

One more victim of building collapse dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One more victim of June 9 building collapse at Shankhari Bazar in Old Dhaka died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital early yesterday.

With the death of Mithu Kumar Nag, who suffered severe wounds in his stomach, the death toll in the building collapse rose to 19. He was a co-owner of the building.

Mithu's wife Konika Nag and their daughters Puja and Esha were among the dead.

Mithu's brother Modhu Nath was also killed in the incident.

Mithu with his family lived on the second floor of the six-storey building built on 200-year-old three-storey foundations.

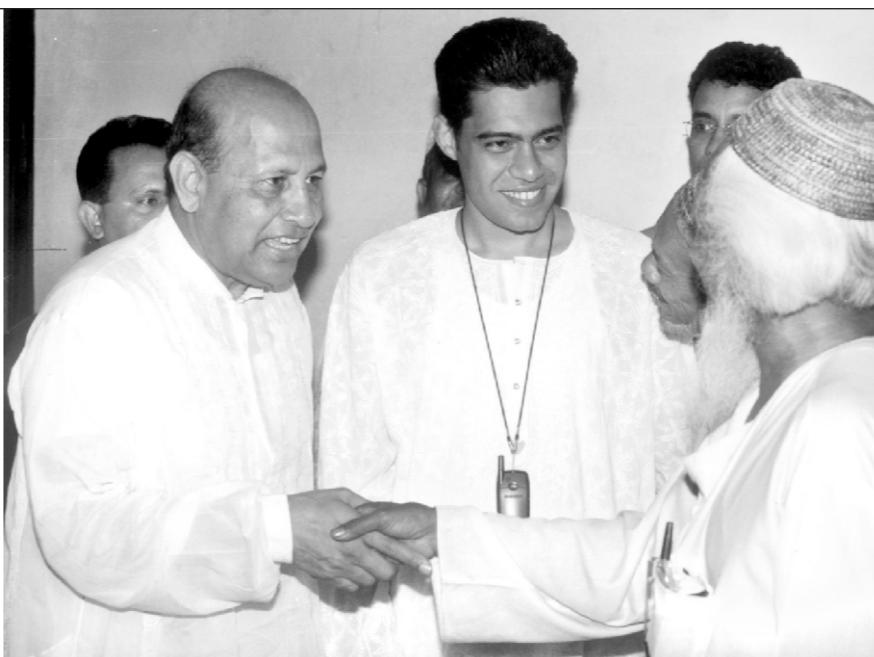


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(Left) BNP Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman speaks at a meeting to exchange views with the leaders of Ramna thana BNP and its front organisations at the four-party alliance election office in support of its candidate for Dhaka-10 by-polls Mosaddek Ali Falu. (Right) Bikalpa Dhara candidate Major (retd) Abdul Mannan in an election campaign at Green Road in the city yesterday.

25 pc allocation for edn in nat'l budget demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Protagishil Chhatra Jote (PCJ), a combine of left leaning students organisations, yesterday demanded 25 per cent allocation for the education sector in the proposed national budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005.

The PCJ leaders at a press conference at the Madhu's Canteen also demanded of the Dhaka University authorities to increase allocation for education and research in its budget.

They said that a small amount have been allocated for the education and research purposes in the DU budget. Many teachers are engaged in jobs outside campus which is hampering the educational activities of the university, they said. They urged the university authorities to formulate a policy on financial and other facilities for teachers so that they can concentrate on teaching and research in the university.

They said that students have been facing acute seat crisis in the dormitories, but the authorities constructed Senate building at a cost of Tk 3 crore for holding two meetings a year.

The PCJ leaders said the law and order situation has been deteriorating day by day but the government is indifferent to it. They urged the students' community to launch a united movement against the misrule of the BNP-Jamaat coalition government.

They demanded immediate release of Khalequzzaman Lipon, president of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front who was arrested during a demonstration against the deadly attack on Prof Humayun Azad.

The PCJ will lay siege to the Senate building on the day of placing DU budget and hold a rally at the TSC Road Island on June 21 demanding release of Lipon.

Taslima Akther, president of Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, read out the written statement. PCJ leaders Bakti Billah, Mosharraf Hossain, Abu Naser Anik, Rafiqul Islam Sujon, Mohiuddin Chowdhury Liton, Sheikh Farook and Abu Raihan were present at the press conference.

West adopts ayurvedic knowledge to heal intestinal diseases

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onics on intestinal system.

The indigenous knowledge practised over hundreds of years in this region to heal intestinal diseases have been lately acknowledged by western medical world in a refined form, with a Bangladeshi doctor playing a crucial role in proving its effectiveness.

Doctors in the United States and Europe now widely prescribe "probiotics" or living micro organisms found in dairy products like yogurt and skins of fruits like litchi to heal intestinal diseases, an idea suggested in India's Ayurvedic writings, dating back to 6000 BC.

A research carried out by US-based Bangladeshi doctor Zahangir Khaled largely helped establish the effectiveness of probiotics particularly for "irritable bowel syndrome" along with other stomach disorders including diarrhoea, food allergy, abdominal pain and axima and in countering side effects of antibiotics.

