

STRANDED PAKISTANIS
Bangladesh, Pak
govts urged to
resolve issues
of citizenship

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Demanding Bangladeshi citizenship, leaders of Stranded Pakistanis Youth Rehabilitation Movement (SPYRM) yesterday urged both Bangladesh and Pakistan governments to take necessary steps in the upcoming Saarc Summit to resolve the 34-year hanging problem of the stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh over citizenship.

They threatened to go for a tougher movement, if any positive decision is not taken in the Saarc Summit.

They were speaking at the press conference organised by the SPYRM at the National Press Club in the city.

"Those who opted for Pakistan have partially been repatriated and the remaining ones died, but the new generation of the Urdu speaking community are absolutely Bangladeshi citizens," SPYRM General Secretary Syed Ali Babu said while reading out the keynote paper.

The nationality of the stranded Pakistanis has so far not been cancelled by any law or order of the country, he asserted.

Babu also demanded of the government to resume suspended relief distribution in the camps of Stranded Pakistanis across the country.

"Our forefathers wanted to go to Pakistan, but we, the new generation, never want it," SPYRM President Sadak Khan said.

The two generations of stranded Pakistanis in the country have been destroyed as Pakistan government has been keeping the problem unsettled, SPYRM chief advisor Mustaq Ahmed said.

SPYRM leaders Sabah Uddin and Hazi Mokbul were also present at the press conference.

**Two boys die
after falling from
tree in
Cox's Bazar**

UNB, Cox's Bazar

Two young school students, trying to fix TV antenna on a tree, fell to death on Monday in Horichada village of Taknaf.

The victims Abdur Rahman and Mostafizur Rahman, both students of Class X of Teknaf High School, fell on the ground and died when a branch of the mango tree they climbed to fix the antenna suddenly collapsed on Monday evening, residents said yesterday.

They said the two classmates, eager to have a better view of ongoing special Eid programmes on television, climbed the tree to set the antenna.

A gloomy atmosphere descended on the village after the tragic accident.

**Harassment of
garment leaders
protested**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jago Bangladesh Garments Sramik Federation yesterday protested the alleged harassment of leaders and workers of different garment associations by the members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

In a joint statement, federation President Md Baharan Sultan Bahar and Publicity Secretary Saidul Gani said Rab members have been frequently raiding different offices of garment sramik federations and threatening their leaders and activists since last few days.

This had created panic and insecurity among the garment leaders and workers, the statement added.

**Police, robbers
trade gunfire
in Munshiganj:
Four injured**

UNB, Munshiganj

Two police and two robbers were wounded in an exchange of gunfire at remote Char Dumuria of sadar upazila yesterday.

Nayek Imrjad, constable Sudendu Das, robbers Sentu and Shah Alam were admitted to the sadar hospital with bullet wounds in legs and arms.

Police managed to arrest the wounded robbers and their accomplice Habib. They encountered with the armed bandits on way to Char Dumuria in the morning.

Ring leader of the bandits Manik was earlier arrested from Dhaka Stadium. On his confessional statement police recovered goods looted from a house at Sumarkandi on October 23.

BSF kills 2 at Moulvibazar border area

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Moulvibazar

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) killed two people at Sharifpur border of Kamalganj in Moulvibazar yesterday.

It is learnt that the ill-fated people are Bangladeshi citizens. But official sources have not confirmed their identity yet.

The villagers claimed that BSF had abducted Toyabur Rahman, 45, and Rowshan Miah, 35, of Haripur village on Monday and they informed it to the Sharifpur BDR camp.

They also claimed that the two people killed by BSF are Toyabur and Rowshan.

Lieutenant Colonel Imamul Huda, commander of 2- Rifle Battalion, said after receiving the abduction news of two Bangladeshi people, they held a flag meeting with BSF on Monday. But BSF denied the allegation of abduction.

