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Six killed, two hurt in road mishaps

By DMCH Correspondent

Six people died and two others were injured in separate road accidents in the city's Khilkhet, Mirpur, Shyamoli and Khilgaon areas yesterday.

A young mother — Nasima Akhter, 22 — and her three-year-old daughter Sonia died on the spot and two others — Parul 18, and Anwar, 30, were injured when a speeding bus ran over them at Khilkhet yesterday morning.

A Gazipur-bound bus (Dhaka-Cha-28) ran over all the four persons when Nasima was waiting for an auto-rickshaw at 10 am.

Parul, a relative of Nasima, was given first aid at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) while on auto-rickshaw driver Anwar was admitted to the hospital.

Meanwhile, Cantonment police seized the bus and arrested its driver Mubarak.

A school student Shimul, 13, was crushed under a double-decker BRTC bus at Shewrapara, Mirpur, at 11.30 am.

Shimul, son of one Abdul Awal was a student of Class Seven. His body was sent to the DMCH morgue.

In another accident at Mirpur, an auto-tempo driver Jewel, 20, died on the spot when his vehicle overturned at Section One at around 1 pm.

An unidentified girl aged around 13 was killed as a truck ran over her near the Tanjia Poly Clinic at Shyamoli.

The victim was rushed to the Pangu (Orthopaedic) Hospital where she died immediately after admission.

A rickshaw-puller who could not be immediately identified was killed under a speeding truck near Khilgaon Bazar under Sabujbagh police station yesterday morning.

The fatally injured man was rushed to the DMCH where the attending doctors declared him dead.

150 trucks damaged

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dents Monday. They attacked several motor vehicles in front of the SSMC and DMC premises and near the Foreign Office.

The students of the SSMC, DMC and the Dental College also observed a token strike yesterday protesting the death of Rumana.

The students appeared at their respective medical institutions wearing black badges.

The SSMC authorities, its students, employees and teachers held a condolence meeting at the college premises at 11 am.

They demanded immediate punishment of the driver, naming of the under-construction ladies' hostel at the SSMC premises after Rumana and introduction of a scholarship named after her. They also called for a total ban on the plying of trucks within city limits between 6 pm and 6 pm.

They said, if the government failed to punish the driver, the students would go for a bigger agitation.

The teachers and the students later brought out a procession from the SSMCH premises and held a rally in front of the Press Club at 3:30 pm.

Meanwhile, Sandhani, the National Eye Donation Society and the Association of Physicians of Bangladesh, in separate messages, condoled the death of Rumana.

2 youths die in city

By DMCH Correspondent

Two young men died while another minor boy received bomb injuries in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

Hasimul Haq, 20, a second year student of the Residential Model College mysteriously died in his dormitory room yesterday afternoon.

College sources said Hasimul was heard groaning in his room at Nazrul Hall shortly after lunch. He was rushed to the Suhrawardy Hospital where the attending doctors declared him dead.

At Lalbagh, one Imran, 22, was drowned while taking a bath in a pond near the Hossaini Dalan yesterday morning.

Both the bodies were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Meanwhile, a street urchin, Kamal, 8, received splinter injuries when he hit a crude explosive found in a dustbin while picking garbage at Dhania, Rasulpur, on the outskirts of the city, early yesterday morning.

Two killed in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 16: Two persons were killed on the spot when a Dhaka- bound minibus collided head-on with an auto rickshaw today at 2 pm near the Jora building.

The minibus driver abandoned the vehicle at the place of occurrence and fled.

Bhashani's death anniversary

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Always sympathetic to the people's interest, the Maulana in 1976 led the historic Farakka march against the adverse impact of the Farakka Barrage on the socio-economic life of the country and demanded demolition of the barrage in India.

In separate messages yesterday, President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia paid glowing tributes to the memory of Maulana Bhashani.

President Biswas called upon the countrymen to work unitedly for implementation of the ideals of Bhashani who had fought for an exploitation-free society.

Begum Zia also called upon all irrespective of political affiliation to work unitedly for implementing the ideals of Maulana Bhashani. In her message, the Prime Minister said the best way to pay due respect to him is to follow his ideals.

