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Another Salman Shah fan commits suicide

By DMC Correspondent

Another teenaged fan of the late film actor Salman Shah, who was injured while trying to commit suicide at her residence at Patla Khan Lane under Sutrapur thana in the city on September 12, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) early yesterday.

Hospital sources quoting her uncle said Mita, aged about 16, daughter of one Kader Miah, tried to hang herself with scarf around her neck as she could not bear the loss of her favourite film actor.

The members of the family rescued Mita, who was a SSC candidate from the K L Jubilee High School, and sent her to the DMCH in a critical condition.

Abdullah's party

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failed to juggle Kashmiri feelings and India's federal policies.

He was the Chief Minister when the separatist rebellion erupted. More than 20,000 people have died during the revolt.

India's Constitution gave Kashmiris control over most affairs, but New Delhi has since 1952 gradually eroded these powers, which Abdullah wants to restore.

With 81 of 87 races decided, the National Conference had a commanding lead over its rivals. The Congress Party and Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) each had seven seats, and Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda's Janata Dal Party had five.

Members of the separatist Hurriyat said Abdullah's victory would not help solve Kashmir's problems. "Unless you address the people's basic aspirations for self-determination, you cannot do much," Hurriyat member Abdul Majid Banday said.

Text books

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Talking to this correspondent, Abdul Hamid, owner of an old publishing house in the city, alleged that the authorities had deliberately imposed a pre-condition that a bidder must have an experience in supplying 25 lakh taka worth of books in a single work order. "This has been done only to patronise a known group of persons who maintain dubious links with the authorities concerned," Hamid said.

He was fixed the lower limit at Taka 25 lakh because we want quality products," the Project Director said, arguing, "businessmen with bigger work experiences are considered to be supplier of better quality products."

The department received seven bids till September 25, the last date for submission of tender, he said. Some 20 traders purchased tender schedules, he added.

Education must to alleviate poverty: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said there is no alternative to education for development, calling education "the best investment" for the future of an individual and of the nation, reports UNB.

"Poverty is the main problem of the country and education is the primary step to alleviate poverty," she told the secondary school teachers at a discussion meeting at the National Museum auditorium in the morning.

Bangladesh Teachers Association organised the discussion on the occasion of the World Teachers Day to be observed on October 5.

The Prime Minister said right to education is the right to participate in the life of the modern world. "So, the present government has attached top priority to the education."

She said the teachers community had been playing a pioneering role for the expansion of education to initiate changes in social life. In this context, she said, the theme of this year's Teachers' Day - "Teachers Make the Difference" - is timely and significant.

Hasina said with the passage of time, social values have changed and technology advanced, but poverty has increased along with terrorism and violence.

Bill to restrict

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Jointly organised by the Jatiya Press Club and the US Information Service, the discussion was chaired by President of the Club Reaz Uddin Ahmed, while Donald Bishop of the USIS and General Secretary of the Club Monirul Haq, among others, were present.

Johnson said though US people were concerned over child labour in the developing countries from where it imports different products and services, it did not want to obstruct free trading.

Some 6,000 registered lobbyists were active to persuade US lawmakers to serve their economic, political and other interests, he said.

