



People sign up to become members of the Jatiya Nagorik Committee, a group that aims to "fulfill the dreams of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement". The photo was taken in front of the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Steps to be taken to bring Hasina back for trial

Says chief ICT prosecutor; one more murder case filed against her

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Necessary steps would be taken to extradite former prime minister Sheikh Hasina from India, in order to put her on trial for alleged mass killings during the student-led protests in July and August, said Md Tajul Islam, newly appointed chief prosecutor for the International Crimes Tribunal.

"We will file an application with the International Crimes Tribunal, once it resumes, to issue arrest warrants against all absconding accused, including Sheikh Hasina, in connection with the cases filed for mass killing and crimes against humanity," he said yesterday at a press briefing on the ICT premises in Dhaka.

Tajul said an extradition treaty exists between Bangladesh and India, signed during Hasina's tenure in 2013.

"I believe she [Hasina] will be the main accused in the genocide in Bangladesh. She has been accused in most of the

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'Protest victims may face hurdles to justice'

Speakers say doctors were forced to conceal gunshot wounds in medical records during Jul-Aug revolution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When protesters arrived at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with gunshot wounds, the doctors were asked by the hospital authorities to conceal any mention of the nature of the injury on the official documentation.

Dr Mostak Ahmed, a trauma surgeon at the hospital's casualty ward, said this at a discussion on custodial torture while sharing his experience treating victims of gunshot injuries during July and August.

"We could not write that a victim had gunshot wounds. We had to write some other cause," he said. "Autopsies were not always possible because of the sheer

volume of bodies coming in."

The discussion titled "Custodial Torture and Accountability: Challenges and Remediation" was organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust at Bishwa Sahitya Kendra in Dhaka.

Speakers talked about the challenges that victims of the July revolution will face when seeking justice for the atrocities perpetrated upon them.

"Given that so many of the victims who have suffered at the hands of the law enforcers do not have adequate medical documentation recording the cause of their death or injury, we are dependent on circumstantial evidence," said Dr Qazi Zahed

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Mustafa Monwar on life support

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent cultural personality Mustafa Monwar, 89, has been on life support at Square Hospital since Saturday night.

He has been suffering from respiratory problems and other old-age complications.

He was placed on life support following complications from a stroke and brain haemorrhage, according to family sources.

Monwar received Ekushey Padak for his contributions to fine arts.

His influence extends beyond his work. As a

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A dust cloud encompasses this road as vehicles pass through. This bus further adds to the woes, emitting thick black smoke from its exhaust pipes. As Bangladesh strives to move forward and become an ideal country, issues of dust pollution and unfit vehicles need to be looked at more closely. The photo was taken in the Mohammadpur bus stand area recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

CTG SHIPYARD EXPLOSION

One worker dies, 8 in critical condition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A worker died yesterday hours after sustaining severe burn injuries in an explosion at a shipbreaking yard in Chattogram's Sitakunda upazila.

Ahmed Ullah, 38, was declared dead around 1:00am while being transported to the Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery from Chattogram, said Tariqul Islam, resident surgeon at the hospital.

The victim was one of eight workers sent to the hospital in Dhaka following the blast. The other workers are currently undergoing treatment, with several in critical condition.

Among the injured, Barkat Ullah suffered 60 percent burns, Anwar Hossain 25 percent, Al Amin 80 percent, Zahangir Alam 70 percent, Habib 45 percent, Abul Kashem 70 percent, and Khairul Islam 80 percent. Ahmed Ullah had sustained burns on 90 percent of his body, said Tariqul Islam.

"Of the remaining seven workers, five are in critical

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Workplace safety remains a far cry

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Cutter-man Sahab Uddin died after falling from a scrap ship at a shipbreaking yard in Chattogram's Sitakunda upazila on May 29 last year.

He fell while cutting an iron plate without a safety belt at Four-Star shipbreaking yard.

"We were working without safety belts as the yard owner didn't provide us with any gear. Sahab would not have died if he had been wearing a belt," said Mohammed Ali, a colleague of the deceased.

In 2023, there were 35 accidents in the shipbreaking sector, resulting in seven deaths and 28 injuries, according

to reports from several government and non-governmental organisations.

Workers continue to be killed or injured by explosions, falls, falling objects, and burns due to the absence of proper safety equipment and unsafe working conditions.

The recent explosion at SN Corporation's yard in Shitalpur on Saturday which killed one so far and injured 11 others further highlight the persistent lack of safety measures in the sector.

Tapan Dutta, convener of the Shipbreaking Workers' Trade Union Forum, said, "Most shipyard owners are still not providing safety equipment to workers, putting their lives at risk."

Shipbreaking yards in Chattogram span a 10km stretch along the seashore in Sitakunda and Mirsarai.

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KHALEDA CASE

ACC asked to produce all witnesses on September 12

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked the Anti-Corruption Commission to produce all the prosecution witnesses, including the investigation officer, before it on September 12 in Niko corruption case filed against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and eight others.

Judge Sheikh Hafizur Rahman of Dhaka Special Judge Court-9 passed the order after Md Zakir

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CORRECTION

In a photo caption published on Page 3 of The Daily Star on September 6, we wrote — Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus pays tribute to the Armed Forces Division by placing a floral wreath at the Shikha Anirban inside the army headquarters yesterday. Prof Yunus, who visited the division as part of his official duties, laid the wreath to honour the sacrifices and dedication of the members of the Armed Forces. It should be — Chief Adviser Dr Muhammad Yunus lays wreath at the Shikha Anirban at Dhaka Cantonment on Thursday (05.09.2024), paying tributes to the martyred members of the armed forces who sacrificed their lives during the Liberation War in 1971.

We regret the inadvertent error.

JULY-AUGUST MOVEMENT

631 lives lost, 19,200 injured

Says health ministry report

SAJJAD HOSSAIN

At least 631 people lost their lives and over 19,200 were injured during the anti-discrimination students' movement from July 15 to August 5, according to a health ministry report.

The report said over 450 people were brought dead, while 181 individuals succumbed to their injuries while undergoing treatment during the course of 21 days.

The health ministry formed the committee on August 15 to compile a comprehensive list of casualties. The committee submitted its report to the ministry on Thursday.

Among the injured, over 16,000 have received treatment from government hospitals across the country, while around 3,000 have been treated in private facilities.

M u h a m m a d Humayun Kabir, former senior secretary of the health service division and head of the committee, said, "Collecting data from private hospitals is challenging as they don't strictly preserve data as government hospitals do. In some cases, victims' family members hid registry entries out of fear."

Ministry officials said the current draft list, which is undergoing data cleaning by ministry officials, will be made public on the website, where additional information may be updated.

According to the report, a significant portion of the injured individuals received treatment in government hospitals.

However, no information has been provided to the government regarding those who may have been treated in private clinics in the Barishal, Khulna, Mymensingh, and Rangpur divisions.

Dhaka division recorded the highest number of injuries, with over 11,000 people. Chattogram had the second highest number of injuries, with over nearly 2000 people hurt in the clashes.

Meanwhile, Dhaka division had the highest number of fatalities, with 477 deaths, while the Barishal reported the lowest, with one death.

Chattogram and Khulna reported 43 and 39 deaths, respectively.

Among those hospitalised, 3,048 sustained serious injuries, requiring surgery, and at least 525 people were left with permanent physical disabilities as a consequence of their injuries.



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