He was vocal against imperialism and expansionism... He was uncompromising on the question of protecting the national independence and sovereignty, she said. Different political parties and socio-cultural organisations have planned various programmes to observe the leader's death anniversary with due honour.

The programmes include offering of wreaths and fateha at the Maulana's mazar at Santosh in Tangail district, milad mehfil, and memorial meetings and seminars on the leader's sacrifices and contributions to the nation.

Leaders and workers of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will place wreaths and offer fateha at the leader's mazar this morning. Party Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder will lead them. Later, the BNP central leaders will address a public meeting in Tangail. They will leave for Tangail from the BNP central office at 8 am.

BNP central committee has instructed its all district and thana committees to observe the death anniversary.

Bhashani Smrity Sangsad members will start for Santosh at 7 am today to place wreath and offer fateha.

The Sangsad will arrange a Qurankhwani and milad mehfil at its Dhaka office at 3 pm. It will also organise a discussion and video-show on the works of Bhashani at 4 pm tomorrow.

Central leaders of the Bangladesh Workers' Party, led by Rashed Khan Menon MP, will place a wreath at the mazar of Maulana Bhashani at Santosh in the morning. They will also hold a public meeting there.

Besides, the central programme, the party will organise discussion meetings throughout the country. It will organise "Anti-imperialism and anti-communalism" meeting at the Diploma Engineers' Institute premises on Friday at 3 pm and in Chittagong this afternoon.

The 'Committee for Observance of the Death Anniversary of Maulana Bhashani' held a commemorative discussion at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday afternoon.

Oli Ahad for Ganges-Brahmaputra barrage

By Staff Correspondent

Veteran politician Oli Ahad Tuesday demanded construction of a Ganges — Brahmaputra Barrage to counter the effects of the Farakka Dam.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a meeting in memory of Maulana Bhashani at the Jatiya Press Club organised by The Maulana Bhashani Death Anniversary Observation Committee.

Ahad said Bhashani could apprehend the effect of the Farakka dam and therefore organised the Farakka Long March.

Advocate Gaziul Huq, Bhahauddin Chowdhury, Abdur Rashid, Ehsanul Huq Selim, Saifuddin Ahmed Moni, and Mirazul Islam Abbasi also spoke in the meeting.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a huge public meeting at the Police Line ground in Joypurhat yesterday. — PID photo

'Chakma leaders' demands unreasonable'

A Foreign Office spokesman here yesterday said some of the demands of the Chakma refugee leaders tantamount to seeking an autonomous state which is contrary to the Constitution of Bangladesh, reports UNB.

"We have done everything possible within the constitutional framework to meet their demands for their safe return to and rehabilitation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts," he said when asked about the repatriation of the Chakma refugees from India.

"The ball is now in the court of the refugees," the spokesman said.

His remarks came just a week ahead of the sixth round of talks between the special committee on the Chittagong Hill Tracts headed by Communications Minister Oli Ahmed and the Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity, the umbrella organisation of the outlawed Shantibahini insurgents.

The meeting is scheduled to be held in Khagrachhari on November 24 to find out a solution to the problems in the hill tracts and pave the way for repatriation of the Chakma refugees.

To a query, the Foreign Office spokesman said the governments of Bangladesh and India are cooperating with each other and pursuing the tribal refugees, now staying in the Indian state of Tripura, to return to their homeland.

But, he observed that some of the 'political leaders among the refugees' are trying to obstruct the planned repatriation for serving their interests.

On the repatriation of Rohingya refugees, the Foreign Office spokesman expressed his optimism that the process of repatriation would be accelerated following the signing of an agreement between Myanmar and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on November 5.

Liberation War: PM

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there would have been no sufferings for the people," she said.

Begum Zia said when in power, the main opposition party of today was engaged in plundering national wealth and foreign aid, causing a famine in the country. "They had destroyed the country's backbone," she said pointing to the post-Liberation Awami League rule.

The same force are now engaged in destroying the national wealth and hindering the development efforts of her government, she added.