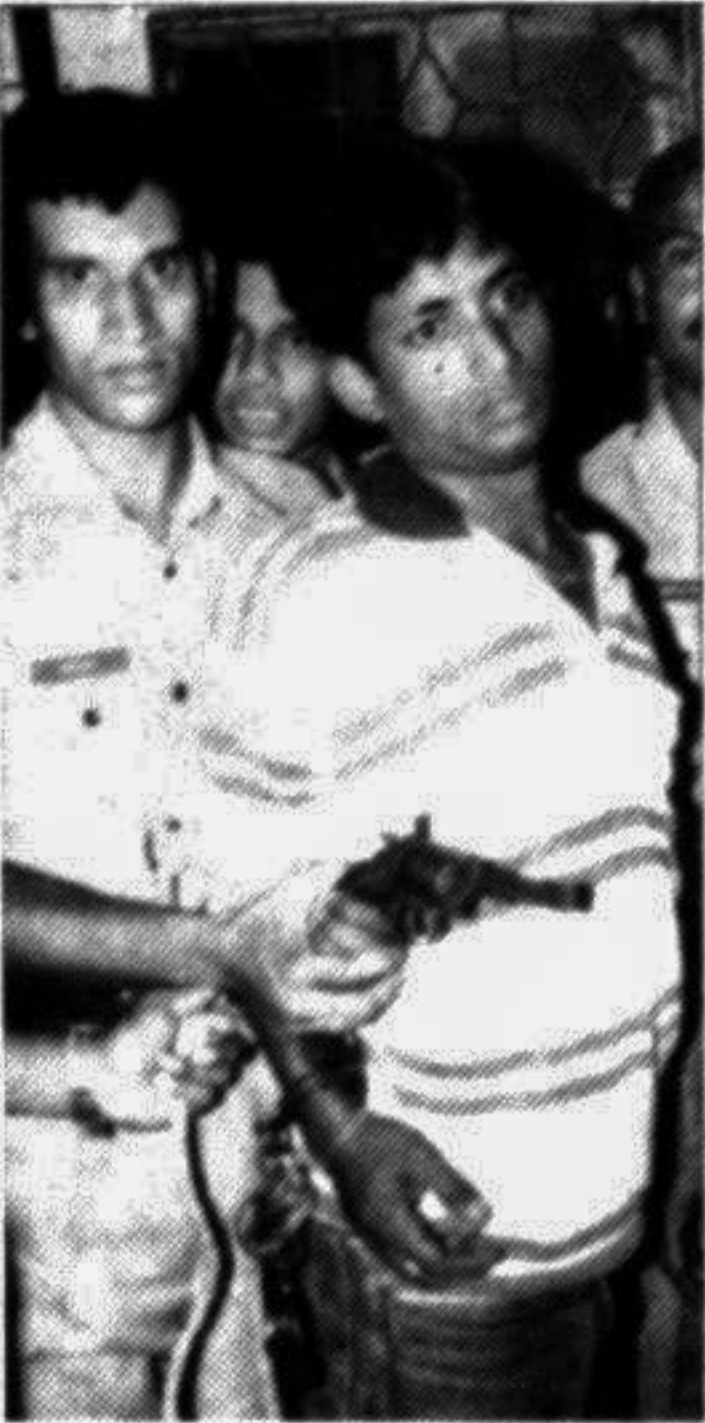
BATEXPO '96

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As many as 55 buyers and importers from Denmark, Holland, Hong Kong, UK, Belgium, Germany, USA, Canada, Austria, Spain and France have already registered themselves with the BGMEA as visitors of the show. Some of them have already arrived in the city.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the fair at 10:00 am and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia will attend as chief guest in the closing ceremony to be held on October 5, at 4:00 pm.

According to a Press release, Bentrans (Pvt) Ltd., a leading freight forwarder (Sea and air) is participating in the BATEXPO '96. Trident International and M+R are also participating in the show jointly with Bentrans.



Young man held with revolver

By Staff Correspondent

A special team of the Motijheel thana arrested a young man with a foreign made revolver and three bullets from UBL crossing near Meghna petrol pump in city's Paltan area yesterday evening.

Police said that when Kazi Enayet Hossain alias Ana with another young man was crossing the area in a rickshaw, the duty police challenged them. At the time they tried to flee the scene but Ana was caught and the revolver was recovered from his possession.

However, his associate managed to escape, police added. A case has been registered with the Motijheel thana in this regard.

Water talks

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Two countries conclude their deliberations at the technical level.

The sources said that two more meetings of the Joint Committee comprising experts of the two countries will be held within this month to "arrive at a reconciliation of figures" relating to the quantum of flow in the Ganges in order to prepare the ground for a framework of a water-sharing accord.

The first meeting of the Joint Committee at the experts level was held in New Delhi on September 27 and 28.

