

# 3 killed, 74 hurt in bus accidents

MYMENSINGH, May 31: At least three people were killed and 50 others injured, 15 seriously, in a bus accident near Trishal thana hospital here on Dhaka Mymensingh road today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when an overloaded Kishoreganj bound bus (Dhaka-Metro 3627) coming from Dhaka plunged into the Sufia river breaking a Bally bridge.

The dead were identified as Emdadul Haque (30), Saful (30) and Latif (25), police said.

Fifteen seriously injured passengers admitted to the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital are Nayem (5 months), Real (4 months), Latif (30), Hamid, Sharmin (25), Khodeza (22), Azizul (40), Salam (35), Shilpi (10), Rafiz (27), Abdul Hamid, Majid (25), Akhtar Uddin (55), Sufia (16) and Fazul Haq (12). Thirteen others were ad-

mitted to Trishal thana hospital.

Police seized the bus but the driver escaped. A case was filed with Trishal thana.

Another report adds: A bus skidded off the Faridpur-Khulna highway and plunged into a ditch at Badurpur early today, injuring 24 people.

Four of the injured -- identified as Sushanto Kumar Shaha, Dewar Hossain, Nurul Alam and Mozaffar Howlader -- were rushed to the Faridpur General Hospital with serious injuries.

Police said the bus, on way to Khulna from Patuakhali, met with the accident due to over-speeding and poor condition of the highway.

Police seized the vehicle which was badly damaged, but the driver fled the scene.

A case has been filed with Kotwali thana.

# Spinners contradict

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ners charge that these figures are all wild guesses because the profit statements do not reflect the cost of raw materials, interest repayment and depreciation factors, among other things.

The spinners also feel that the report's conversion cost of raw materials is also not correct. They point out that the conversion rate for 40-count yarn has been put at Taka 6.34 for a pound which include wages, power and depreciation. But the same study also estimates the conversion rate of 32-count yarn at Taka 14.75 per pound.

Textile experts also question the ministry's outlay figures in a proposed plan to set up 146 spinning mills, 510 weaving units, and 327 dyeing-finishing units to meet the country's fabric requirement.

The ministry says the execution of this plan would need about Taka 6065 crore. It also envisages that each weaving unit having 200 looms would require Taka three crore, a dyeing-printing unit producing 70 crore meters of cloth would require Taka five crore. But experts say that each weaving unit of such capacity would

need at least Taka 12 crore while a dyeing-printing unit would require about Taka 11 crore. Both these figures are considerably higher than the ones projected in the report. Therefore, experts maintain, that any plan based on such erroneous estimates was bound to fail.

The spinners also sharply contradict the report's recommendations for free import of yarn on the plea that it is cheaper than local yarn. They say that the neighbouring countries, which are the main exporters of yarn to Bangladesh, support their spinners by providing duty rebates on cotton imports. Moreover, the country has to buy cotton at about 40 per cent higher prices than India and Pakistan, they point out.

The country's spinning mills owners apprehend that if restrictions on yarn import are lifted, it would ruin the local spinning sector. They also suggest that the government should instead provide duty relief to the spinning sector and check the slipping off of yarn from the knitting industries to make the spinning units viable.

# Anger over Saturday's killings Turks go on rampage in Germany

SOLINGEN (Germany), May 31: Several hundred Turks protesting the killings of five compatriots in this western German city went on a rampage early Monday, smashing store windows and setting a bonfire at a major intersection, reports AP.

Meanwhile, police have arrested a teen-ager in the fire-bombing that killed five Turks in Solingen, authorities said. The killings shocked Germans and brought back the specter of neo-Nazi violence.

The youth, whose name wasn't given, was charged with murder, attempted murder and arson.

The protesters ransacked 50 stores in Solingen and caused an estimated one million marks (dhs 620,000) in damage, authorities said.

Police said they arrested 17 protesters, while one officer was injured.

Turkish demonstrators, using cars and banners, halted traffic for 3 and a half hours on

one sections of the A3 Autobahn superhighway.

Germany's N-TV all-news television channel said another group of Turks used dozens of cars to block the entrance to the nearby Cologne-Bonn airport, forcing some passengers to walk the last stretch to the terminal building.

Demonstrators also rallied around a bonfire set in the middle of a major intersection. Riot police with nightsticks broke up the protest when the fire threatened to melt nearby power lines.

The disturbances erupted despite Turkish authorities' appeals for calm after the worst attack against foreigners in Germany in years.

Police said most of the protesters were Turks. German radio reports said leftist German radicals may have joined in.

The Solingen murders have shocked mainstream Germans, and left many wondering if the country's neo-Nazi violence will stop.

