

RMG VIOLENCE
Owners seek
govt steps to
check unrest
*Speak against
shutdown*
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposing Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association's (BGMEA) earlier threat to shut down garment units for an indefinite period, most of the factory owners yesterday sought government's immediate intervention to prevent further unrest in the industry.

The garment owners feared there might be more violence in the country's 75 per cent foreign exchange earning sector, especially on October 15 and 16, as some labour organisations called strike for the days.

Some owners warned of 'mass movement of owners and workers' if the violence in the garment sector continues.

Criticising the government's failure to protect the industry from the frequent violence during the last six months, the owners urged taking stringent security measures.

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Sehri, Iftar timing				
Ramadan	Oct	Sehri	Iftar	
19	13		5-38	
20	14	4-35	5-37	
21	15	4-36	5-36	

Prayer Timing		
October 13		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-35	4-45
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	5-38	6-00
Esha	7-30	8-00
Source: Islamic Foundation		

9/11 revisits as plane crashes into high-rise

Probe launched though authorities rule out terrorism

AFP, New York

US officials were investigating yesterday why a small airplane crashed into a high-rise apartment building here, killing a US baseball star and another person on board and triggering memories of the September 11 attacks of five years ago.

Although authorities ruled out terrorism, fighter jets were scrambled over US cities and New York authorities heightened security alert levels after the plane slammed into the building on Manhattan's posh upper-east side.

The plane, a Cirrus SR20, was registered to New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle, 34, and he was one of the two dead, the owner of his baseball team confirmed. The other victim was reportedly Lidle's flying instructor.

It was not clear who was piloting the plane when it crashed into the residential tower and burst into flames. The model has two sets of

controls, according to The New York Times.

The single-engine plane struck the upper floors of the 50-storey luxury apartment building around 2:45 pm (1845 GMT), starting a fire on two levels and raining flaming debris down as hundreds of New Yorkers looked on anxiously.

Bright orange flames and columns of smoke billowed into the sky over East 72nd Street. Firefighters contained the blaze at about 3:30 pm.

A woman was in the apartment when the plane blasted through the window and burst into flames, but was able to run downstairs and check herself in to a nearby hospital, according to The New York Times.

"She told me she saw the window coming out and she ran," the apartment's owner, Parviz Benhuri, said of his wife Ilani. "She's in shock. She's lucky she made it. It's a miracle," he was quoted as saying.

Televised images of the burning

building evoked memories of the devastating attacks of September 11, 2001 on New York and Washington when al-Qaeda militants flew hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing nearly 3,000 people.

Chris Foege, 38, a sales representative, was walking on a nearby street when she heard the crash. "I just stood there in shock, I thought 'this can't be happening to us again'," she said.

It was like "9-11 all over again."

"It was just incredibly loud, and it smelled really bad," she said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the plane took off from Teterboro Airport in New Jersey carrying the two men, circled the Statue of Liberty and then headed up the East River on an accepted flight path before dropping off radar screens.

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Govt has no plan to corporatise railway

Says Huda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said the government has no plan to make the railway sector a corporate entity.

However, there are plans to reform the sector and a board controlled by the government will run it, the minister said at a press conference.

Wednesday's daylong railway strike was enforced to create havoc in the sector and a politically motivated vested quarter did it to paralyse normal life at the end of the government's tenure, the minister said.

The workers and employees of

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BNP cadres burn copies of Jugantor in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Angered by a newspaper report on local lawmaker Zahiruddin Swapan, BNP cadres burnt all the copies of the daily Jugantor in Gournadi early yesterday morning after hijacking a microbus transporting newspapers to Barisal district.

The Jugantor published a report against the lawmaker on Wednesday.

The BNP cadres intercepted and

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Girl shot dead for her bid to save her father

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kusthia

Criminals gunned down a schoolgirl as she resisted an attempt on the life of her father at Taragunia village in Daulatpur on Wednesday night.

According to police, an armed gang appeared at the residence of Ramzan Ali, a wholesaler also known as a BNP activist, at about 12 noon and asked him to get out of the house.

The gang tried to barge into the

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PHOTO: STAR

Looters take valuable goods and equipment from lighter vessel MV Shah Badar-1 early yesterday morning. The ship wrecked in the Chittagong Port channel on Wednesday night.

Port channel choked by sunken vessel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong Port channel has been virtually closed down since lighter vessel MV Shah Badar-1 sank in the middle of the channel Wednesday last.

Attempts made so far to salvage the ship have gone in vain.

Meanwhile, two probe committees were formed to investigate the ship capsizing.

With the vessel remaining submerged in the middle of the channel, no vessel could enter Chittagong port since Wednesday evening. Only three small vessels were allowed to leave the port by a different route of the channel.

The MV Shah Badar-1, with 1400 tons of imported wheat, sank near the jetty-15 while trying to enter Chittagong port from the Red buoy

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NUKE TEST BY N KOREA All eyes on China as UN mulls sanctions

AFP, Beijing

World powers haggled yesterday over how to punish North Korea for its nuclear test, with all eyes on China and whether it would back tough sanctions by the UN Security Council.

China dispatched a high-level delegation to the United States and Russia overnight to discuss the crisis, sparked when Pyongyang tested an atom bomb Monday

despite international pressure to rein in its nuclear programme.

The United States put forward a revised draft resolution at the Council that would impose tough sanctions on the North, which again warned it would take unspecified action over any severe new restrictions.

But it was unclear if the resolution, which the United States said it wanted adopted by the end of the

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EC Zakaria's B'baria house ransacked

20 including Jubo League men held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The house of Election Commissioner SM Zakaria at his hometown Brahmanbaria was vandalised yesterday allegedly by the activists of Jubo League, the opposition Awami League's youth front.

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Turkish Pamuk wins Nobel Literature Prize

AFP, Stockholm

Turkish writer Orhan Pamuk, author of "My Name is Red", "Snow" and half-a-dozen other novels, won the Nobel Literature Prize yesterday for a body of work that probes the crossroads of Muslim and Western cultures.

The Swedish Academy said Pamuk "in the quest for the melancholic soul of his native city (Istanbul) has discovered new symbols for the clash and interlacing of cultures."

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