Members of the expert committee also visited the Farakka barrage site on September 30 for a random verification of the level of availability of water.

The team also observed the entire Farakka barrage site during the day long visit. The Bangladesh side was provided data on the flow of Ganges water during the dry season in recent years, the sources added.

It was learnt that both sides recognised the need for more meetings at the technical level.

The next meeting of the expert level committee is due to be held in Dhaka within the middle of the current month, while another meeting may follow shortly afterwards in New Delhi.

President Clinton, steering clear of pressure tactics as impractical as the two leaders in their deliberations after meeting separately yesterday with Netanyahu and Arafat and then jointly with them and King Hussein of Jordan. "What the United States has

6 dev projects involving Tk 427.02 cr okayed

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved six development projects involving Tk 427.02 crore, including Tk 344.43 crore in project aid, reports UNB.

The approval was given in an ECNEC meeting held in the cabinet conference room at the Secretariat with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

According to an official release, the approved projects include promotion of female teachers in the rural secondary schools at a cost of Tk 223 crore, including Tk 180 crore as project aid model rural development project-2nd phase (LGD part) at a cost of Tk 121.73 crore including Tk 114.45 crore project aid. The Dutch-aided early implementation project (final phase, group-I) costing Tk 24.36 crore including Tk 11.47 crore project aid.

The projects also include BMRE of the government presses (phase-1I) at a cost of Tk 27.07 crore including Tk

KEPZ likely

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last session of the Parliament. The Korean investors have already acquired 2600 acres of land on the eastern side of the Karnaphuli river in Chittagong for the exclusive EPZ.

Thirty Korean companies have already committed to set up industrial units in the special EPZ. Among them, the Korean company, Kolon, plans to set up a composite textile unit. The Ambassador said that the Japanese investors were also keen to invest at the KEPZ.

Currently some 40 to 45 Korean companies have industrial units in the Dhaka and Chittagong EPZs as well as outside the EPZs. The chief of one company which employs 10,000 local workers is currently acting as the coordinator of the KEPZ, the Korean envoy pointed out.

"It will be the momentum for economic development of this country which will attract more foreign investment," the Ambassador noted.

He observed that although some 1000 Korean investors working here had a very positive image about Bangladesh, the image is negative in Korea because of negative exposure of the media.

"This has to improve," he said adding that the Korean investors in Bangladesh highly praise the skill and devotion of the Bangladeshi workers and they were actually encouraging other investors to come to Bangladesh.

13.73 crore project aid, construction of crude oil storage tanks at Eastern Refinery at a cost of Tk 18.51 crore including Tk 10.75 crore project aid and establishment of a 6-MW power plant at Eastern Refinery at a cost of Tk 17.35 crore including Tk 14.08 crore project aid.

Corruption case Warrants against 9 including former minister

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 2: Warrants have been issued for the arrest of nine persons, including the former deputy minister for shipping, in a corruption case filed with the special tribunal court.

Marzi-ul-Haq, senior special tribunal judge of Kishoreganj, issued the warrants of arrest on September 29.

The nine persons are: A B M Zahidul Haq, former deputy minister for shipping, K M Manjur Murshed, Md Sadat Ali, Shahabuddin Mia, Khokon Mia, Suruj Mia, Shubal Chandra Dey, S M Alam, all of them dealers and Md Jamaluddin, president of the Kaliachakra Sugar Mills Workers Union. According to the case, A B M Zahidul Haq ordered the Kaliachakra Sugar Mills authorities to distribute 120 metric tons of sugar among seven dealers after gaining financial benefits and in violation of the order issued earlier by the Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation for delivering the sugar among the 24 dealers of the mills.

A case was filed by Khondaker Omar Faruque Selim, a sugarcane grower, after which the court ordered the district Anti-Corruption Bureau to investigate the matter.

After hearing both sides and examining the documents and investigation report, the judge issued warrants of arrest against the accused.

PM: Editors

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Ruling out the apprehension of an editor, she said there should not be sense of insecurity in the civil bureaucracy, including police administration, for facing unnecessary harassment. "But those found liable for any misdeed will be dealt with," she added.

No breakthrough yet

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aged. We are determined to help the parties to get together," Clinton said. "This meeting is designed to try to figure out exactly where we are," a senior administration official said. "There are serious issues that remain. There have been very tough, very intensive talks overnight."

On Tuesday, Netanyahu and Arafat broke bread and broke the ice during a three-hour White House luncheon.

But as the unscripted Washington summit entered a second day today there was no accord on the divisive issues.

Netanyahu did not reverse his decision to open a second entrance to a tunnel that takes tourists to the Temple Mount, and its Muslim and Jewish holy sites, nor set a date for Israeli troops to pull back from Arab neighbourhoods in Hebron under a 1993 Israeli-Palestinian agreement.

Despite the upbeat assessment about re-establishing trust, there was no indication of a breakthrough on divisive issues, such as a promised but delayed Israeli troop redeployment in Hebron or how to treat holy sites in Jerusalem. "They have a number of very deep differences," McCurry said.

Excellent idea, poor show

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few exceptions) is not more than 80 to 90 minutes. Talk shows, which is what the PM's programme was, are never more than an hour. Tuesdays programme was too long and it went beyond the natural retention ability of a normal person.

Fifth - and the most fatal mistake was to try and orchestrate the whole thing. To select who can ask questions, and then to distribute them in terms of "professions", that also on partisan lines, robbed the programme of authenticity and spontaneity. Those who asked questions all began by praising the government or the PM which necessarily indicated the nature of the question to follow. To orchestrate occasional claps from the audience was really the last nail in the coffin of credibility. Now, the programme the most important thing to remember is that the audience is not the handful who are there, but the millions who are sitting at home. The moment they heard clapping for the PM, the viewers at home concluded that this was a stage managed affair, and as such the programme lost all its meaning.

Yet all is not lost. Far from it. A positive step has been taken. If only, we can learn from the mistakes of this programme, and let media professionals handle them in the future, we think that the precedent set by prime Minister Sheikh Hasina can really make a singular contribution in forcing accountability upon those who are in power. Till the PM appears again in say 3 months, let us have ministers face the nation in similar, but far more authentic programmes.

Point is, honesty was always the best policy, and it remains so even today. If day before yesterday the PM was allowed to face all the hard questions which are in the public mind, two things would have happened: a) PM would have gotten a chance to reply to them first hand; b) credibility of the programme would have gone up a thousand fold, and along with it of everything else she had stated. Now all that she said for 30 minutes before the questions started, regardless of how factual they were, would be bracketed as propaganda, as the programme ultimately turned out to be.

Third mistake was for the Prime Minister to have taken so much time herself at the opening. There was no need to say so much. Fourth mistake was to make the programme so long. Again, communication is not a big sin to make anything beyond the natural attention span of viewers and listeners. It is not for nothing that even the most entertaining film I save

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Round-table on local govt

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According to meeting sources, the leaders of the professional groups felt that local bodies should have legal right to prepare local development plans at to impose "limited taxes".

Some of them also suggested that the local bodies, specially those at village and thana levels should have some judicial power so that they could dispose of local disputes, the sources added.

Thirteen out of the 19 invited dignitaries participated in the discussion.

Those who participated in yesterday's discussion were: Rashed Khan Menon of Workers Party, Advocate Belayet Hossain Sikder of Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal, former chairman of Public Service Commission S M Al Hussaini, former secretary A M A Muhih, Dr Giasuddin Ahmed and Dr Kerina Rahman Khan of Dhaka University, National Professor and child specialist Dr M R Khan, Kazi Faruque Ahmed of ADAB, Shawkat Ali Khan, President Supreme Court Bar Association, Dr M A Majed, President of BMA, Dr Aliaz Rahman of BIDS, Miss Arouma Gun and chairman of Gazipur Pourashava A K M Mozammel Hug.

