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Tears flow as Limon comes home

Slain PhD student buried in Jamalpur

SAHIDUL ISLAM NIRAB, Jamalpur

Zahurul Haque stood shattered when the body of his son Zamil Ahamed Limon arrived from the US at his ancestral home in Jamalpur's Madarganj upazila yesterday afternoon, 18 days after his murder.

"My son never gave anyone any trouble. How could someone torture him so cruelly?" In a trembling voice, Limon's father spoke of grief no parent should have to bear.

The home that once echoed with joys of laughter was now filled with unimaginable sorrow. Many could hardly believe that the young man, whom they had so much hope for, had returned home in a coffin.

Limon was one of two Bangladeshi PhD students brutally murdered in Florida last month.

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Zahurul Haque, father of PhD student Zamil Ahamed Limon, who was brutally murdered in the US, leans on his other son, Zubair, as he breaks down during a press briefing near HSIA in Dhaka, following the arrival of Limon's remains yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

45 UNIT COMMITTEES

Chhatra Dal faces flak from its grassroots

Protesting leaders allege bias in member selections

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chhatra Dal, the student wing of the ruling BNP, is facing growing resentment from its grassroots after announcing committees for 45 units, with "deprived" leaders and activists staging protests in at least five districts and accusing the central leadership of ignoring long-serving organisers.

The backlash has created a fresh organisational challenge for the Bangladesh Nationalist Party's affiliated organisations as it tries to expand and strengthen its field-level activities, insiders said.

On Saturday night, 45 committees -- for university, medical college, district and metropolitan units -- were announced, including 22 new partial committees and 23 full committees.



Chhatra Dal activists clash in Rangamati.

Following the announcement, grassroots leaders and activists staged protests, demanding the reconstitution of the committees.

The protests have already spread to Rangamati, Noakhali, Kishoreganj, Dinajpur and the capital's Nayapalton area, where demonstrators alleged that active, long-serving organisers were ignored while inactive, married, elderly and non-student individuals were included.

Chhatra Dal General Secretary Nasir Uddin Nasir said, "When we give posts to two persons and give other posts to the rest, many people often feel disappointed and resentful. For now, we are taking these things as quite normal."

"We believe they will accept the organisation's decision. If they remain patient and follow the organisation's rules, a situation and environment will be created for them to become leaders in the future."

He said the committees were formed after considering all factors and that the allegations against them were baseless.

Chhatra Dal insiders said the grassroots discontent has become a major test for the central leadership at a time when the organisation is trying to revive educational

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HC stops GCC waste project in Bhawal National Park

MONJURUL HAQUE, Gazipur

The High Court yesterday imposed an injunction against the construction of a waste disposal facility and ordered the authorities to refrain from dumping waste in and around Bhawal National Park and its adjoining protected forest areas.

The Gazipur City Corporation (GCC) is constructing a waste dumping facility, known as a Secondary Transfer Station (STS), inside the protected forest area after demolishing part of the national park's boundary wall.

Established in 1982, the park is on around 5,022.29 hectares in the city's Rajendrapur area. The park, home to a wide variety of wildlife, regularly attracts tourists and researchers from across the country.

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DC CONFERENCE

Govt plans buffer stocks to curb price shocks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is working to build at least two months of "strategic reserves" of import-dependent commodities to shield the market from local syndicates and global price volatility.

After the fourth session on day two of the DC Conference at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium yesterday, several deputy commissioners said they talked about price control and made some suggestions.

The DCs yesterday had seven sessions with 24 ministries and divisions, during which relevant ministers, state ministers, and advisers were present.

A deputy commissioner from Rangpur division said controlling the market through mobile court drives during a crisis was difficult and that ensuring sufficient stocks would help a lot.

The DCs also suggested increasing the number of importers so that the trade of

"The government would provide three months of financial and food assistance to nearly 1 lakh families affected by heavy rain and flash floods in the haor regions."

- Asadul Habib Dulu
Minister for disaster management and relief.

essential goods is not restricted to a few traders.

