

Injured BCL leader dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) city north unit leader Omar Faruq Khan, who was shot on February 1, died at the Central Hospital in the city yesterday.

After autopsy at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), BCL leaders and activists received the body yesterday evening and took it to BCL Central Office at Bangabandhu Avenue.

Awami League President and

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina, General Secretary Abdul Jalil and other senior party leaders including Sheikh Selim, Amit Hossain Amu, Obaidul Kader and BCL President Liaqat Sikder and General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu placed wreath at Faruq's coffin to pay their last respect.

Faruq's relatives took the body to their village home at Uttar Joypur in Lakhimpur for burial.

A student of management at Mirpur Bangla College and former general secretary of the college unit, Faruq was standing in front of their house at 4, Shaheed Minar Road in Kalyanpur at 7.15pm when five unidentified youths shot him in the chest.

He was admitted to DMCH first from where he was shifted to Chest Diseases Hospital. Later he was admitted to Central Hospital where he died at 8.30am.



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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina along with her party leaders places wreath at the coffin of city BCL leader Omar Faruq Khan at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday.

Magurjhara blowout

Govt to go to int'l court to realise compensation

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State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosarraf Hossain has reiterated that the government would go to international court for realisation of compensation from US oil giant Unocal for Magurjhara blowout in 1997.

"We might need to go to the international court for realising the compensation," the state minister informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday in response to a query of a lawmaker.

Replying to Farid Uddin Chowdhury during question-answer hour, Mosarraf informed the House that the Unocal signed a supplementary agreement with the government in 1998 for not paying the com-

pensation.

"The then government secretly signed the supplementary agreement and the Unocal said compensation had been met through that deal," said the state minister.

In reply to another question, Mosarraf said the four-party alliance government, after assuming power, initiated a move to realise the compensation.

He also informed the House that the government owes US\$77.96 million equivalent to Tk 456.09 crore to international oil companies till December 2003.

Gas supply to Bogra by 2005, JS told

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosarraf Hossain yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that gas connection to Bogra will be given by 2005.

He said Nalika-Bogra gas line construction work has already started.

Responding to a question from BNP lawmaker Helaluzzaman Talukder Lal, he said survey work for supplying gas to Rajshahi-Naogaon area is progressing.

He told the House that a donor agency has come forward to support the construction of gas line in the western region of the country.

'No plan to cancel quota system in govt jobs'

BSS, Dhaka

Minister in charge of Establishment Ministry in the Sangsad Barrister Aminul Hoq yesterday said government had no plan to cancel the existing quota system in public jobs.

Replying to a question from Helaluzzaman Talukder Lal, the Minister said no circular cancelling the quota system was given by the government.

He said the government had no plan either to enhance or reduce the quota in government jobs.

Train kills one, body found in Ramna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A garment worker was killed in a train accident in Mohakhali, while police recovered body of an unidentified middle-aged man from Ramna Sunday.

Abdus Sobahan, 37, an employee at Orbits Network Ltd., was going to his working place at Rasulbagh in Mohakhali through the rail lines at Purba Nakhalpara at around 7.45am.

Two trains came at a time and Sobahan could not notice the one coming from behind, which hit him and sliced him into two, said eyewitness Mohammad Idris.

Meanwhile, Ramna police recovered the body, aged around 45, from in front of Fazlul Haq Hall of Dhaka University at around 12.00 noon.

Police said he was an addict and might have died from overdose of drugs.