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3 arrested after attack on couple in Uttara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One of the two persons, who were seen in the video carrying out an attack on a couple with sharp weapons in the capital's Uttara area on Monday night, was arrested from Dhaka's Abdullahpur area yesterday evening.

Alfaz Hossain Shimon, 22, one of the attackers, was arrested around 7:00pm, Hafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Uttara West Police Station.

"We are trying to arrest others," he said.

Alfaz is the nephew of Milion Mia, expelled convener of Uttara West Thana unit of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, an official of the police station told The Daily Star.

Dhaka city north unit of Jubo Dal expelled Milon on September 7 last year for "breaching organisational discipline".

Earlier on Monday night, police arrested Mobarak Hossain, 25, and Robi Ray, 22, in connection with the attack.

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'DEVIL HUNT' 506 more arrested across the country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The joint forces arrested 506 more people across the country in the last 24 hours till yesterday afternoon as part of the "Operation Devil Hunt", according to the Police Headquarters.

With the latest arrests, the numbers of arrestees under the operation are now 5,825.

Additionally, 1,141 others, who were either accused or wanted in previous cases, were also arrested in the last 24 hours.

Law enforcers also recovered a firearm.

The government launched the operation on February 8 to restore law and order.

ROAD ACCIDENT Journalist Masuma succumbs to injuries

A CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Four days after suffering severe injuries in a road accident, journalist Masuma Akter, correspondent of Ekhn TV's Rajshahi bureau, died at a private hospital in Dhaka early yesterday.

She breathed her last around 4:15am. She was on life support since she sustained head injuries during the accident in Cumilla on last Friday.

Masuma's husband Rakibul Hasan Razib, a senior journalist of the same television channel, confirmed the death to The Daily Star.

Masuma, from Narayanpur village in

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Accompanied by her son, Farida Yasmin heads home to Lalbagh after completing her dialysis at BSMMU in Shahbagh. As teacher-candidates continued their protest for their 13th consecutive day, police erected these barricades opposite the National Museum. With no other way to go, her son was forced to move the barriers so that Farida could cross the spot in her wheelchair. The photo was taken yesterday.

'Moral policing a rising concern in universities'

University Teachers' Network says pluralism still missing in country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University Teachers' Network has expressed concern that the absence of teacher association elections and the lack of reforms for fair student union polls have reinstated an autocratic system on campuses, threatening institutional democracy.

As a result, moral policing in universities has increased, creating an unsafe and discriminatory environment, especially for female students, they said.

Also, efforts to ban student politics are enabling the unchecked rise of extremist student organisations, they added.

They made the remarks at a press conference titled "The State of the Country and Educational Institutions in Six Months of the Interim Government" at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

The network highlighted that despite the government's claims of being non-partisan, political influence remains dominant in the appointments of key administrative positions, including vice-chancellors, deans, hall provosts, and proctors, which they fear will extend to faculty recruitment.

Speaking at the programme, Prof Anu Muhammad said the expectation from the interim government was to remove barriers to freedom of expression, yet now attacks on freedom are coming from all directions.

"If such events are cancelled and speech is restricted, how will people express their freedom? These are issues we faced during Sheikh Hasina's era," he said.

"We cannot accept this under the current government," he added.

Prof Muhammad also highlighted recent incidents at Chittagong University and Khulna University, including student expulsions and arbitrary renaming of buildings after prominent figures.

He said, "We are deeply shocked and concerned about this. These names must be reinstated immediately. We also demand that major institutions be named after these eminent individuals."

Dhaka University Professor Kamrul Hassan Mamun stressed the need to modernise faculty recruitment policies, warning that political appointments will

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AL, allies should be banned for aiding Hasina Says Sarjis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sarjis Alam, chief organiser of Jatiya Nagorik Committee, yesterday

said if Sheikh Hasina was the mastermind behind the July killings, then the Awami League and its associate bodies should also be banned for aiding her in committing the crimes.

"We cannot hold voters accountable for the crimes of the party. However, the registration of the Awami League must be completely revoked," he said while speaking to journalists after a dialogue at the BIIS auditorium.

Sarjis said they expect to announce their new party within the next week.



'Resign first, then contest polls if you want to stay in power' Fakhrul urges advisers

STAR REPORT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday urged the interim government advisers to resign if they want to stay in power and then contest the elections.

"If you want to stay in power, step down first and then contest the election. (You) form a new party outside the government -- we have no objection. But any such activity while remaining in power will not be tolerated," he said.

Fakhrul said this while speaking as the chief guest at a rally organised by the Jashore district BNP at the local Town Hall Maidan in the afternoon, reports UNB.

The rally aimed to demand a reduction in the prices of daily necessities, improvements in the deteriorating law and order situation, the announcement of a clear electoral roadmap, and the cessation of what he termed the conspiracy of fascism.

Fakhrul reiterated the call for national elections to be held first. "BNP will not accept local government elections before the national ones," he said.

"The collaborators of fascist Hasina will raise their ugly heads if the local elections are held first, which the people of the country will not accept," he added.



Left parties for nat'l polls before local govt elections

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Left Democratic Alliance has expressed a preference for national elections to be held before local government elections.

During a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin at the Election Commission office yesterday, alliance leaders also demanded that parliamentary elections take place within this year.

Iqbal Kabir Zahid, coordinator of the alliance,

told reporters that the downfall of a fascist government came through movements against undemocratic systems.

He said the primary objective following this change should be a return to a democratic system, urging that elections be organised promptly.

Shah Alam, president of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), said reforms and elections can proceed simultaneously.

He said a new debate is emerging regarding whether local or national elections should be conducted first. Alam accused the government of using this debate as a tactic to delay elections, which he deemed self-destructive for the nation.

CPB General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince said

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CPB president



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Huge traffic congestion brought the Kakrail area to a standstill yesterday. Weekday traffic continues to be a problem that plagues the capital.