The killings angered the 1.8 million Turks living in Germany. Although many have lived in the country for years and are virtually integrated, they still are targets of hostility and violence as foreigners.

Monday's disturbances were the most widespread Turkish demonstrations since the wave of right-wing extremist violence that followed German unification in October 1990.

# City crime

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cian -- Lucky Akand -- on May 10.

Mantu Sarkar, an apartment block janitor, a housewife Shirin Akhter and an unidentified man and woman were also murdered in the city during the last month.

In the most sensational heist in the city in May, armed men looted Tk 1.92 lakh in cash from a Square Pharmaceutical Limited minibus at the city's busy Toynebe Circular Road on May 16. The armed men also shot two persons including a passer-by, while escaping.

Five girls committed suicide in the city. No significant headway in police investigation in these cases was reported.

Police also recovered five bodies from different parts of the city but were yet to unearth the mysteries of their deaths.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia speaking at a meeting with a delegation of 'Adhunik' at the International Conference Centre in the city yesterday on the occasion of World No-tobacco Day. Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda was present. —PID photo

# Tigers attack militia post, army patrol : 37 killed

COLOMBO, May 31: Tamil Tiger guerrillas used civilians as a human shield in one of two attacks which cost at least 37 lives in Sri Lanka today, military and militia officials said, reports Reuter.

At least 31 people, 15 of them civilians, were killed when Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas attacked a rival Tamil militia post in north-central Vavuniya, a spokesman for the militia said.

"They used the civilians as a human shield and attacked our post," a People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE), official told Reuters.

In a battle lasting about two and a half hours in which the attackers fired mortars, five Tiger rebels and three PLOTE men were also killed. Some of the victims were blasted to bits by the mortar rounds, he said.

More civilians may have been killed in the incident as some bodies were still in no-man's-land where a rescue operation was in progress, military sources said.

In a separate attack the same morning, the rebels ambushed an army road clearing patrol killing six soldiers in the eastern Trincomalee district, a military spokesman said.

Survivors of the Vavuniya attack told Reuters both sides shelled each other and fired small arms.

"About 300 people tried to cross (no-man's-land) at the time," said Gnanasekera, a businessman who was slightly injured by shrapnel. As we waited in the queue to enter the bunker, firing broke out and we lay down on the ground.

"Then the shelling started," he added, "people were hit by shrapnel and there were cries for help."

AP adds: President Dinigiri Banda Wijetunga on Monday told foreign ambassadors that he has plans to quicken a peace accord to end the decade-old Tamil separatist war.

He also promised that Sri Lanka would liberalize its economy to bring prosperity to his 17 million countrymen.

But his assurances coincided with two attacks carried out by Tamil separatists that left at least 37 people dead.

Rebels from the minority Tamil community have been fighting a decade-old sepa-

ratist war to establish an independent homeland in the north and east of Sri Lanka.

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# DCC to employ extra cleaners during Eid

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka City Corporation has undertaken a programme to keep the city clean of rubbish and free from stench after the Eid-ul-Azha.

Officials yesterday said the DCC will deploy 2200 extra cleaners on daily basis and 30 cleaning trucks with 150 cleaners to keep the city clean beginning from the Eid day.

Besides, the holiday leave of all cleaning employees and supervisors have been cancelled.

The cleaning operations will begin tomorrow from 2 pm in and around the mosque areas and eidgahs of the city and it would continue for three days.

To clean up the 17 temporary cattle markets in various parts of the city and its suburbs -- from where thousands of cattle and goats have been sold during the last three days -- the DCC will use different types of vehicles including six rubbish dumpers, one payload and one tyredozer.

These would clean up the marketplaces within four days, the corporation believes.

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# Traffic blocked at Kafrul

By Staff Correspondent

Roads were blocked to traffic at Kafrul in the city for three hours when two feuding factions of local bullies clashed Monday afternoon.

The incident occurred when Akhter, a young man, was assaulted by members of a rival faction at a local barber's shop around 12 noon.

Akhter claimed to have been robbed of Tk 27,000.

Akhter's supporters then attacked his assailants, creating tension in the area.

# Army team leaves for Mogadishu today

A nine-member team of Bangladesh Army personnel leaves for Mogadishu today to join the United Nations Operations in Somalia (UNOSOM).

The army team will join the UNOSOM Headquarters in Mogadishu as staff officers and staff personnel at the call of the United Nations, said an ISPR press release, yesterday.

Led by Lt Col Muhammad Abdul Matin, the team includes four other officers, a JCO and two others.

# Anti-smoking

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World Health Organisation (WHO) about 30 lakhs people die per year throughout the world because of the diseases caused by smoking.

