

SNATCHING JUBO DAL LEADER FROM CUSTODY

# Students block highway, people suffer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

The Anti-Discrimination Student Movement blocked the Dhaka Mawa Expressway yesterday in protest against the snatching of a Jubo Dal leader by his followers from a police station in Munshiganj.

The students demonstrated near the Dhaleshwari Toll Plaza in South Keraniganj around 12:00pm, chanting slogans and arrest of those involved, said Abdul Quader Jilani, officer-in-charge of Hasara Highway Police Station.

After about an hour, the students cleared the expressway following assurances from senior police officers that they would take immediate legal action against the perpetrators, he added.

The hour-long blockade caused a long tailback on the expressway, creating public suffering.

Sazzadur Rahman, a resident of the Lauhajang area traveling from Dhaka, said, "My elderly mother is sick at my village home. I'm going there to take her to Dhaka for admission to a hospital. But I've been stuck in traffic congestion for a long time."



- Accused Jubo Dal leader expelled
- Three party leaders held
- OC withdrawn

A bus driver of Ilish Paribahan said, "What is our fault? Hundreds of passengers and transport operators are trapped here for hours..."

Earlier on Friday, Tariqul Islam, a joint convener of the Munshiganj Sreenagar upazila Jubo Dal committee, was arrested in connection with a violence case from the Deulbhog area under the same upazila.

Around four hours later, some 200 Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal activists stormed the police station and snatched him away, said Sreenagar Police Station OC Quaiyum Uddin Chowdhury.

Yesterday, police filed a case against 31 named individuals and 160-170 unnamed others in connection with the incident, said Anisur Rahman, additional superintendent of police in Munshiganj.

"While taking the accused away, they punched and injured policemen. Police are conducting raids in different areas to arrest Tariqul and other accused," he said.

Meanwhile, Tariqul has been expelled from Jubo Dal.



In the Kazirbazar area of Sylhet city, the Surma river is facing severe pollution due to the dumping of waste and garbage. Local businesses and households are contributing to this problem by discarding their waste into the river. As a result, the river's water quality has deteriorated significantly, with plastic and polythene waste causing artificial shoals to form and disrupting the natural flow of the Surma. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

## Two killed in Habiganj road accident

UNB, Habiganj

Two workers of a garment factory died and three others injured after a truck collided with a battery-run autorickshaw in Habiganj yesterday.

The accident happened around 8:00am in the Dargah Gate area of the highway, said Mahmudul Haque, officer-in-charge (OC) of Shaistaganj Highway Police.

The identities of the deceased are yet to be confirmed, he said.

The deceased worked at the Pioneer Denim Factory of Badsha Group, said police.

Meanwhile, following the accident, the agitated factory workers blocked the road in protest against the death of the two RMG workers.

Later, police went to the spot and brought the situation under control.

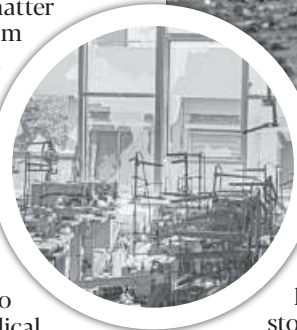
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

More than 50 workers, including 10 women, were injured in a clash between workers of three garment factories in the Chattogram Export Processing Zone yesterday.

The clash reportedly ensued over a trivial matter around 9:00am and continued till noon. Two of the factories later announced closure till next Monday and the other till Tuesday.

At least 40 injured workers were taken to Chattogram Medical College Hospital, but most of them were released after primary treatment, said an on-duty police personnel at CMCH.

Several workers also took treatment at CEPZ hospital.



"The workers locked in the clash over a trifle matter and hurled brickbats and stones at each other, leaving over 50 injured. They also caused damages to the three factories' facilities. On information, police and army personnel came to the spot and brought the situation under control around 12:30pm," said Mohammad Solaiman, superintendent of Industrial Police in Chattogram.

Workers of several garment factories in CEPZ have been demonstrating over different demands including increase in wage since January 4, until most factory owners eventually fulfilled their demands.