In the meantime two people were killed by BSF near the border demarcation pillar no 1846 at the Sharifpur

border. BDR could not confirm their identity. Colonel Imam said BDR has called the local UP chairman, member and people to identify the bodies.

According to latest information, BSF has proposed a fresh flag meeting to discuss the issue.

However, the residents of Haripur demanded handing over of the bodies of two victims to them.

US embassy offices closed tomorrow

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The American Embassy offices, including The American Centre, Information Resource Centre and the student counseling service, in Dhaka will remain closed tomorrow on the occasion of Veterans Day.

The Veterans Day is an American National Holiday.



Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks at a rally at the Bogra Matidali Bus stand area yesterday.

2 killed, over 100 injured in road accident

BDNEWS, Comilla

Two people were killed and over 100 injured as two buses collided at Jinglatoi on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday.

Soon after the accident, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrif Hossain and lawmaker Manzurul Ahsan Munshi were heading to the Daudkandi Upazila Hospital.

The vehicular movement was disrupted on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway from 12:50 pm to 2:20pm following the accident.

The dead could not be identified till filing of this report.

Witnesses said a Noakhali bound bus from Dhaka collided head on with a bus heading for Chandpur from Comilla.

Of the injured, 26 were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital while 12 others to the Comilla Medical College Hospital. The rest were admitted to the Daudkandi Upazila Hospital.

The vehicular movement was disrupted on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway from 12:50 pm to 2:20pm following the accident.

The minister rushed to the spot and arranged treatments for the injured immediately.

Police arrested them when they were making a business deal over the sale of the statue at Latenga High School ground at noon.

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But Chapal Kanti Roy, officer-in-charge (OC) of Kotalipara Police Station, told this correspondent that the statue was examined by goldsmiths of Ghaghore Bazaar who have confirmed that it was made of brass.

He said an organised group of frauds had tried to set up a trap against the local Hindus through the statue.

SC rejects stay petition against
HC order over
ETV chairman

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected a government plea seeking stay on the High Court order asking the government not to arrest or harass Ekuushey Television (ETV) Chairman Abdus Salam till November 20 in three criminal cases.

Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division Justice MM Ruhul Amin also fixed November 16 for hearing on the stay petition filed by the government with the regular bench of the Appellate Division.

Additional Attorney General Abdur Razzaq Khan and Deputy Attorney General Helaluddin Mollah moved for the government while advocate TH Khan opposed the petition.

On October 7 and 19, Farzana Shilpi, the divorced wife of Abdus Salam, and Sub-Inspector (SI) of Kafrol Thana Nasimul Islam filed three criminal cases against Abdus Salam with the Kafrol Police Station and the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court.

After hearing separate bail petitions filed by Abdus Salam, also the managing director of ETV, the High Court on October 25 and 27 ordered the government not to arrest and harass him so that he can surrender before the High Court on November 20.

**Golden statue
of Shree Bishnu
recovered in
Gopalganj**

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Police yesterday recovered a golden statue of Shree Bishnu weighing one kilogram from Kotalipara upazila in Gopalganj district.

They also arrested four people in this connection.

The arrestees are Bishwajeet Mohanta and Mahadev Mandal of village Goalgram, Prosanta Bala of Kaligram and Rezaul Mallik of village Gangarampur under Muktisundur upazila in the district.

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Toxic liquor kills 3 in Chuadanga

UNB, Chuadanga

Three people died after drinking toxic liquor in Damorhuda upazila here early yesterday.

The dead were identified as Kalam, 28, of Anwarpur village, Kalam, 28, of Pathanpara village and Sher Ali, 48, of Dhakkin Chandpur village.

Sources said the three men fell sick after drinking liquor from a shop at Darshana Bazaar at night and died on the way to hospital.

The dead could not be identified till filing of this report.

Obituary



Freedom fighter
Momreza Ali
passed away due to
cancer on November 2 at
the age of 61, says a press
release.