Police arrested 1,575 people, including six identified criminals, during their countrywide drive on various charges from in last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

During the drive, the law enforcers also recovered four firearms, six other weapons and seven bullets and filed three cases against six people under the Arms Act, says a handout.

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rently a paediatrician affiliated with Children's Hospital of Illinois in the United States.

Anyone can buy probiotics in the western countries without even doctor's prescriptions as it does not have any apparent adverse effect, he said.

Khaled said the main function of probiotics is to activate the beneficial bacteria to check the harmful ones and it was particularly prescribed along with antibiotics, which usually kill the good bacteria alongside the bad ones in many cases causing diarrhoea.

The 300 square metre surface area of human intestine, many times larger than the body surface, contains billions of bacteria of 400 different types, some of them beneficial for the body and other are harmful as they cause stomach and intestinal diseases and disorders.

Khaled said currently other than yogurt in its traditional

form, probiotics in the form of medicine were yet to be available in Bangladesh because of lack in the medical arena here though the idea was originated from this region.

"I am willing to work in the country on probiotics and hope doctors and others concerned will pay their attention to this recent development in treating intestinal disorders," he said.

Chehnum

 AHM Rowshonuzzaman, former additional director general (finance) Bangladesh Railway, passed away at his residence in Chittagong on June 14 at the age of 68, says a press release.

He left behind his wife and one son.

21 steps taken to improve power situation : PM

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respective.

Khaleda said that energy regulatory act was passed in the light of the national energy policy to make production, transmission and distribution of power sector separate.

relying to a question from MAH Selim of BNP from Bagherhat-2, the prime minister said that the government had taken suitable programmes through different ministries for human resource development.

Amusement Parks Assoc formed

 Bangladesh Association of Amusement and Theme Parks and Attractions (BAAPA) was formed at a meeting on June 15 at Concord Centre in the city, says a press release.

SM Kamaluddin, chairman, Concord Entertainment Company Limited, was made convener of the ad-hoc committee.

Wonderland Amusement Park Managing Director Mustafizur Rahman and Nandan Park Chairman Mashrur Chowdhury were made joint conveners. Members of the ad-hoc committee are Moshir Rahman, Chairman, Sports Zone; Shahed Mahmood, Managing Director, Vinna Jagot Ltd, Rangpur; Mobin Khan, Managing Director, Shishu Park, Sylhet; Mizan Aziz Chowdhury, Managing Director, Osmani Shishu Udayan, Sylhet; Mamoon Parvez, Managing Director, Shishu Mela, Shamoly; Md Abbas Ullah, Managing Director, Karnaphuli Shishu Park, Chittagong; AH M Alauddin Ahmed, Proprietor, Dolphin International; and Dr Shahriar, Managing Director, Dream Land, Sylhet.



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Zia Nagorik Forum observes a token hunger strike at Muktangan in city yesterday demanding a ban on hartal through enactment of law.

DHAKA TODAY

Film show

The Academy Film Society will screen an Indian film titled 'Murder' (2004), and two American films titled 'Phone Booth' (2003) and 'Klute' (1971). Venue: Society auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

BNWLA workshop

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) is going to organise a dissemination workshop on a research paper titled 'An unrecognised offence: Law and wife abuse in Bangladesh'. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 3.00pm.

Discussion on book

Somen-Tajul Library organises a discussion on an autobiographical book titled 'Sei Se Kal! Kichhu Smriti Kichhu Katha' by renowned educationist Sardar Fazul Karim. Venue: Mukti Bhawan, 21/1 Purana Paltan. Time: 4.00pm.

Lecture

The Goethe-Institut organises a lecture on the occasion of 200th death anniversary of German philosopher Immanuel Kant. Dr AKM Salauddin of Dhaka University will deliver the lecture. Venue: Goethe-Institut auditorium. Time: 6.30pm.

Seminar

Dhaka City Corporation organises a seminar on 'Institutional development for solid waste management of DCC'. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 10.00am.

National consultation

The Department of Social Services, Ministry of Social Welfare and CIDA Legal Reform Project will hold a 'National consultation on community participation and diversion in juvenile justice'. Venue: Auditorium of Department of Social Services, Agargaon. Time: 9.00am.

Meeting

The Vested (Enemy) Property Act Resistance Movement will hold a meeting of its national committee. Venue: Shaheed Asad Auditorium, 31/F Topkhana. Time: 6.00pm.

Seminar on education

Shikha Andolok Mancha will hold a seminar on 'Problems in education sector and national education commission 2003 report'. Venue: Business Studies auditorium, Dhaka University. Time: 9.00am.

WEATHER TODAY

No change in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowsers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions till 6.00pm today. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 35.5 degree Celsius was recorded today at Sayedpur and the lowest 24.8 degree Celsius at Khepupura.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:48pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.8	26.5	77	99
Chittagong	32.8	26.0	83	78
Rajshahi	33.7	25.2	88	87
Khulna	32.4	25.2	87	100
Barisal	31.8	25.4	92	96
Sylhet	33.7	25.8	87	62
Cox's Bazar	32.8	26.0	73	86