"Does parliamentary democracy give license to set fire to public property," she questioned, referring to the burning of a BRTC bus and damage to private vehicles during opposition demonstrations in the capital on November 10.

"Exploding bombs, firing bullets and destroying public property cannot be the language of democracy," she said.

The Prime Minister, during her day-long whirlwind to the northern part of the country, also addressed a large public meeting at Boda, a stronghold of the peasants who had launched the *Tebhaga* movement during the British rule.

Mozahar joins BNP

The meeting at the Sakoa College ground was also addressed by Mohammad Mozahar Hossain, MP, a former leader of the CPB, who formally joined the BNP today.

Addressing the meeting Begum Zia said people from all walks of life, irrespective of caste and creed, fought in the Liberation War. They should now work together to build the country.

She called upon all to work unitedly to regain the reputation of the country as the land of 'golden paddy and silvery fish *(sonali dhan and rupali maach)*.'

The Prime Minister asserted that the politics of her party is the politics of production. She said her election commitments to the people — waiving of taxes, exemption of loans and lifting of certificate cases against poor farmers — were fulfilled to boost agricultural production. She noted with satisfaction that the objective has been achieved.

Pointing to the prospects of a bumper *aman* harvest, Begum Zia said, "We now have to move towards the target of exporting rice."

She also stressed the need for crop diversification to remove dependence on import of other essentials like sugar, pulses, onions and ginger.

"We have to increase production in fields and factories to make the country self-reliant," she said.

The Prime Minister called upon the people of the border districts to help check smuggling and protect the country's interest.

The Prime Minister asked the farmers of Joypurhat, a sugarcane producing area, to grow quality sugarcane and added more sugar mills would be set up in the country.

She said the exploration of hard rock at Barapukuria and coal at Jamalganj in Joypurhat district would begin next year.

Begum Zia also said that steps would be taken to expand electrification programme in Joypurhat, bring the Mangalbari MM Degree College under the development programme and provide Taka two lakh for the Joypurhat diabetic hospital.

Begum Zia also inaugurated the *aman* procurement drive at a government buying centre at Joypurhat.

Earlier Begum Zia visited a food godown at Joypurhat. Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali was present during the visit. She also laid the foundation of a 100-bed modern hospital there, to be built at a cost of Tk 15 crore.

The Prime Minister returned to the capital in the evening.

A Rouf Chowdhury speaking at the launching ceremony of the Eicher Mitsubishi Canter minibuses and trucks in Bangladesh, organised by its sole distributor Rangs Limited in the city yesterday. Amanullah Chowdhury, Director of Rangs Limited, Alok Dutta and Enayet Rabbi are seen sitting on his left. — Star photo

The uneasy Himalayas!

NEW DELHI, Nov 16: The Indian peninsula (sub-continent) was continuously on the move northward at the rate of 5 to 5.5 cm every year, reports Xinhua.

An observer of business and politics today quoted noted Indian Geologist K S Valdiya as saying that this motion created a constant buckling up of the Himalayas, located at the leading northern edge of the Indian plate.

At the same time it caused multiple splits or crisscrossed faults all across the ranges, he said.

He said that the greatest one of these faults was the 200-km long fault from the southern edge of the Kashmir Valley through the Kangra region, Dehradun, Mussoorie and further east. The region was very active.

He said that the Himalayas may appear to be calm and beautiful, but they are in a constant state of tectonic agony, leading to the possibility of earthquakes.

Hazratbal siege ends

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cers said privately they wanted to trap a guerilla leader they wrongly believed was inside.

Officials said Muslim clerics entered the mosque this morning and confirmed the relic was safe.

The shrine was expected to open to the public again by Thursday, Doordarshan said.

Political analysts said the fact that the inmates were held by local police rather than the army suggested a deal with the government. India's central security forces regard Kashmiri police with suspicion, saying they may sympathise with the uprising.

On Monday night the Press Trust of India quoted chief government negotiator Mehmood-ur Rehman as saying negotiations with the militants had entered a decisive stage.

The fate of the inmates was also unclear.

Earlier in the standoff Rehman hinted the government might waive prosecution for everyone inside Hazratbal, provided they left their weapons behind. But he later said foreigners and anyone with a criminal record would have to face the law.

A general strike which has paralysed Srinagar and other Kashmir valley towns for the past month remained in force on Tuesday as residents waited anxiously for details of what happened. Troops were deployed in potential trouble spots.

Curfews and heavy security have kept a firm lid on most attempts to demonstrate against the siege. But security forces killed about 50 protesters on October 22, including at least 30 in the small Kashmir valley town of Bijbehara.

Pakistan expressed relief today at the end of the Hazratbal shrine siege in Kashmir but called for the immediate withdrawal of Indian forces from the mosque.

A foreign ministry statement said the ending of the siege without further loss of life was received with a 'sense of relief'.

It "clearly demonstrated that India's allegations of Pakistan's involvement were totally without foundation. It is hoped the siege will now be lifted fully and the Indian army will leave the precincts of the holy shrine," the statement said.

One more victim of oil tanker blaze dies

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 16: Another man burnt in the oil-tanker blaze here Saturday last, has succumbed to his injuries.

Azhar, 45, one of he two injured in the incident, died at the hospital today, hospital sources said. His body was sent to his home in Chittagong.

With the death of Azhar the number of those killed in the blaze on the MV Bay Bridge rose to six.

Meanwhile, a three-member committee led by the controller of Depots Ali Ahmed, and including operation Engineers Saiful Alam and Anisur Rahman and two other members from the Jamuna Oil Company's head office in Chittagong, reached here yesterday to investigate the incident.

The team collected samples of oil from different layers of the tanker's hold for chemical tests in Chittagong.

Sources say that the unloading of petrol and diesel will begin after getting the reports.

Meanwhile, the presence of the charred body of a boatman inside the engine room and the activities of Captain Kamal, representative of the chartered tanker, has raised questions.

Captain Kamal reportedly failed to turn up when the Jatiya Sangsad Speaker, the Mayor and the Deputy Commissioner visited the spot yesterday.

The Divisional Officer of Jamuna Oil, when contacted, confirmed the fact but declined to comment for the sake of a fair inquiry.

AL blames govt for closing down mills

Acting president of the Awami League Abdul Mannan yesterday blamed the government for closing down mills and factories, sacking workers and selling out viable industrial units at cheap rates to the ruling partymen, reports UNB.

Addressing a joint meeting of leaders of the Sramik League, craft federation, national union and basic unions at the Awami League office, Mannan said the joint declaration of the three opposition alliances had promised reopening of the closed mills, setting up new industries, and ensuring just wages for the workers.

The AL general secretary criticised the government for the withdrawal of subsidies from agricultural inputs, including fertiliser.

Absentee teachers

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cess is a complicated and time consuming one, the authorities have instead formed the review committee to take prompt measures against the errant teachers, sources said.

Because of the unauthorised stay of so many teachers, the university could not make any permanent appointments of new teachers against the vacant posts. As a result teaching and research were some times hampered, some teachers mentioned.

Meanwhile, the present strength of teachers in the Dhaka University is around 940 against some 1170 sanctioned posts.

Of the total, on an average more than 200 remain on leaves on various grounds, sources claimed.

The Midnight File

Ukraine remains nuclear state

KIEV, Nov 16: Ukraine does not consider itself bound by the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) and remains a nuclear state, according to a draft resolution drawn up by Parliament, a senior parliamentary official said here today. The resolution, drawn up today and due to be discussed in the coming days, said Ukraine "Does not consider itself bound by Clause 5 of the (1992) Lisbon Protocol," which stipulates the total denuclearisation of Ukraine and its adhesion to the NPT, Vladimir Kalinyets, a member of the Parliamentary Working Group, told AFP.

Khasbulatov pleads not guilty

MOSCOW, Nov 16: The former speaker of the Russian parliament, Ruslan Khasbulatov, is pleading not guilty to organising last month's rebellion in parliament which was crushed by the army, his lawyer Vladimir Fomichev said today, the interfax news agency reported. Khasbulatov, held in the ex-KGB Lefortovo prison of the Security Ministry, faces from two to 15 years in prison for staging "mass disorders," says AFP.

Aggressive strategy to raise exports urged

Commerce Minister Md Shamsul Islam yesterday called upon the manufacturers and exporters to take up an aggressive marketing strategy to cope with the changing world trading environment, reports BSS.

"You must tune yourself to the competitive world trade," he told private sector representatives at the inaugural function of a workshop here yesterday morning.

The day-long workshop styled 'Training needs Assessment,' organised by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) in collaboration with German Federation of Small Business and Crafts (ZDH) and Technonet Asia (TA), Singapore, was chaired by AT M Wajiullah, the DCCI president.

Commerce Secretary Syed Ahmed, President, the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mahbubur Rahman and convenor of DCCI's research, planning and development cell M H Rahman also spoke at the inaugural function.

The workshop is being participated by 23 small entrepreneurs, representatives of various government and non-government agencies like the BSCIC and MIDAS.

Ephasising the need for vigorous training to cope with the changing trade environment, Islam urged the entrepreneurs to broaden their area of operation. "The awareness of the business community has to be broadened and developed," he said adding: "To survive as a nation, we must export more and more."

Describing the workshop as a tripartite cooperative effort to enhance the capacity of the entrepreneurs, the Commerce Secretary said the present government was in favour of consultation with the chambers before taking decisions that affected trade and industry. "We are against unilateral decisions and don't have a closed-door policy," he assured the participants.

The FBCCI president asked the authority to extend necessary support to the private sector to live upto the task it has been entrusted with in developing the country's economy. He also stressed the need for more training for the private sector to prepare itself for discharging its responsibilities.

In his welcome address, DCCI president Wajiullah called upon the authorities to thoroughly recast the economic development strategies for creating a necessary environment so that the private sector could actually provide leadership.

He proposed the formation of a national export promotion council to formulate long and short-term export strategies and advocated that export efforts be concentrated on eight leading items like garments, frozen fish, jute goods, leather and tea.

Mob at ZIA

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they were prevented from entering the inner premises of the airport. Sources said most of the damage was caused in the ground floor, where the arrival lounge is located.

"The mob was restrained both by garments workers' leaders and police from causing any serious damage," sources said.

Customs officials claimed that Nurul Huq Sikder arrived on a Thai International flight from Bangkok in a drunken state at 1.15 pm. Sikder allegedly misbehaved with the Customs officials and refused to obey normal procedures.

At one stage he was reportedly kicked in the abdomen by an Assistant Collector and later tied up to a chain by some Customs sepoys for over two hours.

"He displayed a highly arrogant attitude and performed unlawful acts in the airport," a Customs official informed. He added: "We were forced to restrain him."

Later, due to the intervention of the Additional Collector of Customs, a settlement was reached and Sikder was allowed to go.

A General Diary was made by the airport authorities.

Customs authorities, however, said they had obtained a bond in writing from Nurul Huq Sikder "that the issue has been settled mutually."

Cantonment police informed this correspondent at midnight that no complaint had been received from any side and no persons have been detained regarding any hooliganism at the airport.

Nurul Huq Sikder, who is the brother of late underground Communist leader Siraj Sikder, could not be contacted till the filing of this report.

DU ordinance

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tion, thereby causing damage to the congenial academic atmosphere, the statement said.

The meeting warned the government that the teachers would resist any such 'unwanted' government decision without prior discussion with the DUTA and the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA).

ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বকেয়া আদায়ের লক্ষ্যে নারায়ণগঞ্জসহ ঢাকা ওয়াসার সকল জোনের আওতাভুক্ত সকল এলাকার সরকারী ও স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসহ সকল শ্রেণীর খেলাপী গ্রাহকের সংযোগ তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে বিচ্যুতকরণ ও তাঁদের বিরুদ্ধে পিডিআর এ্যাক্টের অধীনে আইনানুগ কঠোর ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের জন্য ঢাকা ওয়াসার ১ম শ্রেণীর ম্যাজিষ্ট্রেটের নেতৃত্বে ভ্রাম্যমান আদালত সরেজমিনে কার্যরত আছেন।

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