The Prime Minister said smoking had reduced in the developed countries but not in the developing countries like Bangladesh.

The anti-smoking campaign must be strengthened for refraining our young generation from smoking, he said.

The Prime Minister also appreciated the activities of Adhunik. Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, President of Adhunik National Professor Nurul Islam, Secretary General of Adhunik Enayetullah Khan, former Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University Prof. Mohammad Ali, Director General of Bangla Academy Prof Harunur Rashid, Editor of the Daily Telegraph Rezauddin Ahmed and WIO representative in Dhaka Dr Ana Abeyesundere also spoke.

Dr Abu Zafar, Director of Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases, Prof Abdul Hye, Director of Bangladesh Cancer Institute, D P Barua, Chief Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and Kaiser Hamid, a football player, among others, were present.

# Clinton greets Biswas, Khaleda

President William J Clinton of the United States of America has felicitated President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, reports UNB.

In a message to his Bangladesh counterpart, Bill Clinton wished Biswas and his countrymen health and happiness.

He expressed the hope that Bangladesh and USA would always continue their commitment to democracy and economic opportunity for all.

In a separate message of felicitation to the Prime Minister on the holy occasion, the US President said he took great pleasure in wishing her and the people of Bangladesh peace and prosperity.

"Let us continue to strengthen our countries' long-standing friendship as we work together toward our shared goals of democratic growth and economic development," Bill Clinton said.

# Eid-ul-Azha

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continued peace and prosperity of mankind.

The government has drawn up a programme to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha with due solemnity and religious fervour.

On the day, national flag will be hoisted atop public and private buildings.

National flags and bunting inscribed with "Eid Mubarrak", both in Bangla and Arabic, will be hoisted on both sides of the thorough fares from the airport to Bangabhaban.

Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh will broadcast special programmes and the newspapers will publish special supplements.

Special diets will be served to patients in different hospitals, the jail inmates, at children's and baby homes, vagabond welfare centres and destitutes' welfare centres throughout the country.

The Islamic Foundation and Islamic cultural centres in different districts will arrange seminars and discussion meetings highlighting the significance of Eid-ul-Azha.

Children's reunions and charity football matches will also be organised.

Bangladesh missions abroad and district and thana administrations will observe the day with due solemnity in keeping with the government programmes.

Meanwhile, brisk preparations for celebration of the holy occasion are going on in full swing.

Buying of sacrificial animals, mostly cattle and goats, should be completed by tonight. Many city dwellers have already left for their village homes, to join their families and relatives on the happy occasion.

"I'm happy to be able to come to Jerusalem," said one of the pilgrims, father of five Alim Omar, 31, from Benghaazi.

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# The Midnight File

## Karadzic threatens to enter Sarajevo

BELGRADE, May 31: Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic has threatened that his troops will enter Sarajevo by force if Muslims continue their offensive against Serb positions in the Bosnian capital, the Srna news agency reported today. Karadzic made his threat during a televised interview Sunday evening following an upsurge in fighting in Sarajevo in which at least 25 people, most of them civilians, died, reports AP.

## 4 cops hurt in Bombay blast

BOMBAY, May 31: At least four policemen were injured Monday, when bombs that they were trying to defuse exploded at a busy railroad ticketing office in downtown Bombay. The bombs were kept in paper packets on the second floor of the building, a police officer of the bomb disposal squad said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The building was evacuated after railroad authorities alerted police about an unclaimed paper packet, reports AP.

## Klerk, Mandela hold talks

JOHANNESBURG, May 31: President F W de Klerk and ANC President Nelson Mandela held talks Monday in an apparent bid to clear the way for setting a date for non-racial elections. A resolution by the government and other groups May 7 called for setting a date by Thursday for the first elections involving the black majority. But talks on ending apartheid do not appear to have made sufficient progress to set a voting date, reports AP.

## Eid congregations

Eid-ul-Azha, mainly featured by Eid prayers and sacrifice of animals, will be observed in the city and elsewhere in the country tomorrow.

The main Eid congregation in Dhaka will be held at the National Eidgah at the Supreme Court premises at 7-30 am. In case of inclement weather, the main congregation will be held at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque at 7-30 am.

The Islamic Foundation said that there would be four separate congregations at the Baitul Mukarram. The first congregation would be held at 6.15 am, the second at 7.30 am, the third at 8.15 am while the last congregation will be at 9 am.

Besides the congregation in the National Eidgah, there will be two separate congregations at the Dhaka University Mosque -- one at 7.30 am and the other at 8.30 am. Two congregations will also be held at the Peelkhana Jame Masjid of the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), a BDR press release said.

