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## JULY MASS UPRISING

# At least 4,634 bullets fired at protesters

### Shows analysis of hundred incidents in Dhaka, Ctg alone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In 100 incidents alone, law enforcement agencies in Dhaka and Chattogram cities fired at least 4,634 bullets at protesters during the July-August uprising, according to an analysis of 100 police cases filed at 12 police stations in Dhaka and 10 in Chattogram.

They also threw 16 "hand grenades and grenades" at the protesters.

The analysis was done by Lawyers for Energy, Environment and Development, and led by Abdullah Al Noman, a prosecutor at the International Crimes Tribunal, and Qazi Zahed Iqbal, a Supreme Court lawyer.

The lawyers' platform published the findings from the analysis in a press release yesterday.

The 7.62mm semiautomatic rifles, submachine guns, BD08 assault rifles, Taurus 9mm revolvers and Type 54 pistols were used. The bullets also included 62 heavy ball cartridges.

The law enforcement agencies gave priority to using lethal weapons over other methods of riot control, shows the analysis.

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**Bangladesh batter Mominul Haque celebrates scoring his maiden Test century against India -- his 13th overall -- on the fourth day of the second Test at Green Park Stadium in Kanpur yesterday, helping the visitors reach a somewhat respectable 233 in their first innings before the hosts declared on 285 for nine. After registering 107 off 194 balls, the former Test captain also took the responsibility to see out the day as the Tigers ended on 26 for two.**

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## Tigers must channel Mominul's resolve

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI  
From Kanpur

It was a truly mesmerizing day of Test cricket yesterday, as the morning on the fourth day of the second Test in Kanpur saw the Bangladesh batters trying to dig deep before a barrage of shots from India led to a 52-run lead for the hosts.

As a result, against a quality attack and on a pitch with variable bounce, the pressure came rushing back on the visitors -- bundled out for 233 in the first innings and set to resume at 26 for two in their second -- to save the match on the final day today.

India, leading the series 1-0, knew how to use the conditions at the Green Park Stadium. Sources claim that grass was trimmed down by four

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## FB POST ON RELIGION

# Police, army save youth from mob

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Several hundred people attempted to storm the Patiya Model Police Station to snatch a young Hindu man arrested for allegedly hurting religious sentiments in a Facebook post.

Police arrested him from Chattogram city's Sadarghat area around 1:00pm after Kamrul Islam, 48, of Patiya upazila, filed a case against him.

Abu Zayed Md Nazmun Nur, officer-in-charge of the police station, told The Daily Star that after hearing the news of the arrest, several hundred locals gathered there and started demonstrating.

They demanded the man be handed over to them. At one stage, they started trying to force their way into the station.

"We right away informed army personnel of the matter. Then, as an army jeep was coming to the police station, some demonstrators vandalised it," said the OC.

Police and army personnel brought the situation under control with the help of local madrasa teachers and political leaders, the OC added.

The accused was sent to jail after he was produced before a Chattogram court, said the police officer, adding that they would seek remand for him.

Lt Col Sami Ud Dowla Chowdhury, director of ISPR, told this correspondent, "We have heard that an army jeep was attacked, but I have no more details in this regard."

## US PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

# Trump rails against immigrants

REUTERS

Donald Trump railed against immigrants in the country illegally in an often graphic speech in Pennsylvania on Sunday evening, his fourth campaign stop in a month in what has become the presidential campaign's most hotly contested state.

The Republican presidential candidate called some categories of immigrants "vicious" over 10 times during his nearly two-hour address in Erie, and described several violent incidents.

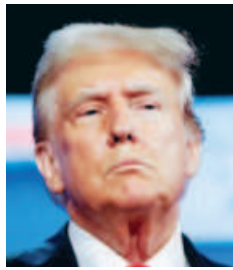
While there is no nationwide data on crimes committed specifically by undocumented immigrants, research shows they do not commit crimes at a higher rate than people born in the US.

Trump's speech was short of new policy details and the ferocity of his rhetoric suggests he is focused mainly on driving core supporters to vote, rather than winning over middle-of-the-road voters, ahead of Election Day on November 5.

Trump believes immigration is a winning campaign issue, and he has at times said he believes immigration weighs on voters' minds more than other major topics, such as the economy.

"They call them of the worst order," Trump said of immigrants who had committed violent crimes. "Charged with or convicted with heinous crimes, including child predators, drug dealers, vicious gang members, sadist thugs and people that deal in women."

Trump multiple times referenced instances of rape, including child rape. At one point, he suggested he would condone a burst of police violence. "One rough hour, and I mean real rough. The word will get out and it will end immediately," he said.



