.

Four more injured

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Shilu Akter, wife of the deceased Ujjal Hossain, said they live in Muktarpur village of Damurhuda upazila in Chuadanga.

Ujjal, a mason by profession, returned home from work on August 5 and went to Mollah Bazar in Muktarpur in the evening for tea. Protesters set fire to a hardware store in the market that day. Ujjal, along with several others, was inside the store. A gas cylinder in the shop exploded, leaving Ujjal and others severely burned.

They were admitted to the burn unit at DMCH. Ujjal had suffered 66 percent burns on his body. He died around 6:30am yesterday.

Jamal Uddin, a neighbour of the deceased Md Asif, said Asif's home was in Miralipur village in Noakhali's Begumganj upazila. Asif had recently started working at a shop. He attended a rally in Sonaimuri on August 5, where he was shot.

SI Faruk Ahmed of Shabbagh Police Station, who prepared Asif's autopsy report, said a bullet-hit Asif was admitted to the Sadar Hospital. He was later transferred to DMCH on August 7, where he passed away at 10:30pm on Thursday.

India needs to move

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"India's other concerns are security and investment in Bangladesh. The interim government needs to reassure India regarding both of these aspects," the analyst said.

Dhaka and Delhi have settled some of the major bilateral disputes, including land and maritime boundaries, and improved connectivity. Also, there was a deal on rail transit through Bangladesh.

Regarding these, Kabir said the connectivity that is already there should continue, but the long-term issues like rail transit should be handled by a political government.

Before the fall, Hasina was looking for foreign investments from multiple countries, as Bangladesh was preparing to graduate

Nasir Uddin Nasir, general secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, said Asif was a JCD activist. Alongside Asif, at least 32 JCD leaders and activists died so far following the clashes, he said.

Russell Hossain, the younger brother of the deceased Al Amin Hossain, said they hail from Afra village of Jashore's Chowgachha. Al Amin worked as a salesman for a pharmaceutical company in Amtali of Barguna, where he had also lived.

After work on August 5, he was sleeping on the second floor of his residence when protesters set fire to the ground floor. The fire spread to the second floor, and Al Amin, along with several coworkers, was engulfed in flames.

Locals rescued and took them to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College in Barishal. The next day, he was transferred to Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery in Dhaka, where he died at 5:30am yesterday.

Over 500 people—mostly students—were killed during the mass protests, which eventually forced Sheikh Hasina to resign and flee the country on August 5.

from LDC by 2026.

Regarding the investments, Kabir said investors will keep watching what comes next.

But the concerns of human rights and media freedom will be important areas that need to be upheld, he added.

"The international community wants to know when the election will be held. The interim government needs to have a tentative timeframe for the election and communicate this when it engages with foreign governments," he said.

Ensuring justice for the violence during the students' protest will be another major task and engaging independent UN investigators would be a good idea for increasing credibility, Kabir added.

Out goes AL, in comes

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Md Momin, who claims to be the president of the Jubo Dal Sattola unit, and Saddam Hossain, a member of the Banani thana Jubo Dal unit, were seen inside the AL office in the slum.

Saddam told this correspondent that he was born in the slum but was driven out by pro-AL men in 2014.

"After 10 years, I was able to return, but I no longer found my home. So, I am living here in this office," he said.

Momin said they had expelled the AL members from the slum. He claimed that Billal Chowdhury of the Sattola unit AL used to control some shanties in the area, but they have now informed tenants that they no longer need to pay rent.

In Kalyanpur Pora Bosti, a man named Ripon, brother of a ward-level BNP leader, allegedly seized control of 100 shanties on August 6 and 7.

They also vandalised the AL-affiliated office and shanties controlled by AL men.

Ripon didn't respond to calls.

Contacted, Darussalam Thana BNP convener Syed Abu Bakkar Siddique Sajju said he would take immediate action if such incidents occurred.

Two days later, this correspondent found that the new group returned many of the shanties to the slum dwellers.

In Abul's slum, also known as "Abul's Bosti," in the capital's Bhashantek, a new group has vandalised several shanties and shops that were under the control of AL members.

