

Wall collapses on tin-shed house in city: One injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One person was injured critically when a wall of an under-construction six-storey building collapsed on his tin-shed house at Sutrapur in the city yesterday.

Mizanur Rahman Babul, 32, a tailor and the owner of the tin-shed house at Juriyatoli, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Babul's mother Rashida Rahman told The Daily Star that one room of her house was totally damaged around 1.15pm.

"While removing the debris I heard the cry of my son and found him under piles of bricks," she said.

The owner of the six-storey building said the reason behind the collapse of the wall could not be known.

150 students fall ill with unknown disease

UNB, Munshiganj

About 150 students of two secondary schools at Tongbari in Munshiganj and Jibannagar in Chuadanga fell ill with unknown disease yesterday, causing panic among the students and guardians.

Local officials said more than 100 students and a teacher of Barovita High School at Tongbari fell sick in classes at about 9:45am.

Thirty of them, including 28 girl students, were rushed to Tongbari Health Complex. They complained of severe pain in chest, abdomen, body and respiratory problem. Of them, nine were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Medical Officer at the Health Complex Golam Kibria said they could not ascertain the cause of the

disease. Two medical teams were formed to find out the causes. The Civil Surgeon of Munshiganj visited the patients.

Informed sources said that five students were attacked with the disease on Tuesday.

Authorities declared the school closed for an indefinite period.

Another report from Chuadanga said, at least 30 students of Pilot Girls High School at Jibannagar fell ill of unknown disease yesterday.

Seven of them admitted to Jibannagar Health Complex complained of heart palpitation, respiratory problem and clouded vision.

"It's a kind of virus," said the Medical Officer of the Health Complex and diagnosed 'opsonil and dygism'.

67 cadets pass out of BMA

A total of 67 cadets formally passed out of the Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) at a glittering ceremony at Bhatary, Chittagong, says an ISPR press release yesterday.

Of them, 58 cadets, including 5 lady cadets, were from 54th BMA Long Course and 9 cadets, including 2 lady cadets, belong to the 25th BMA Special Course.

To mark the occasion, the President's Parade was held at the parade ground. The Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed reviewed the smartly turned-out parade and took salute as chief guest. He also distributed prizes among the cadets who demonstrated excellent performance during the training.

Battalion Senior Under Officer (BSUO) BM Selim Reza Shafiq was adjudged the best all round cadet in the 54th BMA Long Course and was awarded the coveted 'Sword of Honour'. Company Senior Under Officer (CSUO) Abu Sayeed Nizam received the 'Chief of Army Staff's (CAS) Gold Medal' for his outstanding performance in military subjects.

Meanwhile, 'Rouf Company' received the BMA Colour for the Summer Term on the basis of different inter-company competitions. The cadets formally took oath and were adorned with the rank badges by their respective parents and guardians. Adjutant of the Academy Major S M Asadul Haque commanded the spectacular parade.

In his address to the officer-designates the Chief of the Army Staff said, "You will always have to be ready and vigilant to shoulder the sacred responsibility of safeguarding the independence, sovereignty and security of the country even at the cost of the last drop of our blood".

The Army Chief also called upon the young officers to work shoulder to shoulder with the people to protect the independence and sovereignty of the motherland and serve the nation. Chief of Army Staff congratulated the women officers of the 8th batch and urged them, "To prove the competence and performance in professional life by hard work and that the contributions of the women officers in Bangladesh Army are no less important".

Among others, high civil and military officials, diplomats of foreign missions in Dhaka and guardians of the cadets witnessed the joyous and gratifying ceremony.

Earlier, Chittagong Area Commander of Bangladesh Army and General Officer Commanding 24 Infantry Division Major General Sina Ibn Jamali and Commandant of the Academy Brigadier General Mohammad Shamim Chowdhury received the chief guest on his arrival at the BMA Parade Ground.



Bangladesh Shikkhak Samity stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday demanding 100 percent salary from the government exchequer.

Chen's troubles far from over

AFP, Taipei

Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian survived an opposition bid to oust him over a series of corruption scandals, but analysts warn his troubles are far from over.

The 55-year-old Chen survived the recall bid Tuesday after the opposition failed to win the support of 148 lawmakers, or two-thirds of the 221-seat parliament.

Chen apologized to the nation for the scandals dogging his family and called for dialogue with his opponents and China after surviving the vote but the opposition vowed to continue its campaign.

The scandals erupted in mid-May after Chen's son-in-law was arrested on charges of insider trading. The president's wife Wu Shu-chen was also accused of accepting department store vouchers in exchange for political favours.