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Taherunnesa Abdullah and member secretary of the Commission Hasnat Abdul Hai were present at the conference. According to the Chairman of the LGC, Rahamat Ali MP, the Bar Association leader proposed not to decentralise the judiciary upto to Thana level, while the BMP chief requested not to put the doctors under any local government bodies.

Dr. MR Khan suggested that non-partisan social workers should have a role to play in the local government bodies, sources in the meeting said. BSS adds: Earlier inaugurating the conference, Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury called for evolving a system to reorganise the local government institutions to ensure people's participation in development activities and accountability of the government from grassroots to national levels.

LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman said election to the country's union parishads would begin from January next year. This time, he said, the three wards under a union would be divided into nine wards. One member would be elected from each of the nine wards.

About the upazila system, which was abolished by the past BNP government, the minister said that the upazila system introduced by the Jatiya Party government had gained popularity. We shall reintroduce it not only because it was our election pledge but also because of its effectiveness.

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Liquidity

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asset was Tk 181 crore and excess Tk 6.61 crore, NBL's required asset was Tk 236 crore and excess Tk 15 crore, City Bank's required asset Tk 127 crore and its excess Tk 8.91 crore, Islami Bank's required asset Tk 138 crore and its excess Tk 169 crore, IFIC Bank's required asset Tk 247 crore and its excess Tk 28 crore, UCB's required asset Tk 154 crore and excess Tk 54 crore, Al-Baraka's required asset Tk 42 crore and excess Tk 16 crore, Eastern Bank's required asset Tk 83 crore and excess Tk 29 crore, NCBL's required asset Tk 72 crore and excess Tk 7.43 crore, Prime Bank's required asset Tk 22 crore and its excess Tk 6.86 crore, South East Bank's required asset Tk 18 crore and its excess Tk 8.42 crore, Dhaka Bank's required asset Tk 14 crore and excess Tk 11 crore, BASIC's required asset Tk 51 crore and excess Tk 42.86 crore, Al-Arafah Bank's required asset Tk 2.71 crore and excess Tk 13.13 crore, Social Investment Bank's required asset Tk 3.08 crore and excess Tk .99 crore, Dutch-Bangla Bank's required asset Tk 2.44 crore and excess Tk 3.97 crore.

The retired army officer was brought to CID custody on a seven-day police remand on Sunday in jail killing case.

Khairuzzaman

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was suffering from jaundice. They also prayed for formation of a medical board for his treatment. After hearing, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate M Habibur Rahman rejected the prayer. The court, however, ordered the investigation Officer to submit a report on his ailment.

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Depression

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Another report adds: One or two depressions are likely to be formed in the Bay during the current month, said a long-range Met Office forecast yesterday.

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One shot dead: Aligarh Varsity closed sine die

NEW DELHI, Oct 2: One of India's oldest universities was closed indefinitely today, a day after a student was killed and two seriously injured when police opened fire following a student riot, reports AFP.

The Press Trust of India news agency said the Aligarh Muslim University was shut down and students asked to vacate all hostels today. Students said the trouble started when a group of resident graduates protested when 45 of their peers fell ill after eating food at the university canteen.

BNP refutes

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Referring to the claim of setting up TV relay station at Jhenidah and 8,000-line digital telephone exchange at Nilkhet, BNP said these could not be implemented within 100 days.

BNP also contested the PM's contention on law and order and peoples' franchise, and said it (BNP) had established peoples' franchise, introduced multi-party democracy and parliamentary form of government.

These days, BNP workers were not only falling prey to 'Awami terrorists' but were also being victimised by 'government backed terrorists'.

Brushing aside the premier's claim that her government was not being able to contain terrorist activities due to non-cooperation from BNP, the statement said that over the last 100 days, some 70 leaders, workers and supporters of BNP and its front organisations were 'killed'.

BNP men at various places throughout the country were being subjected to atrocities and JCD boys were forced out of various educational institutions including Dhaka University, the statement said.

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