



JULY UPRISING CASES Police extorting bribes from their own

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Sub-Inspector Anup Biswas was hospitalised for nearly two weeks after being hit in the head by a chunk of brick during the quota reforms protests in the capital's Rampura on July 18.

Around one and a half months after the August 5 political changeover, Anup learnt that he was named in an attempted murder case filed on October 17 over the injury of a man during protests at Khilgaon on July 19, although the incident occurred when he was still incapacitated in hospital.

A colleague later informed him that he would have to pay Tk 1 lakh or face the risk of being implicated in a murder case.

Confident that he would be able to prove his innocence in any such cases, Anup decided not to pay.

"I was fighting for my life in the hospital, and then I found I was being accused of attempted murder," Anup said. "How could I commit a crime when I was lying unconscious?"

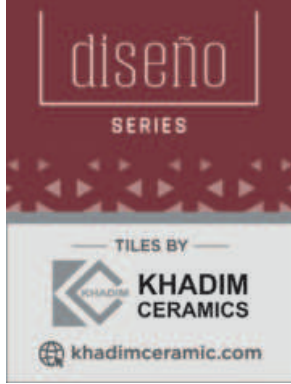
He also said the first extortion attempt was only a "warm-up". "This was only to show that they meant business."

Anup says he was threatened with several murder cases after he refused to pay.

→ Bribes were demanded from 16 officers named in a single case

→ Extortions typically happen before filing of cases

→ DMP vows action if someone brings specific allegations



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What once was a lush green hill in Companiganj upazila of Sylhet is now a barren land with water-filled craters, due to illegal stone extraction. Locals say the extraction goes on every day, with authorities turning a blind eye.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

STUDENTS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION 'Proclamation of July revolution' set for Dec 31

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Students Against Discrimination is set to proclaim on December 31 the July mass uprising as a revolution.

The Proclamation of July Revolution is likely to include what student leaders say is a framework for a country free of discrimination.

Leaders of the platform, which spearheaded the uprising that toppled the Awami League government, made the announcement on Facebook yesterday evening.

Hasnat Abdullah, convener of

Students Against Discrimination, shared on Facebook a status about the proclamation late last night.

"Why do we need a Proclamation of Revolution? To save my existence, your existence, and to transform our movement into a true revolution, this proclamation is essential. This should have been done on August 5. Even though it's late, it's still reassuring news," reads the status written by Fardeen Hasan, editor of The Inquest, a bite-sized news aggregator platform.

"You may be wondering what

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Dhaka has to balance ties with, India, China, US Says Adviser Touhid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka needs to strike a balance in its perusal of relations with India, China, and the US, because Bangladesh has interests to protect and is not a major player in the global arena, Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain said yesterday.

Despite tensions India

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People believe govt delaying polls on purpose

Says Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There is a public perception that the interim government is intentionally delaying the election process, said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.

Speaking at an event in the capital yesterday, he said an unelected government should not remain in power for long.

"Reform is an ongoing process and it will continue. However, we can't delay the election for the sake of

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