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STUDENT PROTESTS

# Hasina, Quader sued over killing of schoolteacher

## 99 AL leaders and activists also made accused in the case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Another murder case was filed against former prime minister Sheikh Hasina in Bogura yesterday. With this, she has been sued in a total of five murder cases.

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader was also among the 100 other AL leaders and activists sued in the case filed with Bogura Sadar Police Station.

The case was filed over the killing of Selim Hossain, a 35-year-old school teacher and a resident of Palikanda village in Shibganj upazila, on August 4.

Selim was an assistant teacher at Muril Light High School in Kahaloo upazila.

Sikandar Hossain, the victim's father, filed the case around 2:00am, the police station's Officer-in-Charge Saihan Oliullah told The Daily Star.

On August 4, the day before Hasina resigned and fled the country in the face of a student-led mass uprising, Selim joined the student protest in Bogura's Satmatha area.

At that time, AL leaders and activists swooped on the protesters and hacked Selim to death with sharp weapons, according to the case statement.

Selim's brother, Uzzal Hossain, told The Daily Star

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A portion of Hatkhola road in Old Dhaka's Tikatuli is in a bad state. Underground utility lines were installed around three months ago, but the road was not restored properly, causing problems for the users. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

# Sacked army officer Ziaul arrested

## Court places him on 8-day remand

STAR REPORT

Controversial army officer Maj Gen Ziaul Ahsan, who was sacked from the service a day after the fall of the Hasina-led government amid an uprising, was arrested on Thursday night from the capital's Khilkhet area.



Yesterday, a Dhaka court placed him on an eight-day remand in a case filed over the death of Shahjahan, a shopkeeper, in the New Market area during the quota reform protest on July 16.

The next day, Ayesha Begum, the mother of the victim, lodged a murder case against some unnamed assailants.

Salman F Rahman, private industry and

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HARASSMENT ON AUGUST 15

# It's violation of human rights: Sarjis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sarjis Alam, a key organiser of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, has condemned the attacks and harassment during the observance of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's death anniversary as violations of human rights.



Hundreds of people, many armed with sticks, obstructed people from going to the historic Dhanmondi 32 residence of Bangabandhu to pay their respects on the 49th anniversary of the independence hero and the massacre of his family.

Journalists, along with citizens, were barred from filming or taking photos of the incidents.

Speaking to the media at Dhaka University's Amar Ekushey Hall yesterday,

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# 'Cementing the revolution main focus'

## Student protesters say they are not considering floating political party right now

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Discrimination Student Movement is currently focussing on solidifying the revolution earned through a mass uprising rather than floating their own political party.

Nahid Islam, a key coordinator of the platform, which spearheaded the movement that ousted former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, said in a Facebook post yesterday that the purpose of the mass uprising was not to form a political party.

"Right now, we need to support the families of the wounded and martyred and preserve the spirit of reform, nation-building, and national unity. The students and the interim government will work towards that goal."

He added that the abolition of the fascist system and a new political order were part of the one-point demand, and that requires significant effort and political initiative.

"We want to shape the future of Bangladesh through discussions and dialogue with the people...The students will act as a socio-political force to preserve the spirit of the revolution and the government will work towards restructuring the state in accordance to the people's aspirations."

The issue of the formation of a political party by the students came to the fore after Reuters yesterday reported that they were considering creating their own party to cement in place reforms.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Mahfuj Alam,

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# Israel orders fresh evacuations in Gaza

## Drops warning flyers in Khan Younis; ceasefire talks paused with resumption planned next week

AGENCIES

The Israeli army ordered a fresh evacuation of areas in southern and central Gaza previously designated as a humanitarian safe zone yesterday, saying the areas had been used by Hamas as a base for firing mortars and rockets towards Israel.

It said warning flyers and text messages had been sent out in the area north of the southern city of Khan Younis and in the eastern part of Deir Al-Balah, where tens of thousands of people have sought shelter from fighting in other parts of Gaza.

