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## Seven killed in Sylhet road accidents

**From Staff Correspondent**

SYLHET, Oct 20: Five people were killed and 30 others injured in a road mishap at Madhabpur on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway this afternoon.

A minibus of Mitaki Paribahad (Dhaka Metro-Ja-04-0378) while on its way to Sylhet from Dhaka overturned near the Company Bungalow point of Surma Tea garden in Madhabpur thana of Habiganj when it was passing by a passenger coach coming from the opposite direction at about 2-30.

Rabiul, 27, driver and an unidentified passenger, 28, died on the spot.

About 35 others were admitted to the Chunarughat, Madhabpur and Brahmanbaria sadar hospitals. Of them, Abdul Hannan, 40, of Balaganj thana of Sylhet died in the Chunarughat.

## Moudud files petition with EC

**By Staff Correspondent**

BNP leader Moudud Ahmed yesterday filed a petition with the Election Commission seeking that the election of Awami League candidate in Laxmipur-2 constituency of the Jatiya Sangsad be declared void, according to a press release.

Moudud also sought that he be 'duly elected' from that seat, the press release added.

In his petition, Moudud alleged that the AL candidate and his active supporters had violated some 10 provisions of the Representation of Peoples Order, 1972, during the elections.

## PM: New York

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She will address three investors conferences including one to be attended by the chief executives of several leading US firms and multi-national companies.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by a 72-member entourage that includes Foreign Minister Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi, Chief Whip Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi, State Minister for Law Abul Matin Khasru, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP, Bir Bahadur MP, Awami League leaders, distinguished personalities, senior officials, businessmen and a media team.

## Ex-UP chairman killed in Jhalakathi

**From Staff Correspondent**

BARISAL, Oct 20: A former Union Parishad chairman and freedom fighter Rafiqul Islam, 50, was killed by some unidentified assailants near Uttampur bazar under Razapur thana of Jhalakathi district today.

According to police and villagers, Rafiqul was returning home from the bazar around 1pm when a group of armed people attacked him.

In his desperate bid to escape, he jumped into a nearby canal but the miscreants chased him and pushed his face down in water resulting in his instantaneous death, witnesses said.

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## BNP urges people to observe Nov 7

**By Staff Correspondent**

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday called upon the people to observe the 'National Revolution and Solidarity Day' on November 7 with due solemnity.

The BNP leader made the call while talking to the leaders of the Jahangirnagar University 7th November Celebration Committee at the central office of the party. Appreciating their initiative to observe the day, Bhuiyan said: 'The November 7 revolution of 1975 is a symbol of the united efforts of the soldiers and common people to protect the sovereignty and democracy of the country.'

The November 7 revolution took place at a time when the sovereign existence of Bangladesh was threatened by imperialist and expansionist forces,' he said, adding the unity of the people and the soldiers had foiled the conspiracy against the country.

The teachers who met Bhuiyan included Mafizuddin Ahmed, Prof. Jasim Uddin, Prof. Enamul Haque, Prof. Ubaidur Rahman, Prof. M. Salimullah Khan, Prof. M. Majbar Rahman, Prof. M. Imam Uddin, Prof. Abdul Awal, Dr. Enamullah Parvez, Abul Latif and Naimul Islam.

**Col Taher Sangsad**

The Colonel Taher Sangsad has called upon the people to observe the Revolution Day on November 7 with due solemnity.

A statement issued to the press by Mustaque Hossain, General Secretary of the Sangsad said, the Sangsad has drawn up a day-long programme including discussion, and recitation from poems.

The functions will take place on the Tophkhana Road.

## PM calls on President

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmad at the Bangabhaban on the eve of her departure for the United States, reports BSS.

## ADP

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was 5 per cent of the total size of ADP of Tk 12,100 crore for the last fiscal year.

The amount spent in first two months included Tk 510 crore local currency and project aid of Tk 429 crore. Total amount of local currency released during the period is Tk 712 crore, 10 per cent of the total taka allocation for the ADP.

Yesterday's ECNEC meeting approved eight development projects, involving an expenditure of Tk 373.29 crore, including Tk 89 crore in project aid.

The projects are: Talent Scheme, Scholarship and Training for General Education at a cost of Tk 72.77 crore; Rehabilitation, Replacement and Modernisation of Signaling and Interlocking system of 30 different Railway Stations at a cost of Tk 66.11 crore, including project aid Tk 40.70 crore; Extension of Internal Container Depot and Procurement of Wagons and other equipment at Dhaka at a cost of Tk 72 crore, including project aid of Tk 17 crore; Construction of part of Gouripur-Kachua-Hajiganj-Ranganj-Sonaimuri-Gazirhat-Feni road at a cost of Tk 68 crore; National Institute of Population Research and Training Project (NIPORT)-5th phase at a cost of Tk 27 crore, including a project aid of Tk 18.26 crore; Introduction of Computer Science in Selected Government Colleges and Training of Teachers at a cost of Tk 26.68 crore; Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Cyclone-damaged Facilities of Chittagong Port at a cost of Tk 20.12 crore and Replacement of Electronic Position-fixing System at a cost of Tk 21.71 crore, including Tk 13.07 crore in project aid.