In response, Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktedir said a strategic reserve for import-dependent goods is being established. "This will help prevent domestic shortages and stabilise prices even if global supply is disrupted."

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Janata to auction Globe Janakantha assets

MD MEHEDI HASAN

State-owned Janata Bank has issued an auction notice to sell the assets of Globe Janakantha, including the 15-storey Janakantha Bhaban in the capital, as it seeks to recover Tk 215 crore in defaulted loans.

Interested bidders have been asked to submit applications along with a pay order or bank draft of 10 percent of the reserve price by 2:00pm on April 28 at the court office.

The reserve price will be announced at the auction and bidding increments will follow court rules. The bank or court will not be liable for any disputes arising after the sale.

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Mourners react during the funeral of a Palestinian man, who was killed by Israeli gunfire on Sunday, in Gaza City, yesterday. More than 800 Palestinians have been killed since a ceasefire took effect in October, 2025.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Woman abducted, raped

Four suspects held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Police yesterday arrested four men in connection with the alleged rape of a woman in Chandina upazila of Cumilla.


The arrestees have been identified as Md Ashik, 31; Mehedi Hasan Tarek, 24; Md Arif, 34; and Md Ismail, 37 -- all residents of Kamarkhola village under Majikhar union. According to police, citing the case statement, the incident took place around 1:10am yesterday in Kamarkhola village, while the woman and her husband were on their way to a relative's house.

According to the case statement, the victim and her husband -- residents of Barura upazila -- had set out around 11:00pm last night on a battery-run auto-rickshaw for Madarpur village in Chandina. Around 12:00am, when the vehicle reached Kamarkhola village adjacent to Madarpur, it ran out of charge. The couple then continued on foot.

At that time, three youths arrived on a motorcycle and intercepted them. The victim's husband alleged that the men behaved aggressively and later called two more individuals. He said several of them forcibly took away his wife to a nearby maize field, while one of them led him away and left him at a distance in the dark.

The husband said he immediately called the national emergency

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অনলাইন আর্থিক প্রত্যারণা সম্পর্কে সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সম্প্রতি পরিলক্ষিত হচ্ছে যে, কতিপয় গ্রাহক হ্যাকিং এর মাধ্যমে অনলাইন ব্যাংকিং-এর ক্ষেত্রে আর্থিক প্রত্যারণার শিকার হচ্ছেন। অনলাইনে আর্থিক প্রত্যারণা রোধকল্পে নিম্নলিখিত বিষয়াদি কঠোরভাবে পরিপালন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো:

- ক) কখনোই আপনার ব্যাংক অ্যাকাউন্ট নং, মোবাইল ব্যাংকিং পিন, পাসওয়ার্ড বা ওটিপি কার্ড সাথে শেয়ার করবেন না।
- খ) সন্দেহজনক লিংকে ক্লিক, লিংক থেকে কোনো ফ্রি অ্যাপস ইন্সটল করা এবং অনলাইন জুয়া থেকে বিরত থাকুন।
- গ) সামাজিক যোগাযোগ মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, বিশ্ব ব্যাংক, আইএমএফ, এশিয়ান ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংকসহ বিভিন্ন ধরনের লাইসেন্সবিহীন অনলাইন অ্যাপস থেকে জামানতবিহীন অনলাইন ঋণ/বিনিয়োগ বা অপরিচিত ব্যক্তির সাথে আর্থিক লেনদেন সংক্রান্ত প্রস্তাব গ্রহণ করবেন না।
- ঘ) কোনো প্রলোভনমূলক অফার (লটারি, পুরস্কার ইত্যাদি) পেলে তা যাচাই ছাড়া বিশ্বাস করবেন না।
- ঙ) প্রয়োজনীয় ক্ষেত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যাংক, ফাইন্যান্স কোম্পানি কর্তৃপক্ষ অথবা নিকটস্থ থানায় যোগাযোগ করুন।

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The exhibition documents the brutal attack on its Dhaka office on December 18, 2025. We invite you to walk through these scarred spaces and bear witness to what was endured.