Congregations will also be held at the mosque of the Bangladesh University for Engineering and Technology, the Mirpur Outer Stadium, the Gulshan Central Mosque and Eidgah Maidan, the Historic Tara Mosque in the old city, and the Mohammadpur Baitul Fazal Mosque. Moreover, congregations will be held in all the mosques of the city besides special arrangements for offering Eid prayers in the specially decorated eidgahs.

Meanwhile, our correspondent reports the main Eid congregations will be held in the local Eidgahs as well as in mosques all over the country tomorrow.

## Train accident in Kushtia leaves 25 hurt

KUSHTIA, May 31: About 25 passengers were injured in a train accident near Goalabati Railway Station in the district today, reports UNB.

Officials and witnesses said eight bogies of the 23-Up mail train derailed around 3 pm resulting in minor injuries to at least 25 passengers.

The ill-fated train was bound for Parbatipur from Khulna. Train communications in the route were, however, not disrupted as it is a double-line railway.

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Palestinian deportees march yesterday with Palestinian flags as they celebrate Eid-ul-Azha in a southern Lebanese camp where they have been confined since December 1992. —APP/UNB photo

# A feast with hearts full of sorrow

MANAMA (Bahrain), May 31: Muslims began their annual Feast of Sacrifice on Monday, but celebrations were overshadowed by bloodshed of their Bosnian, Palestinian and Afghan brethren, reports AP.

The three-day Eid ul-Azha, commemorating Prophet Abraham's offering of his son to God, was marked by the slaughter of sheep as sacrifice for the world's 1 billion Muslims, particularly more than 1.5 million in Mecca for the annual pilgrimage to Islam's holiest shrines.

Hundreds of prisoners were released on the occasion, and in Bahrain the ruling Emir, Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, issued an amnesty allowing the return of an unspecified number of exiles who fled to escape various charges.

Although the Eid ul-Azha is officially three days, normal life stops for the entire week in much of the Muslim world.

Rulers in the oil-rich Gulf led their people in prayer and then stood in their ornate palaces to receive long lines of well-wishers.

"Our joy will never be complete this feast or any following feast until injustice is elimi-

nated," Saudi King Fahd and his Crown Prince Abdullah said in a joint statement.

"We receive this feast today with hearts full of sorrow and pain at what our brethren are suffering in various parts of the world... when we see and hear the cry of the anguished and those suffering injustice and deprivation..." said the statement distributed by the official Saudi Press Agency.

It listed Bosnia-Herzegovina, where Muslims are fighting Serbs and Croats in civil war, the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories and the Palestinians deported to south Lebanon; the hunger and illness of Somalia and the victims of the continuing bloody conflict in Afghanistan.

Reuter adds: Hundreds of Palestinians expelled by Israel celebrated the Eid today with tears and an appeal to Arabs to quit Middle East peace talks.

Emotions ran high at the tent camp in a south Lebanon no-man's land where the 396 men have been stranded since they were banished in December.

"We address the world as we spend our second feast... between the rocks and in the

open and (UN) Security Council Resolution 799 has not been implemented," said Abdul Atz al Rantisi, leader of the deportees.

Resolution 799, issued one day after the men were expelled on December 17, ordered Israel to take them back immediately.

As part of a traditional exchange of greetings, President Clinton pledged "the United States will continue to work closely with the Islamic world to advance the goals of peace, stability and social justice."

AFP from Gaza Strip adds: Some 2000 Libyan pilgrims arrived here today at the start of an unprecedented tour of Islamic holy sites in Israel and the occupied territories.

The 192 pilgrims crossed from Egypt into the Gaza Strip at Rafah and were welcomed by officials from the Israeli tourist ministry, a delegation of Jews of Libyan origin, and Israeli businessman Yaakov Nimrodi, who acted as intermediary between the Israeli and Libyan governments.

"I'm happy to be able to come to Jerusalem," said one of the pilgrims, father of five Alim Omar, 31, from Benghaazi.

# A Request to Consumers

With a view to implementing the Electricity Load Management Policy of the Govt of People's Republic of Bangladesh, we request our valued consumers to please:

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- Do not put up illumination of Buildings except on Government declared festival days.
- Avoid use of some electrical appliances like Electric Iron, Electric Heater, Electric Cooker, Water Heater etc from 6 pm to 10 pm as it will not create any difficulty for you.
- The industries run on single shift and all low tension industries to remain closed from 6 pm.
- Don't switch on your lights unnecessarily. Before leaving your room, switch off the lights, Electric Fans and Air-coolers.
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- The Electromagnetic Regulator used for Speed Control of Domestic Electric Fan similarly consumes electricity. If you use "Static device", your electric bill will be reduced.

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