



A number of the arrested in connection with the attacks on Prothom Alo and The Daily Star. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DMP

28 arrested

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The arrestees were identified as Mainul Islam, 22; Zulfikar Ali Sourav, 22; Almas Ali, 32; Jubayer Hossain, 21; Ainul Haque Kashemi, 30; Abdur Rahman Palash, 30; Jannatul Naim, 21; Qari Muazbin Abdur Rahman, 34; Faisal Ahmed, 24; Yeasin, 39; and Mohammad Hashem, 24.

Yeasin and Hashem were arrested in the Prothom Alo case.

In the forwarding report submitted before the court, the investigating officer said the process of identifying all the culprits is ongoing, adding, "It is necessary to keep the accused in jail custody until completion of the investigation and verification of their stated addresses."

He also said he would later seek remand for their interrogation to recover looted money and other valuables.

Following the investigating

officer's plea, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Jamshed Alam sent the 11 to jail in two separate orders – nine in The Daily Star's case and two in Prothom Alo's.

The court also set January 27 for submitting the probe reports in the cases.

Asked, Deputy Commissioner of DMP (media) Talebur Rahman said the political affiliations of the arrestees are yet to be ascertained, adding that police are currently verifying their backgrounds. "Investigators are also probing who incited the attacks."

According to the Detective Branch, the arrests followed scrutiny and review of CCTV footage from the night of the coordinated attacks (late December 18).

Police said the arrests came after separate drives at multiple locations based on information collected from various local sources and reliable intelligence.

US needs Greenland 'for national security'

Says Trump

AFP, Copenhagen

President Donald Trump on Monday reiterated that the United States needed Greenland for "national security" after his appointment of a special envoy to the Danish Arctic island triggered a new spat with Copenhagen.

Since returning to the White House in January, Trump has repeatedly said the United States "needs" the resource-rich autonomous territory for security reasons and has refused to rule out using force to secure it.

Trump on Sunday appointed Louisiana governor Jeff Landry as special envoy to Greenland, prompting anger from Denmark, which summoned the US ambassador.

BNP to share

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"I have been working for the BNP in this constituency since 2015. My father was also elected from this seat. I have a deep connection with the people here. That is why I will contest the election as an independent candidate," she said.

Meanwhile, at yesterday's press briefing, Fakhrul said if any BNP leader contests in these four seats, either as an independent or in any other manner, organisational action will be taken against them.

Although Jamiat Ulema-Islam has secured four seats under the alliance's seat-sharing arrangement, its candidates will contest the election using the party's own electoral symbol, the Date Tree (Khejur Gach). Jamiat had joined a simultaneous movement with the BNP during the fascist regime.

Fakhrul also alleged that Bangladesh's law and order

situation has deteriorated due to the failure of the interim government, claiming that a vested quarter is conspiring to obstruct the country's democratic transition.

"We expected that the government led by Professor Muhammad Yunus would at least show its capability during these few months and run the country efficiently," he said.

"Bangladesh is now going through a transition period. A brutal fascist rule destroyed our values, democratic institutions and the economy," Fakhrul said.

After emerging from that fascist rule, he said, the nation is now moving towards an election, with the expectation that an elected government and an elected parliament will guide the country and the people in the right direction.

French, German

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damage firsthand and observe the situation.

At that time, they emphasised the continuation of independent journalism without interruption and accountability following the attacks.

A mob attacked and vandalised The Daily Star office in Dhaka on Thursday night, setting fire to parts of the nine-storey building and

trapping more than two dozen journalists and staff inside for more than four hours.

Fire was set on the first and second floors, causing flames and thick smoke to spread rapidly through the building.

The journalists and office staff took shelter on the rooftop as the fire spread. They were rescued nearly four hours later by members of the army and the fire service.

Star goes live

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people management processes.

The go-live event was attended by senior officials from The Daily Star, including Mizanur Rahman FCA, head of operations & CFO; Jahurul Islam, assistant general manager-accounts & finance; Md Mahmudul Hasan Khan, head of HR & admin; Md Tanvir Ahamed Sarkan, head of IT; Md Nomanzaman,

& accounts; Md Istiak Ahmed Bappy, assistant manager-administration; and Fahad Hossain, senior executive-human resources. AKJ iBOS representatives included Md Al-Amin, CMO and CRO; Md Ikbal Hoshen, CTO; Md Nazmul Haque Sabuj, AGM, business development; ARSM Nuray Alam Parash, product manager for PeopleDesk; and Shahinur Shamim, business analyst.

Act now against hate

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"repeatedly, these incidents expose a disturbing erosion of our collective humanity, compounded by the absence of any notable, effective action by the state – an omission that further heightens our anxiety."

"These incidents place citizen security, a free press, cultural spaces, minority protection and democratic stability at risk ahead of the forthcoming election. Without effective prevention and protection by the state, neither public life remains safe nor elections credible," it said.

Regarding Osman Hadi's killing, the statement said the premeditated murder of "one of the most visible faces of the July uprising" exposed a profound crisis in everyday life.

It said Hadi believed diversity of opinion in the media is natural and stood firmly for freedom of expression and a free press. Despite his stance against media attacks, continued assaults on independent media following his death represent a grave insult to his values, for which responsibility lies with the state as well as an indifferent or complicit public.

The signatories strongly condemned what they described as premeditated and organised vandalism, looting and arson at the offices of Prothom Alo and The Daily Star, saying the most alarming aspect was the absence of credible assurances or effective preventive measures from the government despite repeated requests.

They had the attack on Chhayanaut and the subsequent arson at Udichi could not be seen as isolated incidents, but as part of a dangerous trend of shrinking space for free thought, media, culture and civic life. Failure by the state to act proactively,

they warned, effectively encourages perpetrators.

On the killing of Dipu Chandra Das, the statement said all allegations must be addressed through the rule of law, rejecting mob violence, incitement and so-called "public trials".

The signatories warned that certain groups are exploiting violence and incitement to deepen political instability and damage the electoral environment, raising concerns about whether state institutions are prepared and willing to safeguard public life, press freedom, cultural spaces, minority security and electoral democracy.

The statement concluded that unless the state, political parties, social organisations and the media take effective and visible action now, public trust, social stability and the country's democratic journey will face a deeper crisis, responsibility for which cannot be avoided.

The statement was signed by CSO Alliance, Naripokkho, ActionAid Bangladesh, Bangladesh Research Analysis and Information Network, Dushtha Shasthya Kendra, DSK Foundation, Eco-Social Development Organization and Human Development Centre.

Individual signatories included Sara Hossain and Asif Saleh, co-conveners of the CSO Alliance; Rasheda K Chowdhury, former caretaker government adviser; Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation; rights activist Sultana Kamal; Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of TIB; Sumaiya Islam, executive director of Bangladesh Nari Sramik Kendra; actors Rafiath Rashid Mithila and Azmeri Haque Badhon; and Dhaka University professor Geeti Ara Nasreen, among others.

Justice must be ensured for Dipu

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"hurting religious sentiments." Later, his body was hung from a tree and set on fire.

"As ordinary citizens and human rights activists, we are deeply shocked and outraged by such injustice against a citizen of our country. Such a brutal killing is unacceptable," Alam said.

"Dipu, the sole breadwinner for his family, is survived by his wife and a young child. We cannot fill the void left by his death, but we can say that they are not alone. Many people stand beside them and are ready to protest," he said.

Referring to recent incidents, Alam said the killing of Shaheed Osman Hadi, attacks on newspaper offices and cultural organisations, and the killing of a worker send a dangerous signal, adding that those who incited such acts must also be brought to justice.

The 17-member delegation included Nagorik Udyog chief executive Zakir Hossain, Nari Mukti Kendra president Seema Dutta, writer and former Constitutional Reform Commission member Firoz Ahmed, human rights activists Dipayan Khisa and Shipon Kumar Rabidas, and representatives of BLAST, ALRD and Manobadhikar Sanskritik Foundation.

Regional media bodies decry

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were being detained without trial and demanded their immediate and unconditional release.

The groups said violence, intimidation, attacks or harassment aimed at silencing the media violated media freedom, the constitutional right to freedom of expression and the rule of law. They urged governments to ensure fair, impartial and speedy investigations and to bring those responsible to justice.

The statement also noted that media houses in Nepal had faced similar attacks three months earlier, with journalists subjected to both physical and online assaults. The groups also welcomed statements from the Press Club of India and the Karachi Press Club, which expressed concern and strongly criticised the violence.

Separately, strongly condemning the attacks, the Editors Guild of India

said the incidents were an attempt to silence independent media.

The assault on Nurul Kabir and the mob attacks on the offices of Prothom Alo and The Daily Star, in particular, mark a serious and deadly escalation in the ongoing cycle of violence against and intimidation of the media in Bangladesh, it said.

The Guild said it was "gravely concerned" by reports of death threats against journalists circulating on social media and urged the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government to take immediate steps to ensure journalists' physical safety and to act swiftly against those responsible.

"These attacks constitute a clear violation of media freedom in South Asia and are an attempt to silence independent media voices and constrain civic discourse," the statement said.

Bonik Barta, BIDS

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On the recent arson attacks at Prothom Alo and The Daily Star offices, Rahman said: "We need to respect freedom of expression and tolerance. Manzur was ideal in that regard. He always welcomed the voices of others."

Hossain Zillur Rahman, former adviser to the

caretaker government and executive chairman of the Power and Participation Research Centre; AK Enamul Haque, director general of BIDS; Dewan Hanif Mahmud, editor and publisher of Bonik Barta; and Fahmida Khatun, executive director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), also spoke.

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এ মর্মে গত ০৫ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৫খ্রিঃ থেকে ক্রয় পরিদপ্তরের সকল দাপ্তরিক কার্যক্রম, পত্র যোগাযোগ, দরপত্র ক্রয় ও দাখিল এবং অন্যান্য কার্যাদি নিম্নোক্ত নতুন ঠিকানায় পরিচালিত হবে।

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Employment Opportunity

Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited (KAFCO) is an international joint venture and a leading manufacturer of Ammonia and Urea fertilizers in Bangladesh. The plant is located in Rangadia, Anowara, Chattogram, with its corporate office in Dhaka. KAFCO is inviting applications from qualified candidates for the following positions at the Plant Site Office in Chattogram.

1. Maintenance Engineer (Electrical) Vacant Position: 01

Requirements:

- Education-B.Sc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from a reputed Public University.
- Minimum CGPA 3.0 out of 4.0 in B.Sc. level.

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Requirements:

- Education-B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering from a reputed Public University.
- Minimum CGPA 3.0 out of 4.0 in B.Sc. level.

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Application Procedure:

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