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TUHIN MURDER

Charges pressed against 8 arrestees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police have pressed charges against eight people in a case filed over the murder of journalist Asaduzzaman Tuhin in Gazipur on August 7.

The eight people are already in custody, said Rabiul Hasan, deputy commissioner (crime north) of Gazipur Metropolitan Police.

The charge sheet has already been submitted to a local court, the official told a press conference yesterday afternoon.

However, two mobile phones used by journalist Tuhin are yet to be recovered as those have been switched off since the day of the murder, he added.

The victim's family

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These sculptures, made using a combination of metal, wood, and paper, depict the many tragedies and atrocities that took place during the July uprising last year. Some show the police brutality that protesters endured, while others depict victims being carried away by those around them. The installation was created by artists from the Faculty of Fine Arts at Dhaka University and was displayed recently opposite their department.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

JULY UPRISING

Up to Tk five lakh reward for return of looted firearms

Says home adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday announced rewards for information leading to the recovery of firearms looted during the July uprising, with the highest amount of Tk 5 lakh for the recovery of a light machine gun (LMG).

Anyone providing information leading to the recovery of a sub-machine gun (SMG) will get Tk 1.5 lakh, Tk 1 lakh for a Chinese rifle, Tk 50,000 for a pistol or shotgun, and Tk 500 for each bullet, he told reporters at the Secretariat. He said the identity of informants will be kept strictly confidential.

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ACC to prevent use of black money in polls

Says its chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has said it will take steps to prevent the use of black money in the upcoming national election.

The anti-graft body will also investigate whether candidates provide false information in their affidavits.

ACC Chairman Mohammad Abdul Momen announced the move while speaking to journalists at a press briefing yesterday.

In response to a question, he said the commission would work to cut off the supply chain of black money during the election. To that end, the ACC will coordinate with the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) and other relevant agencies.

Momen urged voters to reject individuals who possess black money. He also said the commission's enforcement unit will be strengthened to prevent the use of black money during the election period.

He called on citizens to raise their voices, saying, "We don't want corrupt MP candidates."



Major reshuffle in police, admin ahead of polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a major reshuffle ahead of the general election, 12 deputy inspectors general of police and 14 superintendents of police (SP) ranked officers have been given new postings.

At the same time, six districts got new deputy commissioners (DC).

The Ministry of Public Administration and the Ministry of Home Affairs issued separate notifications yesterday, with the changes taking immediate effect. As part of the reshuffle in police, seven districts received new SPs.

Mohammad Al Mamun Sikder of Industrial Police has been made SP of Banguna, Md Asaduzzaman of Police Bureau of Investigation as Bagerhat SP, Menhajul Alam of Police Headquarters as Narsingdi SP, Jasim Uddin of Dhaka Metropolitan Police as Narayanganj SP, Manjur Ahmed Siddique of DMP as Meherpur SP, Rabiul Islam of Special Branch as Narail SP, and Tariqul Islam of Highway Police as Natore SP.

In the administration, Shahid Hossain Chowdhury, deputy secretary at the environment ministry, has been made DC of Patuakhali. His predecessor, Abu Hasnat Mohammad Arefin, has been transferred to Kushtia as DC.

Meherpur DC Shifat Mehnaz has been posted to Kurigram, while Mohammad Abdul Salam, deputy secretary at the home ministry, has been appointed as the new DC of Meherpur.

Mohammad Abdullah Al Mahmud Zaman, deputy secretary and zonal settlement officer at the Department of Land Record and Surveys in Dhaka, has been made DC of Netrokona.

Meanwhile, Kushtia DC Mohammad Toufiqur Rahman has been transferred to Khulna as the new DC.

Women sidelined by care duties, not education

Shows study on women's participation in formal jobs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Not the lack of education; rather, care responsibilities are the main reason why Bangladeshi women, especially young women, remain outside formal employment, revealed a new study by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and Sajida Foundation.

The research found that 81 percent of women cited household duties as their biggest barrier to joining the labour force, while 48 percent of men pointed to education as the main challenge.

Young women aged 15-24 spend up to 20 hours a week on domestic chores - four times more than their male peers. Even women over 65 continue to spend double the time men do on household work.

Dr Sajeda Amin, senior research advisor at Sajida Foundation, presented the findings of the study, titled "Care Responsibilities and Women's Work in Bangladesh", at a seminar organised by BIDS at its Agargaon office in Dhaka yesterday.

Drawing on nationally representative data from the 2016



ISSUES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Young women spend up to 20 hours weekly on chores	Joint families, tertiary education
Women over 65 still do double the domestic work of men	Accessible, well-located daycare centres
Home-based work rising, outside employment declining	Home-based income opportunities
Commuting challenges limit women's participation	Encourage delayed marriage

Labour Force Survey (LFS), the study noted that Bangladesh's rising female labour force participation (FLFP) is driven mainly by home-

based work rather than jobs in offices, factories, or farms. While 66 percent of women

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Three more die of dengue, 412 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three more deaths were reported from dengue in the 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to 118 this year.

During the period, 412 more patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, raising the number of confirmed cases to 29,044 this year, according to the DGHS.

According to the DGHS, the three fatalities have been reported in Dhaka.

A total of 1,309 patients are currently receiving treatment in hospitals across the country.

Last year, dengue claimed the lives of 575 people.



JCD places 5-point demand to ensure fair Rucsu polls

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) has placed a five-point demand to ensure a fair and democratic election for the Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (Rucsu).

JCD leaders paraded campus roads as part of their procession before stopping in front of the university's administrative building to submit a memorandum to Vice-Chancellor Prof Saleh Hasan Naqib yesterday.

Their demands include enrolling first-year students of the 2024-25 session and foreign students in the voter list, setting up polling centres in academic buildings instead of residential halls, preparing an updated voter list with photographs, ensuring coexistence of all active student organisations in the halls, and holding a fair, democratic, and participatory election without discrimination.

Speaking at the rally, RU JCD President Sultan Ahmed Rahi alleged that "some corrupt groups, who sold themselves to Pakistan, are busy spreading lies against Chhatra Dal and plotting to abolish Rucsu."

He also criticised the appointment of the Rucsu chief election commissioner, saying the person had previously conducted the controversial Rajshahi University Alumni Association (RUAA) polls, where many former students were deprived of their rights.

Contacted, VC Prof Naqib said, "We have received their demands and will discuss them. Rucsu Election Commission will handle all issues related to the election."



A man arranges freshly cut sugarcane in rows, preparing it for sale. Wholesale traders collect the stalks from the fields, bundle them, and keep them ready for the market. Depending on size and quality, each hundred stalks of sugarcane sells for Tk 1,500-6,000. The photo was taken recently at Boro Bazar market in Khulna city.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN