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Complaint  
filed over  
enforced  
disappearance  
of BNP leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A complaint was submitted yesterday to the Chief Prosecutor's Office of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) over the enforced disappearance of BNP leader and former Dhaka City Corporation councillor Chowdhury Alam in 2010.

Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, son of the missing politician, lodged the complaint, naming 18 individuals, including former minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, ex-Rab officers Maj Gen (relieved) Ziaul Ahsan, Mohammad Sohail, and the then additional director general (operations) of Rab, Col Mujibur Rahman. Also accused are the former president of the Jubo League's Dhaka Metropolitan South unit, Ismail Hossain Chowdhury

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Activists painting images of violence against women on canvas in protest against gender-based violence across the country, at Central Shaheed Minar in Narayanganj yesterday.

PHOTO: SOURAV SIAM

Clash at NITOR  
disrupts services  
for six hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Patients at the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) suffered yesterday as hospital staff staged a six-hour work stoppage following a clash with those injured during the July uprising.

Emergency treatment remained suspended, and surgeries were briefly halted, causing severe disruption. Services at the emergency ward resumed after 6:00pm, Prof Md Abul Kenan, NITOR's director, told The Daily Star around 7:40pm.

At least 15 people, including three students (injured during uprising) and three Ansar personnel, were injured. One Ansar member is in critical condition.

Several rooms in the hospital's administration block, including the director's office, were vandalised. Some patients reportedly left without treatment but later returned.

The clash erupted after the injured activists accused hospital staff of malpractice. Rajib Mia, a student injured in the uprising, claimed they had warned authorities about irregularities before, but no action was taken.

On Sunday night, students allegedly caught a "broker" demanding money for blood arrangements and beat him up. However, hospital staff said the man was an employee of the Blood Transfusion Unit.

Tensions escalated when staff confronted the injured students around noon, leading to violence. Witnesses said students vandalised four rooms in the administration block, while students claimed over 100 staffers and outsiders attacked them, injuring 10. Staffers countered

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RMG workers block  
road after truck  
fatally hits fellow  
Commuters suffer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A truck yesterday hit two female garment workers while they were crossing the road near the Chairmanbari area in Dhaka's Banani, leaving one of them dead and the other injured.

The incident took place around 6:45am. The deceased was identified as Sumaiya Akhter, 19.

CCTV footage of the incident that later went viral showed that the victim, Sumaiya, had signalled the truck to stop while crossing the road, but the truck ran straight onto her and fled, leaving her dead on the spot.

In protest, several hundred RMG workers blocked the road for around six hours, bringing traffic to a standstill.

The gridlock stretched to nearby roads too, leaving office goers and commuters stranded for hours.

Many were seen walking long distances to reach their destinations amid sweltering heat.

Though the protesters left the road after around six hours, commuters bore the brunt throughout the day.

"The protesters also blocked the expressway ramp near Banani Chairmanbari, halting operations since 7:40am. They left the expressway after around four hours, and operations resumed at 11:45am," said Hasib Hasan Khan, head of Traffic Safety and Security Department at First Dhaka Elevated Expressway O&M Company.

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Act now to tackle  
gender-based  
violence

Demand speakers during MJF event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at an event yesterday called for immediate action to address the rising incidents of gender-based violence in Bangladesh.

Condemning the recent release of a convicted child rapist in Dinajpur, they emphasised the need for speedy trials of rape cases and the closure of legal loopholes.

The speakers warned that without immediate justice, perpetrators would continue acting with impunity, perpetuating a cycle of violence.

These remarks were made during a discussion titled "Reflection on Reality: Women's Journey Towards Leadership and Empowerment," organised by the Manusher Jonno Foundation at the MJF Tower in the capital. The event was held in observance of International Women's Day 2025.

At the programme, MJF Executive

The recent rape incident in Magura touched our hearts because it was shared a lot on social media. But why is there no protest when a rapist from eight years ago is released and walks free? Our growing tolerance is fuelling violence against women.

Banasree Mitra Neogi  
Director, MJF

Director Shaheen Anam expressed deep concern over the recent surge in sexual violence, stating, "Many have wished me 'Happy Women's Day,' but I am not really happy."

Noting that the law adviser has directed that rape case investigations must be completed within 15 days

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Anisuzzaman  
new special  
assistant to CA  
Aminul Islam  
who oversaw edn  
ministry resigned  
from same post

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The interim government yesterday appointed Anisuzzaman Chowdhury as a special assistant to the chief adviser with the rank of state minister.

He will oversee matters related to the finance ministry, according to a gazette notification issued by the Cabinet Division.

On the same day, Prof M Aminul Islam, another special assistant to Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus who oversaw the education ministry, resigned from his post.

Speaking to The Daily

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823 officials of  
prison penalised  
in seven months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Prisons has taken disciplinary action against 823 prison officials over the past seven months due to allegations of irregularities, including financial misconduct. Among them, 12 officials have been dismissed from service.

Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Syed Md Motaheer Hossain shared these details at a press conference in the department's conference room yesterday.

He said six officials were forced into retirement, 84 were temporarily suspended, 270 received various disciplinary punishments, and 260 are facing departmental cases. Additionally, 29 officials were asked to provide explanations, 21 received final warnings, 39 were immediately transferred, and 102 were transferred outside their departments for administrative reasons.

Addressing concerns about special treatment for high-profile prisoners, Motaheer Hossain said no inmate has access to home-cooked meals or mobile phones. To strengthen security, 275 surprise raids were conducted at Keraniganj Prison over the past three months, leading to the seizure of cash, small button mobile phones, and narcotics.

After August 5, numerous prisoners escaped from jails across the country.

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A DAY IN COURT

Of Palak's remarks on  
increasing cases

EMRUL HASAN BAPPI

Former state minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak remained relatively vocal as he was brought to the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka yesterday.

Palak was escorted from Kashimpur jail under heavy security -- wearing a helmet, handcuffs, and a bulletproof vest. He was taken to court for a bail hearing in a graft case.

As the prison van arrived at the court premises at 1:47pm, Palak approached the iron-barred window and smiled at journalists, greeting them with a hand gesture.

He then told reporters, "The more I speak, the more cases and days of remand increase. What's the point of speaking? Please pray for me."

A while later, police boarded the prison van and put a bulletproof vest and helmet on Palak. He was then escorted under tight police security to the lockup of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court.

On his way to the lockup, Palak once again repeated the issue of cases and remand period.

"They even handcuff me from behind. Do we have the right to speak? So far, I have been

made an accused in 78 cases," he added.

At 3:08pm, Palak was taken back to the prison van from the court's lockup after judge Md Zakir Hossain rejected his bail petition in the case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission over the alleged acquisition of wealth beyond known sources of income.

At that time, he told the journalists that he was not having any difficulty fasting while in prison.

"No, I am not having any trouble fasting. This year, Ramadan began while I was on remand," he said.

Palak also called for standing up against the recent rape incidents.

He stated, "In this fiery March, rise against rape. Stand up, Bangladesh. Move forward, chanting 'Joy Bangla'. Rise again!"

His lawyer Farzana Yeasmin Rakhi said, "My client is being regularly shown arrested in various cases and is brought to the court. He is suffering because of this. Additionally, he is being brought to the courtroom with his hands cuffed behind his back, a treatment usually reserved for hardened criminals."

"Palak is not even allowed to communicate with his family. He is being treated like a regular prisoner," she added.



A large crowd assembled in front of this TCB truck in Karwan Bazar yesterday. With Ramadan underway, TCB trucks provide some relief to low-income groups who are financially struggling to afford daily essential commodities amid continually rising prices.

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