## Khaleda

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and the rule of law, the government should be much more tolerant and liberal recognising the opposition's right to exist. A congenial atmosphere should also prevail to ensure free expression and criticism, she added.

The leader of the Opposition accused the ruling party of hatching conspiracy to destroy the BNP and revive the 'one-party, one-man' rule like BAKSAL by killing democracy.

The people did not vote for the Awami League due to its misrule in the past, Begum Zia said, alleging that the party captured power after long 21 years through conspiracy and vote-buying.

She said that the party in power has a plan to give transit to India, import electricity from the country and also support it, instead of Japan, in the United Nations to become a permanent member of the Security Council.

Besides, they also plan to give India the facilities of using the Chittagong Port, the BNP chairperson added.

Presided over by Abul Hasanat Molla, the reception was also addressed by Nuruzzaman and Nurul Amin. Former Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Mir Nasiruddin was present at the reception as special guest.

# The Daily Star

## Speaker tells Saudi Gazette Moshtaque took move for confederation with Pakistan

Late president Khondoker Moshtaque Ahmed had initiated a move to forge a confederation between Bangladesh and Pakistan in 1971 at a time when both Bangladesh freedom fighters and Indian troops joined hands together to defeat Pakistani troops, reports BSS.

This was disclosed by Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury in an exclusive interview with Saudi Gazette published on October 10.

In an interview taken by Saudi Gazette correspondent in Dhaka, Humayun Rashid Chowdhury said he had foiled the clandestine move of former president Khondoker Moshtaque, then a member of the government-in-exile during 1971 War of Liberation, for a loose confederation of Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The Speaker said it was he, as a head of Bangladesh's diplomatic mission in Delhi.

Official sources said the arrested, Abdul Hye and Alam will be brought here. Detective Branch is investigating the case.

Babul, an Awami League candidate for byelection in Bhola-1 constituency, was killed in the capital on October 11.

## Babul killing: 2 held from Barisal

Police yesterday arrested two people from Barisal in connection with the killing of Obaidul Haq Babul, a cousin of Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, reports UNB.

Official sources said the arrested, Abdul Hye and Alam will be brought here. Detective Branch is investigating the case.

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## Anticipatory bail

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According to sources concerned, Marshall Services, a private company, on April 3, 1994, had applied to the principal branch of the AB bank for a term loan of Tk 5.22 crore and a running capital of Tk 15 lakh to purchase the Jazd Distilleries, a disinvested unit from the BSRS. The principal branch sent the proposal to the banks' head office.

The management committee of the bank decided to survey the project situated at Panchagar by its internal surveyors as well as by its long time external surveyor, Asian Surveyors, they said.

Based upon the survey reports, the management committee proposed that Tk 2.94 crore could be given to the applicant as term loan in addition to the taka 15 lakh working capital.

On August 2, 1994, the principal branch of the bank came up with another proposal for increasing of the loan amount to Tk 3.50 crore since BSRS had raised the tender value of the project.

After scrutiny by the credit division of the bank, the management committee approved the new proposal on August 6, the same year, sources said.

Accordingly, the loan applicant deposited 30 per cent of the amount as equity with the bank and the bank handed over a pay order of Tk 3.50 crore to BSRS.

But for the interim period till the mortgage of the distillery unit could be made, the bank demanded an additional security from the Marshall services, sources said.

Upon this request, the applicant offered 1.4 acres of land in Kafirul as collateral. The internal and external surveyors examined and valued the land at Tk 2.25 crore which the Board of the bank again approved.

## Gold smuggling Show cause on owner of ship today

CHITTAGONG, Oct 20: The show cause notice which was supposed to be served on the owners of the vessel QC Teal in connection with a gold smuggling case, will now be issued tomorrow, customs sources said.

The ship, owned by BNP MP Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and businessman Salman F Rahman is now detained at the Chittagong port following recovery of 32000 tolas of smuggled gold from it recently. The ship came from Singapore.

Meanwhile, police and customs today began examination of the containers of goods carried by the ship, stacked at the jetty.

**Docs on strike**

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Taimur, near the Emergency Gate of the RMCH injuring him seriously. Dr Taimur was at once admitted to the RMCH in a critical condition.

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## Death in custody Probe body yet to submit report

**By Staff Correspondent**

Police were yet to receive the autopsy report of Soem Mahmud Tuhin, who was found dead while in the custody of Motiheel thana in the city early Thursday.

Meanwhile, the one-man committee formed by the government to investigate the incident could not submit its report to the authorities till yesterday, according to informed sources.

Tuhin, 20, son of the late Abdullah bin Mohammad, was arrested by police from Khilgaon Bagicha area Wednesday night.

The members of the family of the deceased alleged that Tuhin was tortured to death while the police claimed that he had committed suicide by hanging himself from the pipe of the toilet with a shoe lace.

## 2 held from DU staff quarters

**By DU Correspondent**

Police arrested two persons from the Salimullah Hall staff quarters of the Dhaka University yesterday.

The arrested identified as Mizan and Munir are accused in several cases under Ramna and Lalbag thanas, police said. They are involved in mugging and toll collection in Palashi, Nikhet and Azimpur area.

