



A bus set on fire in the capital's Palashi yesterday. Buet students rampaged through the area and torched vehicles after Khandaker Khanjahan Samrat, a level-one student, was crushed to death by a bus at Azimpur in the morning.

Reckless driving kills Buet fresher

Driver escapes; angry students torch buses; barricades road for 4 hours

DU CORRESPONDENT

A Buet student was killed by a callously driven bus at Azimpur of the capital, triggering violent student protests that halted traffic on city streets for hours yesterday.

The victim's head was crushed under a wheel of the bus. During the angry outburst against mindless driving, the students torched four buses, vandalised at least thirty other vehicles, and barricaded two major roads adjacent to Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) campus.

With iron rods, and cricket stumps and bats, the demonstrating students were marching in double time from one intersection to another.

The driver and other staff of the killer Winner Service bus, that operates on Azimpur-Uttara route, escaped instantly after the accident at 8:15am, abandoning the vehicle.

The victim, Khandaker Khanjahan Samrat, 19, a fresher of the mechanical engineering department at Buet, started attending classes at the institution just five days ago, and had been in Dhaka City for only nine days, hailing from Nizra village of Gopalganj district headquarters.

Witnesses said the bus was waiting on a queue at the bus stop in front of Eden

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Dreams unfulfilled

RAKIB AHAMMED

Khandaker Khanjahan Samrat, a mechanical engineering student at Buet, stepped in his university life on May 22 with the opening class at the department.

He was thrilled further as the university allotted him a seat in the room No 134 of Ahsanullah Hall on Monday.

Nobody could imagine his campus life was going to be so short before a bus crushed him dead in the capital's Azimpur area yesterday.

His family wanted him to be a doctor. But it was his dream to be an engineer. Samrat was apparently on the right track to his goal.

On Monday, his father Khandaker Mohammad Shah Alam, a retired government officer of social welfare ministry, came along with him to the dormitory.



Khandaker Khanjahan Samrat

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PHOTO: STAR

Musa Ibrahim, left, and one of his teammates hold Bangladesh flag on Mount Everest.

Musa returns to plains amid flags and flowers

PINAKI ROY, from Kathmandu

He cried, laughed and said, "I'm back."

These were the first words Musa Ibrahim said when he met the advance team of Bangladeshis at Dolalghat in Kavre district, 90 kilometres from Kathmandu.

The Daily Star correspondent with the advance team was waiting there for Musa as he and other mountaineers of his team started from Topani, the Tibet-Nepal border, around yesterday noon.

Musa's bus reached Dolalghat around 4:30pm and stopped for the Bangladeshi team. The team greeted him with flowers, bouquets, the flag of Bangladesh while his Nepali friends coloured his face with vermilion.

Second Secretary of Bangladesh High Commission Nasrin Zahan gave him some rice pudding she made for him.

Seeing the mood of celebrations of Bangladesh High Commission officials, media personnel, Musa said, "I get a glimpse of Bangladesh here. Thank you all."

"I want to eat something but not bread and eggs. All these days I have been eating bread and porridge."

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BNP undecided over joining budget session

RASHIDUL HASAN and RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The main opposition BNP is yet to decide upon its joining the budget session of parliament that starts Wednesday, as the party leaders are split over the issue.

BNP insiders said a group of leaders insist on waging an anti-government movement while others want to see the party active in and outside parliament.

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, senior joint secretary general of the party, yesterday told The Daily Star, "BNP's parliamentary party will sit soon to finalise the decision."

Lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, member of the party's standing committee, however said party lawmakers have started to submit their notices for the upcoming session, as the

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JMB still able to stage attacks

Its detained chief claims during interrogation

KAILASH SARKAR

Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, the banned Islamist outfit believed to have weakened in recent years, still has around 400 full-time cadres across the country, and a military wing capable of launching spectacular attacks.

It has huge explosives, handmade bombs and grenades stashed at different dens.

The recently detained JMB chief, Saidur Rahman, made these claims during questioning yesterday, said an interrogator who would not be identified talking about the matter.

On a six-day remand, Saidur also spoke of a split within the JMB ranks.

He said one group wants to stage attacks and continue recruitment simultaneously, while the other wants to reorganise the outfit first and then go for attacks.

Talking to The Daily Star, the interrogator said, "Saidur's claims about the explosives and bomb-making expertise have got us quite worried."

Meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque said, "We are verifying the information gleaned during interrogation. We are trying to uncover the sources of their finances and also their political and regional links."

Assistant Commissioner Sanwar Hossain, an explosives expert of the detective branch, said explosives, bombs, architectural designs and the other materials seized from the JMB dens recently suggest the outfit still has a "very high level of bomb-making expertise".

During interrogation, Saidur claimed he stays the chief of JMB. The charter of their outfit has no restrictions on being at the helm while in detention, said a member of the combined cell formed to quiz the JMB operatives captured last week and also to net those at large.