"During an agitation on January

8, workers of JMS Garments Limited kept the CEPZ's main gate closed till afternoon. This angered workers of a Korean factory Merim Co. Ltd as they remained stuck inside after working hours," said CEPZ Executive Director Md Abdus Sobhan.

The two groups engaged in an altercation, before Merim Co. Ltd's workers forcibly opened the gate and left the CEPZ premises. Infuriated workers of JMS Garments hurled brick chips at Merim Co. Ltd and vandalised windowpanes.

"Yesterday, the workers of the two factories clashed over this issue around 9:00am, hurling brickbats and making chases and counter-chases, turning the area into a warzone and causing injuries and vandalism," said Abdus Sobhan.

Workers of Merimo Ltd, a sister concern of Merim Co. Ltd, also joined the clash.

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## TIPU MURDER

# Family members living amid fear and insecurity

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The family members of Golam Rabbani Tipu, a former councillor of Khulna City Corporation who was shot dead in Cox's Bazar last Thursday, said they have been living amid fear and insecurity since the murder.

Even after two days since the incident, no representatives from law enforcement agencies or local authorities have contacted them, leaving them feeling vulnerable and abandoned, they said.

"Who will give us assurance that we will not be harmed if we go outside? Why are no lawmen coming to our aid? Are there any instructions against it from high-ups?," said a family member wishing anonymity.

Golam Rasul Badsha, Tipu's elder brother and a schoolteacher, said, "It doesn't matter which party someone belongs to; the death of a human being deserves justice. It is shocking that no one from the law enforcement or administration has come forward to extend support to us. How can we expect justice if we are abandoned like this?"

Asked about whether Tipu had enemies or

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Belayet Hossain, 65, cleans and then trims a date palm tree to collect the juice in a jar that he attaches to the tree. After working for 8-10 hours, Belayet is able to collect around 3.5 litres of juice, which he sells for Tk 250 in the local market. The photo was taken from the Dogolchira village in Jhalakathi recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

# Dry fish processing, a booming industry in Kishoreganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The processing and trading of dry fish have emerged as a profitable industry for thousands of people living in the haor (wetland) areas of Kishoreganj district.

Around 600 families along the Kali river in Kuliarchar upazila are engaged in dry fish production, which sustains them throughout the year.

"It has become a reliable source of income for families here," said Mahadev Chandra Das, a local dry fish trader.

Harimon Chandra Das, a boal, ayre (catfish varieties), and producer, said rising dry fish prices,

driven by strong demand across the country, have boosted earnings in recent years.



The process begins in September when indigenous fish varieties like boal, ayre (catfish varieties), and gajar (snakehead) are harvested

from open water bodies and dried in the sun.

"These fish are then sold to traders after processing," said Md Masud Rana, senior fisheries officer in Kuliarchar upazila.

Producers also source fish from other haor regions, including Sunamganj and Narayanganj, to meet growing demand, he added.

The industry provides significant opportunities for women, with many engaged in fish cleaning and cutting.

"I earn around Tk 50,000-60,000 every season, which has improved my family's financial

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## Man injured in BSF firing

UNB, Dhaka

A Bangladeshi man was injured in firing by Indian BSF on Azmatpur border in Chapainawabganj's Shibganj upazila early yesterday.

The injured, Shahidul Islam, 25, of Bagichapara of the upazila, was part of a group of six alleged smugglers returning to Bangladesh from India with a consignment of Phensedyl, said Lt Col Golam Kibria, commander of the Border Guard Bangladesh 59th Battalion.

The incident occurred when the group was around 130 yards inside Indian territory, he said.

BSF from a nearby camp opened fire, injuring Shahidul, he added.

## One more dies of dengue

UNB, Dhaka

One more death was reported from dengue in 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to four this year.

The death has been reported in the Mymensingh division (outside the city corporations), according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

During the period, 45 more patients were hospitalised with viral fever, it added.

Of them, nine dengue patients were admitted to a hospital under Dhaka North City Corporation while 15 were hospitalised in Dhaka South City Corporation.

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