

Hotel boy beaten to death in city

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A hotel boy was beaten to death allegedly by a fellow worker following an altercation over a trifling matter at Kalabagan in the city early yesterday.

The victim identified as Abu Taher, 14, was a boy at Saad Hotel and Restaurant at Kalabagan in Dhanmondi.

Restaurant workers said Taher had an altercation with Shahidul Alam over a trifling matter of having dinner at midnight on Friday.

At one stage of the quarrel, Shahidul punched Taher indiscriminately, leaving him injured seriously.

Taher was rushed to Gana-swasthya Hospital in critical condition where he succumbed to his injuries at 1.00am.

Later, police arrested Shahidul in this connection.

Nat'l Heritage Foundation launched

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The National Heritage Foundation was launched in the city yesterday to preserve, protect and promote the culture and heritage of the country.

The foundation will also try to add more Bangladeshi sites to the Unesco World Heritage List.

Presenting the objectives of the National Heritage Foundation, its convener Rizwan Bin Farouq said that Bangladesh has only three sites listed on the Unesco heritage list, when it should include hundreds of sites from this country alone.

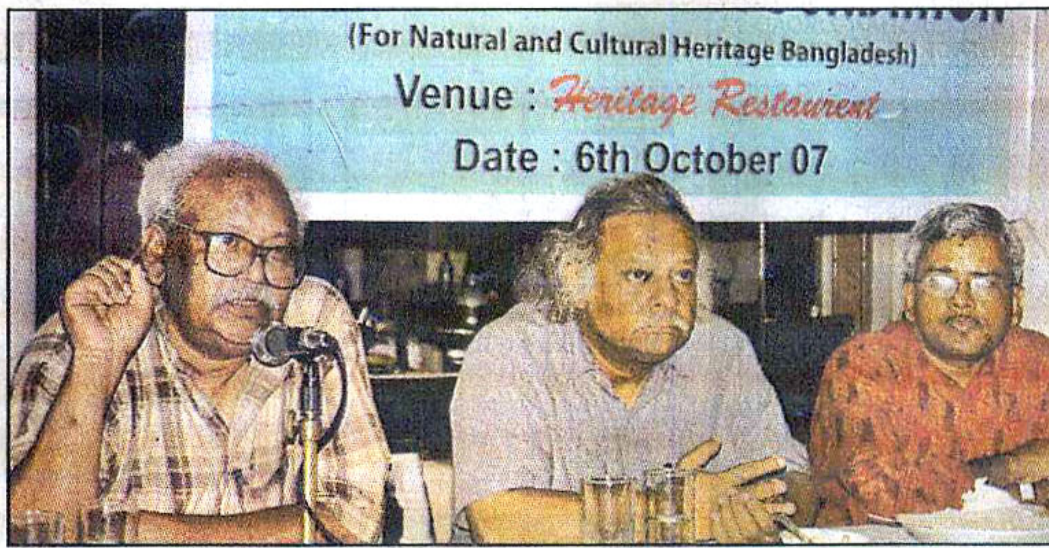
Artist Rafiqun Nabi and architect Shamsul Wares, who attended the launching ceremony at the at Heritage Restaurant, also stressed the need to preserve and protect the country's heritage.

The three Bangladeshi sites listed on the Unesco list are the ruins of the Buddhist Vihar at Paharpur, Shaat Gambuj, (sixty-dome) Mosque in Bagerhat and the Sundarbans.

The foundation identified a number of sites, which require special attention for preservation and protection.

They are Mahasthangarh, Nava Ratna Kantinagar Temple, Gaur, Chhoto Sona Mosque, Kusumba Stone Mosque, Bagha Mosque, Govinda Temple, Atla Mosque, Ahsan Manjil, Star Mosque, Lalbagh Fort, Sonargaon, Hazrat Shahjalal's (R) Mazar, Shalban Bihar (Moinamati), Sitakunda and Madhabkunda falls.

Rizwan said that the foundation seeks to add ten Bangladeshi sites to the Unesco list each year and plans to mobilise support to ensure that 2010 is declared as the 'Visit Bangladesh' year.



Artist Rafiqun Nabi speaks at a press conference at the Heritage Restaurant in the city yesterday. On his left are Prof Shahnewaz and architect Shamsul Wares.

3 of a family crushed under wheels of train

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, KHULNA

Three members of a family were killed in train accident at Phulbari rail crossing gate in the city yesterday.

The dead were identified as Mollahat Upazila Education Officer Gazi Iqbal Hossain, 36, his younger brother jute trader Gazi Akbar Hossain, 32, and nephew Al Hasib alias Bappi, 19, a student of Daulatpur Govt BL University College.

The accident occurred at about 10:10am. They were crushed under wheels of a moving train while crossing rail line riding a

motorcycle.

Local people said there was none from Khulna railway department to give signal for stopping neither motorcyclists nor the Rocket Express train bound for Syedpur from Khulna.

The victims were returning home at Gilatala under Khanjahan Police Station after Eid shopping in Khulna New Market.

Angry people halted the train for about 15 minutes protesting the accident.

No untoward incident happened due to the presence of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and police.

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