Apart from fake currency trade, JMB gets funds from several sources at home and abroad, the militant boss told the interrogators. JMB cadres are directed to avoid using cell

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AI criticises extra-judicial killings

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Amnesty International (AI) has criticised Bangladesh government for not bringing to an end to extra-judicial killings despite repeated pledges.

The UK-based human rights watchdog, which released Amnesty International Report 2010: State of the World's Human Rights, yesterday covering 159 countries, also condemned a number of influential nations that it says attempt to stand above human rights laws.

It accused these countries, including the US, Russia and China, of shielding allies from criticism and only taking action when it is politically convenient.

The 430-page report has dealt with major abuses that happened in 2009.

On extra judicial executions in Bangladesh, the AI

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TORCHING OF ALEYA

Unaware dad looks for groom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdur Rashid, father of Aleya Akhter who was burnt with petrol by her suitor, might still be arranging his daughter's marriage at their village home of Shariatpur as he does not know the grisly incident yet.

Unless the beastly thing happened to her on Wednesday night, Aleya was supposed to be with her father in their home at Jajira on the fateful night. Aleya's relatives could not manage the time to inform her father.

Rashid, who is a rickshaw mechanic, left Dhaka 15 days back as they had decided to give her marry off in the face of continuous stalking by suitor Khokon.

Khokon was put on a two-day remand by a Dhaka court yesterday following a seven-day remand prayer by Pallabi Police Station.

Though earlier Khokon blamed another for setting Aleya on fire, he admitted to police of setting her on fire for refusing his marriage proposal, said Shiraj Amin, senior AC, Pallabi Zone, after quizzing him on the first day of two-day remand.

Police however could not confirm yet who assisted Khokon in the grisly act as the stalker was giving contradictory information. "I will not allow your daughter getting married to any other



Aleya Akhter

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ICU of DMCH burn unit finally active

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Burn and Plastic Surgery in Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday started functioning five years after its establishment following the direct intervention of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Health Minister Ruhul Haque will formally inaugurate the ICU today.

Project Director of DMCH burn unit Dr Samantal Sen said, five nurses, four medical officers and a deputed assistant professor would provide intensive care to the patients at the six-bed unit of the hospital.

He said they have asked the health ministry to increase skilled manpower for better service to the patients.

Dr Mohammad Jahangir Kabir, associate professor and chair, Department of Anesthesia and Burn ICU, said the function of the unit came

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Narayana Hrudayalaya Health City, Bangalore.

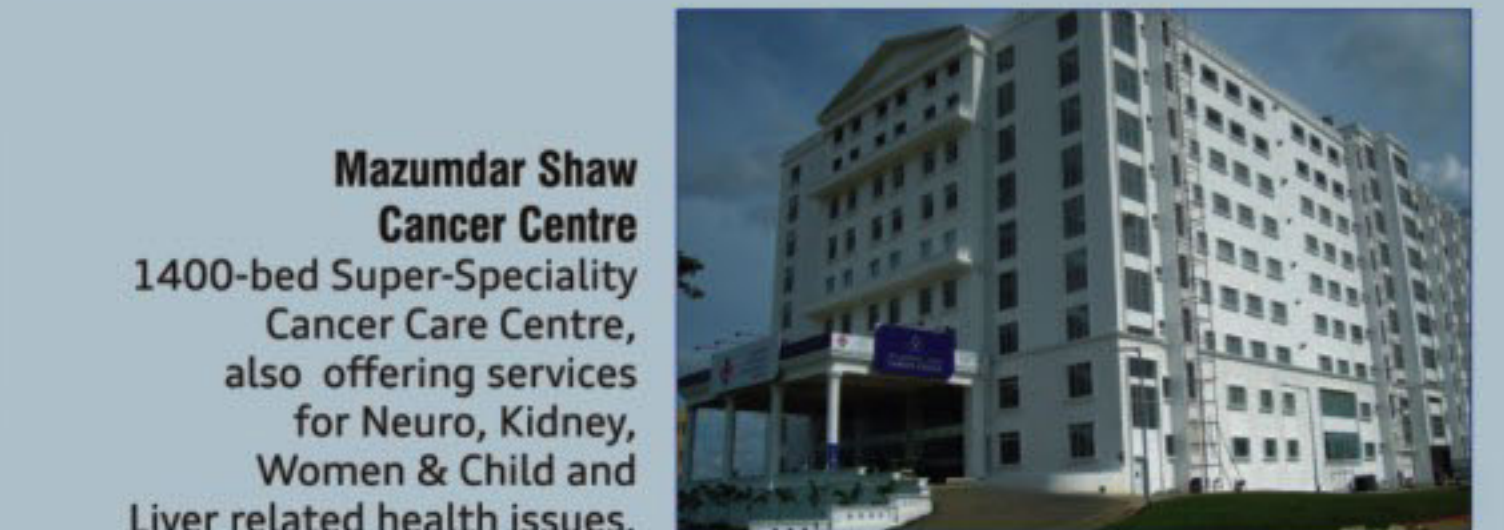


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