

Salesperson
killed in city
road accident

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A salesperson died in a road accident at Kakrail in Motijheel yesterday.

A speeding truck knocked Mohammad Mofiz, 22, a shop assistant at Anit Store in Shantibagh, near Kakrail intersection when he was crossing the road at 12:45am.

Pedestrians rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead at 1:30am.

In another accident on Sunday, a minibus crushed an unidentified man at Gulistan.

The minibus (Dhaka Metro Cha-2997) hit the man of 50 when he was crossing the road before the General Post Office at 6:30pm, sources said.

Hedied at the DMCH at 9:00pm.

Quit immediately for midterm polls

AL leaders ask alliance government

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League (AL) leaders at a rally yesterday asked the BNP-Jamaat alliance government to quit immediately and pave the way for a midterm election to free people from "misrule".

They said the 15-point demand of Awami League has now become universal as the BNP lawmakers were echoing the same, asking their party chairperson to curb crime, remove corrupt ministers from cabinet and bring down price spiral.

"Quit power and pave the way for midterm polls... We cannot

allow the country to be ruined under such a misrule," AL Presidium member Abdur Razzak MP told the rally.

Awami League organised the rally in front of the party's central office to protest "misrule, torture, repression, corruption of the alliance government" and attack on Prof Humayun Azad.

Referring to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's remarks that BNP would reply the AL's April 30 deadline for the government to quit by staging a rally at Paltan Maidan, they said the followers of Bangabandhu would stage a victory rally on May 1 at Paltan Maidan.

Chaired by Dhaka City AL President Mohammad Hanif, the rally was addressed by Begum Motia Chowdhury, Obaidul Kader, Mukul Bose, Abdul Mannan, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Abdul Huq Sabuj and Liakat Sikder. Sayeed Khokon conducted the rally.

Abdur Razzak said the BNP lawmakers attending Sunday's parliamentary party meeting became bold against crime and corruption.

Motia Chowdhury said the AL leaders and workers would compel the alliance government to step down through a "mass upsurge, not by any other means".

New British visa centre opens Mar 30

UNB, Dhaka

British High Commission in Dhaka will open new visa application centres in Dhaka on March 30 and in Sylhet in early April at customer's convenience.

A press release of the high commission yesterday said, after the opening of the Dhaka centre, all visa applications should be lodged at the centre and not at the British High Commission. The centre will operate longer and with more flexible hours, it added.

The visa application centre in Sylhet will assist the applicants of the region to apply for UK visa from their area. "Applicants of the Sylhet region will no longer have to travel to Dhaka to apply for the UK visa," the High Commission said. British High Commission has taken the steps to address the growing numbers of visa applications including urgent cases. The number of visa applicants to the high commission has grown by 30 per cent over the past few months.

The release said genuine visa applicants are, and always have been, welcomed by the British High Commission and requested the applicants not to gather in front of the High Commission with family and friends to lodge the applications.

During the transitional period, the British High Commission also requested all work permit holder applicants and others who have no specific deadline for visa to wait until the new centres open in Dhaka and Sylhet.

JU admission test date changed again

UNB, Savar

The date of first year honours admission test of Jahangirnagar University for 2003-2004 session has been shifted for the third time to April 17.

As per the new reschedule, the admission test will begin on April 17 and continue till April 26.

The JU Central Admission Committee at a meeting yesterday with Vice-Chancellor Prof Khandakar Mustahidur Rahman in the chair decided to shift the date for the convenience of admission seekers as the date coincided with the admission test of Rajshahi University.

Earlier, the JU authorities rescheduled the dates of admission twice amid chaos over appointment of the new VC.