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MPO teachers threaten to block Shahbagh

Warn of hunger strike if demands not met

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers from non-government MPO-listed institutions continued their indefinite work abstention for the third consecutive day yesterday, warning that they would go on a hunger strike if the government failed to meet their demands.

However, last night, they announced a blockade at Shahbagh today to press home their demands.

Their key demands include raising the house rent allowance to 20 percent of the basic salary, increasing the medical allowance to Tk 1,500, and setting the festival allowance for non-teaching staff at 75 percent of their basic pay.

Delwar Hossain Azizi, member secretary of the Alliance for Nationalisation of MPO Institutions, made the announcement in front of the High Court on behalf of the teachers.

He said if the government does not issue the gazette notification by 12:00pm today, they will block Shahbagh.

Earlier in the day, at a rally in front of the High Court

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Police intercept teachers from non-government MPO-listed institutions near the High Court gate during their "Road to Secretariat" march yesterday. The teachers continued their indefinite work abstention for the third consecutive day, demanding a 20 percent house rent allowance and other benefits.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

5 more die of dengue, 841 get hospitalised



STAR REPORT

At least five dengue patients died while 841 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services, among the deaths, four were reported from Dhaka South City Corporation areas and one in Mymensingh division.

With the new deaths and cases, the total number of deaths this year rose to 238, while total cases rose to 56,257.

Among the total cases, a total of 53,354 dengue patients have been released so far after treatment.

Currently, 2,665 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country, 1,694 of whom are from outside Dhaka.

Court summons Hasina, 261 others in sedition case

Asks them to appear on November 11

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the relevant authorities to publish a gazette asking ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and 261 others to appear on November 11 in a sedition case.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Jewel Rana issued the directive after receiving police reports on earlier arrest warrants against the absconding accused, said a court staffer.

During the hearing, 24 accused, who were arrested in the case, were produced before the court. The court also rejected their bail petitions, the staffer added.

According to the prosecution, if the absconding accused do not appear, the trial will proceed in their absence.

Meanwhile, a CID press release said a total of 91 people accused in the sedition case are now in different jails across the country.

On August 14, the court issued arrest warrants against 286 people, including Hasina, after taking cognisance of the

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Political violence hits four-year high

160 killed in last 13 months, reports HRSS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Political violence in Bangladesh reached a four-year high during the first 13 months of the interim government, with at least 1,047 incidents leaving 160 people dead and more than 8,000 injured, according to data from the Human Rights Support Society (HRSS).

Most of those killed were affiliated with the BNP, followed by the Awami League, with the majority of deaths occurring in intra-party clashes, alongside confrontations between BNP and AL supporters. Of the 160 people killed, 104 were from BNP and 38 from AL.

HRSS compiled its annual data from 15 national newspapers and its own field reports. The latest report covers the first 13 months of the interim government.

Intra-BNP clashes saw the highest fatalities, with 577 such incidents leaving 88 dead. A total



of 221 BNP-AL confrontations claimed 34 lives. Of the 38 AL men killed, 12 died in intra-party violence, while most of the rest were killed during clashes with BNP men.

Meanwhile, three Jamaat-e-Islami activists, one from NCP, and ten from the UPDF were also killed, while four others, including one woman, had no identifiable political affiliation.

According to HRSS, the Jamaat activists were killed in clashes with BNP and AL supporters, while the NCP member died in an Awami League-NCP confrontation. The report did not specify how 10 UPDF activists were killed.

Meanwhile, the rights watchdog also recorded at least 171 incidents of attacks by miscreants on political party leaders and activists, resulting in at least 120 other deaths and over 200 injuries.

HRSS data show that 82 people were killed in 2021, 92 in 2022, 96 in 2023, and 160 between

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Online bail bonds to be launched from Oct 15

Says law adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Adviser Dr Asif Nazrul yesterday said an online



bail bond system will be launched from October 15 to ease the process of releasing accused persons after securing bail from courts.

"Currently, an accused must go through about 12 steps after securing bail from a court before being released. At several of these stages, people face harassment and often have to spend money," he said.

"With the new system, once bail is granted, the bail bond will be sent directly to the respective jail with a single click," Nazrul added.

He was speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the internship programme of the Attorney General's Office held at the Supreme Court Auditorium yesterday.

EC to allot NCP symbol if it fails to choose by Oct 19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission has once again sent a letter to the National Citizen Party, asking it to choose an election symbol from the list of symbols reserved for political parties and candidates.

Meanwhile, the commission has yet to make any decision regarding the proposed referendum. "If the party fails to select one (symbol) by October 19, the EC will assign a symbol on its own," EC Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed told reporters at the commission's headquarters yesterday.

When asked whether the issue might create unrest, he said, "We'll see when the time comes."



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Our future depends on next polls: Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said the political and economic future of the country depends on the upcoming national election.

He made the remark while addressing a meeting of Thakurgaon Sadar upazila and Ruhia Thana BNP executives at District Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

He urged party leaders and activists to act prudently in the coming days, warning against repeating political mistakes that could lead to the return of fascism.

"Neither the people nor we want to see fascism again. The sooner the election is held, the faster the national crisis will end," Fakhrul said.



Holding a picture of her loved one who has been forcibly disappeared, a woman breaks down in tears at a human chain in front of the High Court yesterday. Mayer Daak, a platform of the families of the victims of enforced disappearances, organised the event demanding the return of their missing relatives and punishment for those responsible.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

OBITUARY

"Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un"

Mr. Kazi Golam Rahman:



Mr. Kazi Golam Rahman, former Secretary, Additional Inspector General of Police, Trustee Board Chairman of Hamdard Trust and Chairman of National Center for Hearing and Speech for Children (SAHIC) passed away on the 13th of October 2025.

A distinguished civil servant, Mr. Rahman completed his M.Com from the University of Dhaka in 1962 and began his career with the Planning Commission in 1964. He later joined the Police Service of Pakistan (PSP) in 1967 and served with integrity in various capacities including SP in Dinajpur, Sylhet, and Jessore; Police Commissioner of Chittagong; and DIG of Railways.

He also held senior government positions including as Chairman of Power Development Board, founding Secretary of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Ministry, Treasurer of Bangladesh Open University, and Director General of NSI. He retired as Member of Planning Commission in 2001.

In addition to his family, friends and well-wishers, he is survived by his wife, one daughter who's a Professor of Microbiology Department of Dhaka University and a son working as a Regional Vice-President of French multinational TotalEnergies.

May Allah grant him eternal peace and Jannah.