## Hezbollah ready for Israeli land invasion

Says its deputy leader as Israel hints at possible ground operation in Lebanon

REUTERS, Beirut

Hezbollah's deputy leader Naim Qassem, in his first public address since Israel assassinated the group's chief Hassan Nasrallah last week, said yesterday the movement is ready to confront any Israeli ground invasion of Lebanon.

Israel will not achieve its goals, he said. "We will face any possibility and we are ready if the Israelis decide to enter by land and the resistance forces are ready for a ground engagement," he said.

Qassem also said Hezbollah's fighters had continued to fire rockets as deep as 150 kilometres into Israeli territory.

In other developments, the Palestinian group Hamas said an Israeli airstrike killed its leader in Lebanon in the city of Tyre, and another Palestinian organisation said three of its leaders died in a strike in central Beirut -- the first such hit inside the capital's limits.

The killings were the latest in a wave of intensified Israeli attacks on militant targets in Lebanon, part of a conflict also stretching from the Palestinian territories of Gaza and the occupied West Bank, to Yemen, and within

Israel itself.

Hamas said its leader in Lebanon, Fateh Sherif Abu el-Amin was killed along with his wife, son and daughter, in a strike that targeted their house in a refugee camp in the southern city of Tyre in the early hours of yesterday.

Another group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), said three of its leaders were killed in a strike that targeted Beirut's Kola district.

The latest attacks indicated Israel has no intention of slowing down its offensive on multiple fronts even after eliminating Nasrallah, who was Iran's most powerful ally in its "Axis of Resistance" against Israeli and US influence in the region.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday warned in comments directed at Iran that there was nowhere in the Middle East beyond Israel's reach.

In Lebanon, caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati said, "We are ready to deploy the army south of the Litani." Earlier in the day, Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant appeared to hint at a possible ground operation against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

➤ Hezbollah continues to fire rockets at Israeli targets

➤ 105 more Lebanese killed in Israeli strikes in 24 hrs

➤ Ready to deploy army in the south of Litani: Lebanese PM

## Malaysia PM likely to fly in October 4

### Labour migration, trade to top agenda



Anwar Ibrahim

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim is likely to visit Bangladesh on October 4 and discuss a number of key bilateral and regional issues, including labour migration, trade, and the Myanmar crisis.

He may arrive in Dhaka around noon on October 4 after wrapping up his visit to Pakistan on October 2-3, a diplomat at the Bangladesh foreign ministry told The Daily Star yesterday.

"The Malaysian prime minister may hold bilateral talks with President Mohammed Shahabuddin

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## Three killed in oil tanker explosion at Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three people were killed in an explosion on a fuel-laden lighterage vessel at the Chattogram port yesterday morning.

The victims were identified as deck cadet Shourabh Kumar Saha, foreman Nurul Islam, and casual staff Md Harun.

The "Banglar Jyoti", owned by the national flag carrier Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC), was unloading crude oil when the explosion took place at the forecastle, the forward part of the ship at around 11:00am.

The explosion, which later resulted in a fire, severely damaged the ship's forecastle.

The vessel berthed at Dolphin Jetty No. 7 at 10:00am after bringing 11,700 tonnes of crude oil from a larger oil tanker, MT Omera Legacy, anchored at the outer anchorage.

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**Fireboats working to douse the blaze that resulted from an explosion at the front part of the "Banglar Jyoti," a lighterage vessel owned by the national flag carrier Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, while it was unloading crude oil at Chattogram port around 11:00am yesterday.**

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## Navy, air force officers also get magistracy power

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officers of the navy and the air force have also been given magistracy powers, two weeks after it was granted exclusively to army officers with immediate effect for 60 days.

As such, magistracy powers can now be exercised by officers in all three services with the rank of captains and above.

Multiple senior officials at the Ministry of Public Administration confirmed the development to The Daily Star last night.

An officer with magistracy power can arrest people and put them in custody. In self-defence and extreme need, the officer can open fire, said an adviser to the interim government.

Earlier, on September 17, the Ministry of Public Administration issued a notification granting magistracy powers to commissioned officers of the army with the rank of captain and above.

To improve the current law and order situation, army officers were initially granted magistracy powers.

However, according to an additional secretary that order was amended yesterday to extend these powers to officers of the "armed forces," which also includes the navy and air force.

When asked, Public Relations Officer of the public administration ministry, Md Mansur Hossen, also confirmed that the word "armed forces" has been added replacing "army" to the previously issued notification from September 17.

No new notification was issued; instead, the original one was modified under the same reference number and date.