Mizan, popularly known as Stengun Mizan and Munir were the canteen boys in Salimullah hall, sources said adding they later joined Chhatra League.

## Fake healers

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Some even use the authority of the World Health Organisation to present it as a recognised form of treatment, taking advantage of the WHO's recommendations on traditional medicine system.

But, sources concerned said, these 'crooks' who even use religion to promote their merchandise, have no approval from either the Drug Administration or the authorities on traditional medicines like the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homeopathic. Never before they received any approval from the WHO.

They range from street vendors who promise recovery from jaundice in three days to more sophisticated ones presenting themselves as self-styled doctors in well-furnished chambers, promising cure to impotency, sexual disorder and beauty.

Although the authorities plan to control advertisements there is no move to crackdown on the healers who also sell different balms, potions, placebos, ointments and beauty aids.

Some of these contain harmful chemicals like mercury and arsenic.

There are 'manufacturers' of such dangerous medicines and 'beauty aids' under cover of chemical companies or toiletries, who should also be penalised, the sources feel.

## 8 Bangladeshis with forged work permits held in Singapore

SINGAPORE, Oct 20: Singapore police have arrested 10 people including eight Bangladeshis and smashed a gang which forged and sold work permits in the labour-scarce island, the Sunday Times reported, says AFP.

Police began tracking the gang since they arrested a Bangladeshi worker with a forged permit on October 11, the report said, adding that the remaining arrests took place over a week ending Friday.

A Singapore citizen and a permanent resident, who were also arrested, were believed responsible for the 'production and supply' of forged documents found on the illegal workers, it said. Equipment used to produce the forgeries were seized.

## UNSC voting

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ence as a major financier and donor in the country of nations. It is also the second largest financial contributor to the United Nations after the United States.

Non-permanent members cherish a seat in the Security Council which provides an opportunity to shape and influence international policies. Members of the Council carry not only international clout but have the right to approve legally binding resolutions, impose sanctions on errant states and despatch what is now the most valued international peacekeepers to potential international trouble spots.

Although the five permanent members — United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — exercise veto power, the non-permanent members are consulted by the big five on issues of international importance.

For Bangladesh, observers feel, it would be a very 'difficult' decision to make this time.

'Both countries are important to us. India helped us in the liberation war and is our closest neighbour. Besides, its government has taken initiatives to strengthen and improve relations by settling outstanding issues, including arriving at a much needed water accord. Japan, on the other hand, is the largest bilateral donor and is helping us in the process of economic development,' said an official.

'We have reasons to vote for both of them. And both expect our vote. But, unfortunately, we can cast only one vote,' said another official.

Dhaka's decision was 'not taken' till yesterday, sources concerned said. It will be 'conveyed by the highest authorities to our Permanent Representative at the United Nations,' Anwarul Karim, an official said.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury noted that Bangladesh had excellent relations with both the countries and added: 'We do not want to violate the sanctity of the secret ballot by making a public pronouncement of our choice.'

## Housewife found dead in Barisal

**From Staff Correspondent**

BARISAL, Oct 20: The body of a young housewife was found floating in a pond at Khonta Khali village under Mehendiganj thana early today.

Police and local people quoting her husband said, Hosne Ara Begum, 24, was sleeping with her husband and children in their house. But for unknown reasons she reportedly went out of the house at midnight.

At 9 next morning, her husband reportedly found her floating in the nearby pond and informed the police.

Police lifted the body from the pond and sent it to BMCH.

## Bridges

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Manju also said the Economic Relations Division (ERD) has been assigned to found foreign assistance for the construction of a bridge over the Rupsha river.

The minister is scheduled to visit Delhi to attend a conference organised by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) on October 28-29, where declarations are likely to be adopted for better communications.

Official sources said that issues like Asian Highway, Asian Railway, Post and Telegraph, communications and related customs policies and poverty alleviation may come up at the conference.

## Akram

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highest scorer for Pakistan as the number eight batsman beating the 209 of Imtiaz Ahmed against New Zealand in the 1954-1955 series at Lahore.

The last Pakistani captain to make a double century was Salim Malik (236) against Australia at Rawalpindi in 1994-95.

## MCCI: Power

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FY 2000, 4597 MW in FY 2005 and 6779 MW in FY 2010. The investment required for such generation of power would be 2.72 billion US dollars between 1996 and 2000 and 3.87 billion dollars between 2000 and 2005.

To overcome the present crisis, the PDB is using a strategy for forced conservation of power through load-shedding, punitive tariff and fiscal and tariff support to encourage self-generation. Load-shedding and punitive tariff rates were always self-defeating and were not the correct response to meet the requirement of a growing economy, Chowdhury maintained.

The MCCI chief said self-generation was not economic as the cost of fuel supplied for this is 100 per cent higher than that used by the PDB as well as installation cost for such generation was very high.

'The prudent response in any situation is to remove the imbalance between demand and supply. The necessary balancing measure cannot be taken in the short-term in view of the existing short fall of nearly 300 MW and demand growth of over 30 per cent per annum,' he added.

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