While Chen survived the vote, analysts warned that it was only a brief respite with the opposition Kuomintang (KMT) and its People First Party (PFP) ally still dominating parliament.

"This battle may have come to an end, but the war is not yet over despite the failure of the recall motion," said George Tsai, a professor at Chengchi University.

The opposition are not going to stop pressing the president to resign... like collecting signatures and the PFP are even threatening to launch a no-confidence vote in the cabinet.

KMT chairman Ma Ying-jeou said the party would continue with its campaign to oust Chen, and had already collected 1.76 million signatures for a petition to remove the president.

What started as a campaign against the alleged corrupt practices of Chen's family and government has developed into a political battle between the pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) and the opposition, which favors friendly ties with China.

21 dead, 36 hurt in China mine blast

AFP, Beijing

At least 21 miners were killed and 36 injured after a gas explosion ripped through a coal mine Wednesday in northeastern China, state press said.

The accident occurred at the Wulong coal mine in Liaoning province's Fuxin city at 9:00 am (0100 GMT), Xinhua news agency reported, citing the provincial coal mine safety bureau.

Twenty-one miners were killed, five remain missing and 36 were injured, the report said.

Local officials at the mine and the Fuxin mine safety bureau refused to comment on the accident when contacted by AFP.

The state-owned Fuxin Mining Group is the operator of the mine, it said.

In one of the worst mining

disasters in recent Chinese history, 214 miners were killed in February last year in a gas explosion at the Sujiawan colliery, which also belongs to the Fuxin Mining Group in Fuxin city.

China's booming economy and increasing appetite for energy has been seen as a catalyst for a spate of mine accidents in recent years as mines ignore safety as they scramble to cash in on rising fuel prices.

The nation's coal industry is one of the most dangerous in the world, with nearly 6,000 workers killed in accidents last year, according to government figures.

Independent labor groups put the death toll at 20,000 miners annually as mine operators cover up accidents to avoid costly mine shut downs and fines.

Nasa to replace aging shuttle

AFP, Washington

NASA is already looking to the future with a new-generation spacecraft to replace its aging shuttle fleet and take astronauts on an ambitious mission to Mars after returning to the Moon.

The Discovery shuttle takes off Saturday in one of the 16 final missions to the International Space Station (ISS) for the 25-year-old fleet before its 2010 retirement amid ongoing concerns over its safety.

NASA will replace the shuttle, which was not designed for use beyond low Earth orbit, with the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) to take astronauts back to the Moon by 2018 and eventually to Mars.

NASA administrator Michael Griffin recently underscored the importance for the United States to have the ability to reach the Moon, saying its leadership in space exploration was at stake.

"Imagine if you will a world of some future time - whether it be 2020 or 2040 or whenever - when some other nations or alliances are capable of reaching and exploring the Moon, or voyaging to Mars, and

the US cannot and doesn't," he told a congressional panel in April.

"Is it even conceivable that in such a world America would still be regarded as a leader among nations, never mind the leader?" Griffin said.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans to have the new Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) ready for a manned flight by 2014.

NASA has decided on a capsule design instead of a space plane or shuttle type of spacecraft, saying it is a much safer mode of transportation.

"The new spacecraft will provide its crew with a launch escape capability, something that the space shuttle does not have which, combined with its inline design, makes the new vehicle 10 times safer than the shuttle for ascent," NASA says.

The CEV also has a lesser chance of being hit by debris during liftoff as it would be positioned atop a launcher.

The Columbia shuttle was struck by a piece of foam that peeled off its external fuel tank during takeoff, and the damage

caused it to burn up and disintegrate as it returned to Earth in February 2003.

The CEV will also have a retro look, similar to the Apollo capsule used in past Moon missions. But unlike the old spacecraft, the CEV will have the ability to parachute down on land.

The CEV will be able to take three to six astronauts plus cargo to the ISS.

NASA says the spacecraft could carry four astronauts to the Moon and six to Mars.

The US space agency selected last year two consortia that will compete for the chance to build the blunt-body, conical CEV, which still has no price tag.

US aerospace industry giant Lockheed Martin leads one group that includes EADS Space Transportation, a subsidiary of the European Aeronautic Defense and Space Co.

The second contender is headed by US defense giant Northrop Grumman and includes US aeronautics group Boeing and Italy's Alenia Spazio.

NASA is expected to pick the winner in August.

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গুণশানে প্রতি ফ্রাট বিক্রয়
গুণশানে মনোমুগ্ধকর এই মুহুর্তে বসাবার উপযোগী ১৮৫০ বর্গফুট সম্পূর্ণ নতুন ১টি রেডি ফ্রাট বিক্রয় করা হইবে।
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