A slum dweller Rubina Begum, who has been living in the Bhasantek slum for 20 years, said the political leaders use them as pawns.

"If we want to stay here, we have to abide by those who come into power," she said.

SCENES FROM FOOTPATHS

Meanwhile, Dhaka's footpaths have experienced mixed changes: in some areas, hawkers are no longer paying any fees,

while in others, extortion continues.

Milon Patwary, general secretary of the Karwan Bazar Pick-up Van Samity, said that they recently handed over three linemen [agents of local politicians] to students when they came asking for fees.

He said previously, they paid Tk 1,200 per month for each vehicle, along with a one-time payment of Tk 10,000-15,000. However, this practice has ceased for a week.

Some traders mentioned that trucks are still paying Tk 200-300 each night for market entry.

A lineman in the CNG Stand area of Karwan Bazar said that they still collect Tk 6,000-7,000 from footpath vendors in the area.

Belal Hossain, a cloth seller in Farmgate, said they had to pay the local councilor's men, but this practice has stopped for a week.

"A few days ago, pro-BNP activists came, distributed leaflets, and instructed us not to pay any fees," he said.

Arif Chowdhury, president of the Jatiya Hawkers' Federation, said they have directed their units not to pay any money to anyone. If anyone attempts to collect fees, they have been instructed to hand them over to students or the army.

Need to be

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think our fight is over, you are mistaken. We are in a very precarious situation now."

Fakhrul alleged that former prime minister Sheikh Hasina is conspiring against Bangladesh from India.

Fakhrul also expressed concern over the low turnout at the event, questioning, "Isn't today madam's [Khaleda Zia's] birthday event? How many have come? Didn't you have a programme yesterday? How many attended? Very few... very few came today as well. Why? Has victory been achieved?"

No parent should bear this loss

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was my lifeline. He was a devoted son. He worked hard to take care of me. How am I going to live without him?" Maya told this correspondent.

Mostak hailed from Gouripur village under Sylhet Sadar upazila.

Salman Ahmed, a student protester who took

Mostak to the hospital, said after Mostak was shot near the Muslim Quarters area, he was taken to Habiganj Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

He succumbed to his injuries there.

Noor Bakhat, a contractor supervisor who had employed Mostak, said he worked with them for

40 days till August 2 in the Bhangapool area.

"My two other sons distanced themselves previously. Now my youngest son is also dead. I have lost everything," Maya Khatun lamented.

"No parent should bear this loss. My son was innocent. Why did they shoot him?" she asked.

Female

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seen even an eight-year-old girl being raped, yet some still blame the victim's attire," said a student from BRAC University.

Anika Arefin, a student of Dhaka University, said, "We have protested multiple times demanding safety for women, but freedom for women remains elusive due to cultural impunity."

Another student added, "We often face harassment on the streets, but there is little we can do due to a lack of proper evidence."

"There have been cases where girls were harassed by influential figures, like teachers, but they did not receive justice," she noted.

In addition to this rally, a group of women gathered last night at the base of the Raju memorial sculpture on the Dhaka University campus, demanding justice for the victim and proper investigation into all rape cases since Bangladesh's independence.

PRAYER TIMING
AUGUST 17

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-25 12-45 4-45 6-38 8-00
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OBITUARY

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of former ambassador Mr. M. Sirajul Islam, who left this worldly abode on the night of Sunday, August 11, 2024, while in the care of a US hospital (Innallah wa Inna Ilaihi Raziun). He is survived by his wife, Nasrin Fowzia, daughters Sabrina Islam Rahman and Naureen Islam, sons-in-laws Asif Rahman and Rayan Sharif, and granddaughters Alysha Rahman and Alisha Rahman. We offer our heartfelt prayers for his departed soul and extend our deepest sympathies to his grieving family. The Janaza for the departed will be held on Sunday, August 18, after Asr, at Gulshan Azad Mosque. We kindly request all to join us in offering their prayers and paying their final respects.

In mourning
The family of the deceased

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