He left his

wife and two sons.

He was buried at Azimpur graveyard on Wednesday with state honour.

Leaders of 'Amra Mukti Bahar Shantam' expressed condolence at the death of the veteran freedom fighter.

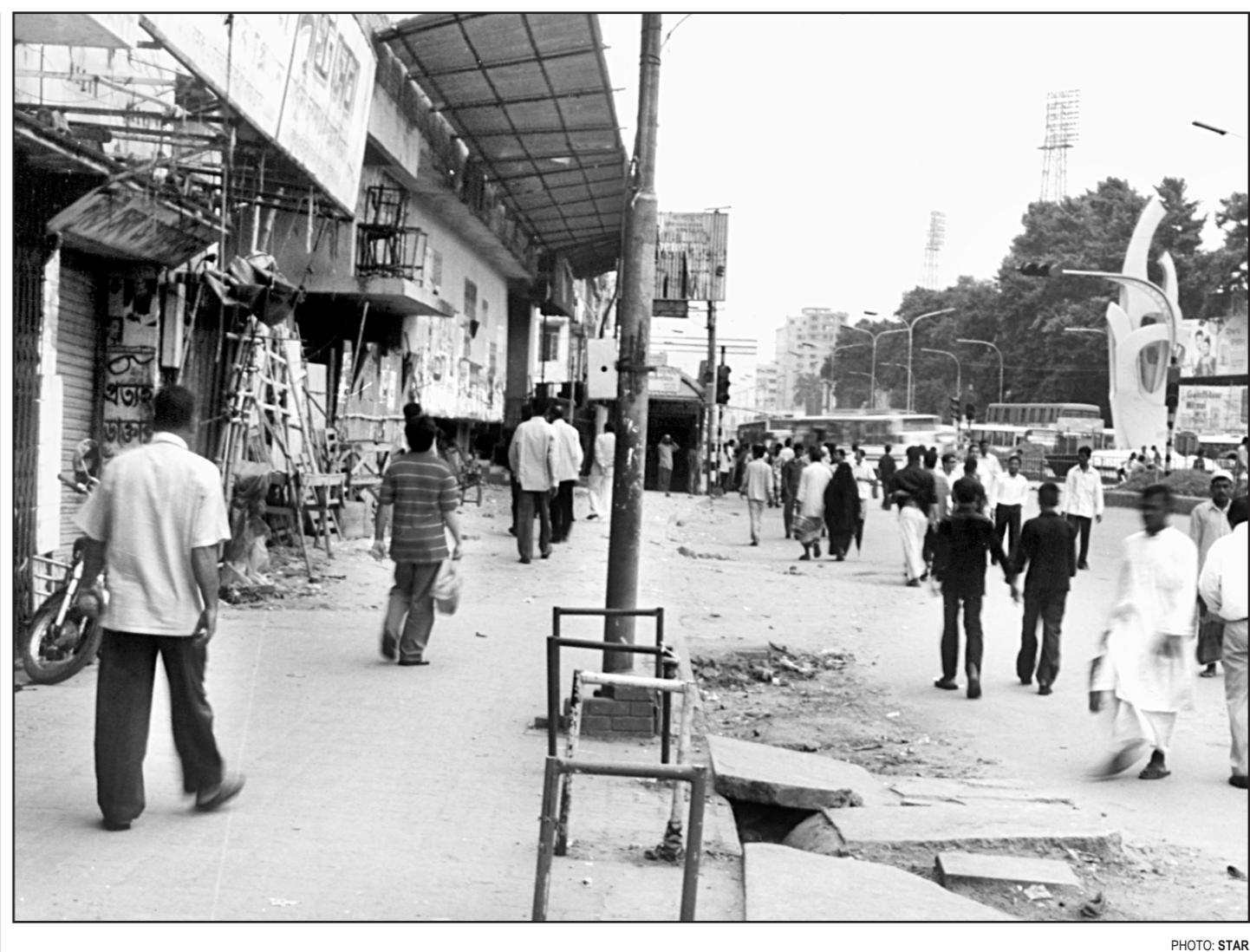
Death anniversary



Today is the
second death
anniversary of M A
Jalil, former
director of
Physical
Education,
BUET, says a
press release.