"The advance warning to civilians is being issued in order to mitigate harm to the civilian population and to enable civilians to move away from the combat zone," the military said in a statement.

Earlier the military said it had hit an area in Khan Younis from where rockets were fired towards the community of Kissufim on Thursday, finding weapons including shoulder-fired missiles and explosives.

The latest evacuation warnings came as ceasefire talks in Doha were paused yesterday with negotiators set to meet again next week in search of an agreement to end fighting

between Israel and Hamas and free remaining hostages, mediators said.

In a joint statement, the United States, Qatar and Egypt said Washington had presented a new proposal that built on points of agreement over the past week, closing gaps between the sides in a way that could allow rapid implementation of a deal.

- New US proposal builds on previous agreements
- Hamas rejects 'new conditions' in proposed deal
- Death toll in Gaza rises to 40,022

Mediators would continue to work on the proposal in coming days, they said. Hamas will not accept "new conditions" from Israel in a proposal put forward during talks in Doha, officials told AFP.

Israel, meanwhile, pressed its assault on Gaza. The Hamas-run health ministry said the military strikes across the enclave

killed at least 17 Palestinians yesterday. Among them, at least six Palestinians were killed on Thursday night in an Israeli air strike on a house in Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza Strip.

Israeli troops earlier hit targets in the southern cities of Rafah and Khan Younis. In a statement issued late on Thursday on Telegram, Hamas politburo member Hossam Badran said Israel's continuing operations were an obstacle to progress on a ceasefire, reports Reuters.

# Thai MPs elect Shinawatra heiress as PM

AFP, Bangkok

The 37-year-old daughter of billionaire Thaksin Shinawatra became Thailand's prime minister yesterday, the third member of the influential but divisive clan to lead the country.



Paetongtarn Shinawatra — the youngest leader in Thailand's history as a constitutional monarchy and the second woman premier after her aunt Yingluck — assumes office after two court rulings that threw the kingdom's politics into turmoil.

She will hope to avoid the fate of her father and aunt, both of whom were ousted as PM by the army during a two-decade power struggle between Thaksin and the kingdom's conservative pro-military, pro-royalist establishment.

Lawmakers approved Paetongtarn of the Pheu Thai party as premier by 319 votes to 145, House of Representatives Speaker Wan Muhamad Noor Matha said on live TV. Paetongtarn said she was "very honoured and happy".

"I really hope that I can make people feel confident. I hope to improve the quality of lives and empower all Thais," she told reporters.

"I decided that it's about time to do something for the country and the party. I hope that I can do my best to make the country go forward."

# Pakistan logs first mpox case

## China takes precautions as fears of global spread grow

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan said yesterday it had confirmed a case of mpox, a day after Sweden recorded the first infection outside of Africa involving a new, more dangerous strain of the virus that has killed hundreds in the DR Congo.

China said yesterday it will begin screening people and goods entering the country for mpox over the next six months.

The mpox surge in Africa — which has also affected Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda — prompted the World Health Organization on Wednesday to declare a public health emergency of international concern, the highest alarm it can sound.

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Palestinians flee with their belongings from Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip to a safer place yesterday after Israel issued a new evacuation order.

PHOTO: AFP

# Archaeologists find 'hidden empire' in long-lost Roman city

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Archaeologists in Spain have uncovered a trove of ancient Roman settlements that could point to the existence of a "hidden empire" previously unknown to historians.



When researchers from University of Cadiz embarked on their exploration in the Guadalete area in 2023, they only expected to find a few remnants of Roman influence.

Instead, they unearthed 57 sites revealing a complex interconnected web of settlements that may reshape the understanding of Roman history in the area.

The sites were scattered across the Spanish regions of Arcos de la Frontera, Bornos Villamartin and Puerto Serrano and were originally linked by trade and communication routes along the Guadalete river.

Experts believe the sheer number of settlements and their strategic locations suggest the area was far more significant during the Roman era than previously thought.

As part of the ambitious project, the team employed cutting-edge technology, including ground-penetrating radar to detect structures buried beneath the surface.