



## ARREST OF CHINMOY

# Lawyer killed amid clashes in Chattogram

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A lawyer was killed during clashes between police and followers of former ISKCON leader Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari in the Chattogram Court Building area yesterday.

The clashes that left at least 10 people injured began shortly before midday when a court sent Chinmoy to jail, rejecting his bail plea in a sedition case.

The deceased, 32-year-old Saiful Islam, was a member of Chattogram District Bar Association.

Citing eyewitnesses, Nazim Uddin Chowdhury, president of Chattogram District Bar Association, said some people protesting over Chinmoy's arrest hacked Saiful to death in front of the main gate of the court premises around 3:30pm. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at Chittagong Medical College Hospital around 4:00pm.

Mohammad Didar, an employee of Golam Rasul Market, who along with some other locals rescued Saiful and took him to the hospital, told The Daily Star, "Some Chinmoy followers hacked the lawyer on the road next to Rangam Convention Hall."

CMCH director Taslim Uddin told AFP, "He had deep injuries on his head."

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus has condemned the murder of the lawyer and ordered an investigation and appropriate legal course.

### BAIL REJECTED, CLASH

Chinmoy was taken to the court around 10:30am. Metropolitan Magistrate Kazi Shariful Islam sent him to jail, rejecting the prayer for his bail after over an hour-long hearing.

Following the court order, lawyers who support him and his followers burst into protests outside the courtroom and stopped the prison van that was taking Chinmoy to jail. They also punctured a tire of the vehicle.

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Saiful Islam

Chinmoy followers clash with police and lawyers

Slain lawyer was an assistant public prosecutor

Lawyers to be on strike in Chattogram today



Followers of Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari, spokesperson of Bangladesh Sammalita Sanatani Jagaran Jote and former ISKCON leader, blocking the movement of the prison van that was carrying him to jail yesterday. The photo was taken from the Chattogram Court Building area.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## Take strict action against mob justice

Editor's Council urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Editors' Council has called on the government to take strict action to suppress mob justice everywhere, including against the media, and requested all parties concerned to refrain from actions that undermine the freedom of the press.

In a statement issued yesterday, the council, pointing out the incidents of the sit-in, assault, and vandalism that

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## BNP unveils vision for 'rules-based' society

Submits 62-point recommendation to constitution reform commission

SAJJAD HOSSAIN

The BNP yesterday submitted to the constitution reform commission its 62 recommendations designed to establish a rules-based structure and ensure checks and balances of power.

"However, you need an elected parliament to amend the constitution -- there is no other way," Salahuddin Ahmed, BNP standing committee

member, told The Daily Star.

Salahuddin handed over the 62-point proposal to Ali Riaz, chairman of the constitution reform commission.

The party, which was last in power about 18 years ago, have proposed extensive amendments to the constitution to make it more democratic and fulfil the aspirations of the people.

"We have essentially sought a

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Keep calm, refrain from violence

Urges Prof Yunus; student leaders call on all to be vigilant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday condemned the murder of a lawyer in the port city of Chattogram.

He has ordered an investigation into the killing and appropriate legal course, read a Facebook post of his Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam.

The CA has urged people to keep calm and refrain from engaging in any untoward activities, it said.

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A train reaches the eastern end of the newly built Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Railway Bridge in Tangail's Bhupur during a trial run yesterday. The railway authorities conducted trial runs to evaluate the train's movement, speed, and key technical factors. The 4.8km bridge over the Jamuna is expected to be opened in January.

PHOTO: STAR

## CPJ for probe into threats against media houses

34 noted citizens voice concern over protests outside newspaper offices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Committee to Protect Journalists, a US-based global media rights body, has called for a swift investigation into the recent threats and attacks targeting The Daily Star and Prothom Alo.

In a statement posted on X yesterday, formerly Twitter, it said, "CPJ calls for a swift investigation into the threats of violence against the staff of @ProthomAlo and @dailystarnews newspapers, as well as the vandalisation of the Prothom Alo office in Rajshahi city on Monday."

"While peaceful protest must be protected, journalists must not face violence and intimidation for their work."

Groups of people on Monday attacked the Prothom Alo office in Rajshahi and demonstrated in front of the Prothom Alo office in the capital on Sunday and elsewhere in the country.

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## Six killed as PTI activists clash with Pak security forces

30 injured; protesters demand release of Imran, resignation of govt

REUTERS, Islamabad

At least six people, including four paramilitary soldiers, were killed yesterday during clashes near Pakistan's parliament between security forces and protesters who are demanding the release of former prime minister Imran Khan.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif blamed the protesters for the soldiers' deaths, accusing them of ramming the paramilitary troops with a convoy of vehicles.

Zulfikar Bukhari, spokesman for Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), said two protesters had also been killed and 30 injured in the clashes.

One of the protesters was shot dead and the other was run over by a vehicle, Bukhari said.

"It is not a peaceful protest. It is extremism," Sharif said in a statement, aimed at achieving "evil political designs". Sharif also said the violence was driving the law enforcement agencies to the "limits of restraint".

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PTI supporters will hold sit-in outside parliament

Imran says his supporters will not back down

Army deployed in parts of Islamabad

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