On this occasion, Qurankhani and miliad mahfil will be held at his residence at 184 Central Bashaboo, Sabujbagh in the city after Asr prayers today.

Relatives, friends, and admirers have been requested to attend the mahfil.



Pedestrians walk along a footpath in Gulistan area yesterday as hawkers have been evicted from the footpaths ahead of the Saarc summit.

PHOTO: STAR

**Cadet college
student
drowns in pond
in Chittagong**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A student of Faujdarhat Cadet College, who passed the HSC examinations this year, drowned in a pond near his house at Mohammadpur in Chittagong city yesterday morning while he was learning to swim.

The dead was identified as Cadet Abdullah-Al Mumid, 19, son of Mokarram Hossain Bhuiyan. He achieved GPA-5 in the HSC exams and also qualified in the BMA (Bangladesh Military Academy) long course, family sources said.

The tragic incident took place at around 8:30am when Mumid and his elder brother Abdulla-Al Sumit were learning to swim, relatives and police said.

On information, Fire Brigade men rushed to the spot and rescued Mumid in an unconscious state, but doctors declared him dead when he was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital at around 9:30am.

carpet will be rolled out to receive dignitaries from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives.

Yesterday, members of PGR, Rab, police and Ansar and plainclothesmen were seen guarding Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC), the main summit venue, where rehearsals of different programmes were going on. They did not let any commoner enter the venue or any vehicle to near it. Even top government officials had to pass through a security archway set up at the main gate and their vehicles were thoroughly checked.

Security personnel including those from the army were seen to rehearse motorcades from Dhaka Sheraton Hotel to the BCFCC. An army dog squad was guarding Sheraton, where the summit delegates will stay. A watch helicopter was also hovering over the hotel, which has put on a festive decoration and lighting to welcome its dignified guests.

Security men made Ramna Park off-limits to public from Monday and

BNP-AL clash in N'ganj: 20 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least 20 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of BNP and the Awami League over a bid to cut down a tree in Araihazar upazila under Narayanganj district on Monday evening.

Of the injured, five were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in a critical condition while eight others were sent to Upazila Health Complex.

The clash erupted after Monir, son of Motaleb, a BNP supporter, tried to cut down a tree belonging to Zakir, a supporter of AL, in Ebdardi Kazipara area in the afternoon, sources said.

When Zakir and his fellows resisted Monir and his associates, they were killed in a scuffle.

Later, Monir and his group launched an attack on their rivals, leading to a clash between the two groups. Both the groups used sharp weapons.

The critically injured are Faruk Bhuiyan, 40, Awal Master, 45, Amir

Bhuiyan, 38, Zakir Bhuiyan, 35, and Manzur, 30.

However, no cases were filed as of yesterday evening.

**Free Hajj
training
from Nov 12**

BSB, Dhaka

A seven-day free Hajj training course has been arranged at Malibag Baitul Azim Shahid Jame Mosque by Sunshine Aviation Services Limited.

The training course will begin on November 12 after Maghrib prayers.

President of Tahfize Haramain Parishad and Khatib of the mosque Maulana Sadeq Ahmed will give training on the essentials of performing the holy Hajj. Separate arrangements have been made for women.

During the interrogation yesterday, the three arrestees also confessed to their involvement in various criminal activities, including murder and extortion.

The August 21 grenade attacks left 22 AL leaders and workers, including Ivy Rahman, dead and 200 others injured.

**Jewellery shop
owner injured
in bomb
attack**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A jewellery shop owner was severely injured in a bomb attack by outlaws at Dhulgram ferry