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Condolence comes from abroad

BSS, Dhaka

The Russian Federation, China, the UK, Bhutan and Afghanistan have condoled the loss of numerous lives in a devastating fire in the capital Dhaka Thursday night, according to separate messages received here yesterday.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, in his message to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, expressed profound shock at the tragic incident and said, "It is with deep shock that I came to know the news of the fire in Dhaka which had caused death of numerous people."

Dmitry conveyed his sincere condolences to the relatives and friends of the deceased and wished fast recovery of the injured.

Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Yang Jiechi, in his message to Foreign Minister

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It is impossible for words to describe the horror that three-year-old Sumaya experienced Thursday night. A victim of Nimtoli tragedy, the baby girl now fights with death at DMCH. Her mother, Farida, said the child was given only two bags of saline at the hospital. She had to buy medicine from private pharmacies though the prime minister promised free treatment for the victims.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Day of mourning



A black flag hoisted at a building at Nimtoli in Old Dhaka yesterday. A national mourning day was observed for 117 people killed in the blaze that ripped through the area Thursday night.

PHOTO: STAR

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The nation yesterday mourned the death of people killed in the city's Nimtoli fire and Begunbari building collapse.

The national flag was hoisted at half-mast on all public and private buildings, including Banga Bhaban, Gana Bhaban, Prime Minister's Office, Secretariat and foreign missions abroad.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina declared the national mourning day on Friday when she visited Dhaka Medical College Hospital where fire victims were undergoing treatment.

Mourners wore black badges as a mark of respect for the victims of the twin disasters at Nimtoli and Begunbari within three days.

Special prayers were offered at all the mosques, temples, churches and pagodas seeking divine blessing for salvation of the departed souls and early recovery of the injured victims.

The Nimtoli fire on Thursday night so far claimed 117 lives while many are still fighting for lives in hospitals. Meanwhile, 25 people were killed and many others injured in building collapse at Begunbari in the city on Tuesday night.

Islami Foundation organised a doa mahfil at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after zohr prayers. Attending the programme, State Minister for Religious Affairs Shahjahan Mian urged the affluent section of the society to come in aid of the affected families along side the government.

Different political parties and socio-cultural organisations held programmes and gave condolence messages to mourn the deaths.

President Zillur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Opposition Leader Khaleida Zia in separate messages have condoned the loss of many lives in the devastating fire in Old Dhaka.

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Nimtoli reels Survived to suffer from shock

KAILASH SARKAR and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

The Old Dhaka neighbourhoods, where the deadliest blaze in recent memory claimed 117 lives on Thursday, are still numb with grief for the dear ones lost.

Throughout the day yesterday, locals huddled around on the alleyways. While many wailed in mourning, others vented anger at the house owners who rent out floors to be used as godowns for flammable objects.

Though there was no official version yet on the cause of the fire, it was known for sure that chemicals stored in a five-storey building had swelled the flames, accounting for such high casualties.

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Most fight with serious burn injuries; lives of many to become unbearable

RAKIB AHAMMED and MAHBUBA ZANNAT

The injured survivors of the Old Dhaka inferno have to suffer for long as major portions of their bodies were seriously burned in the flames.

They are fighting with the injuries in hospital beds to survive. But some of them may become physically disabled, while some may face other complexities.

Some of the survivors got their vital organs damaged in the devastating blaze that engulfed eight residential buildings and shops in Nimtoli on Thursday night, killing 117 people.

"It would take six to one year for the victims to get back to their normal life," said Dr Samantal Sen, project director of the Burn and Plastic Surgery unit at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

"I cannot say it for sure right now. But we

fear some of them may have to lead lives with physical disabilities," Dr Sen told reporters.

"Lives of many victims may turn out to be unbearable," he feared.

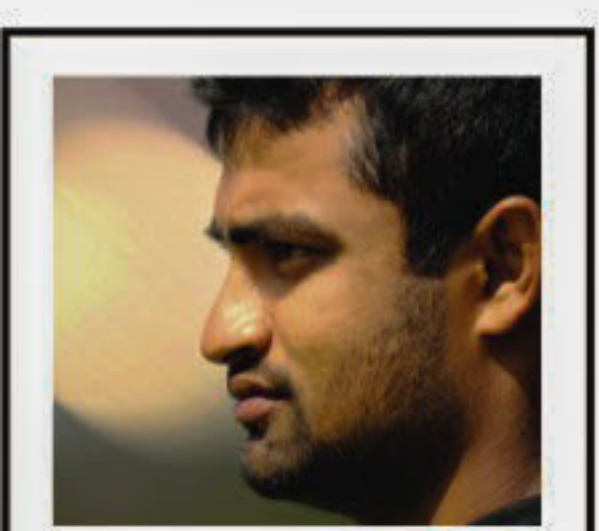
He said condition of two victims at the unit was very critical, while four to five victims were in little bit crucial situation.

Twenty-five survivors of Nimtoli tragedy are now receiving treatment at the burn unit. Seventeen males have been kept at the post-operative ward, while a 14-year girl is being given treatment at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and the women at a separate ward on the fifth floor.

"Though condition of many is still critical, we are trying our best to provide them with proper care," said Dr Mohammad Jahangir Kabir, associate professor and department head of Anaesthesia and Burn, ICU.

Currently, some 260 patients are receiving

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Tamim hits another ton

SPORTS REPORTER

Tamim Iqbal became the first Bangladeshi to score consecutive centuries after he reached the three-figure mark against

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আমাদের সম্মানিত অংশীদার (পলিসি হোল্ডার) শেয়ার হোল্ডার, স্তানুধারী, রেগুলেটরী অধিকারী ও দেশবাসীকে জানাই আন্তরিক শুভেচ্ছা

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Bus takes another life

RASHIDUL HASAN

A student of Siddheshwari Girls' College was killed by a recklessly driven bus at the city's Khilgaon yesterday.

Kamrunnahr Juthi, 21, a first year honours student at English department, was crushed under the wheels of the bus around 4:00pm.

Passers-by rushed injured Juthi to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared her dead around 4:50pm.

Police with the help of locals managed to arrest the driver. It was a Salsabil Paribahan bus.

Juthi was on her way to coaching centre by rickshaw. The killer bus hit her from behind, witness said. "The reckless driver did not stop his vehicle, rather smashed Juthi's waist as she fell



Kamrunnahr Juthi

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Facebook ban lifted

MD HASAN

The government last night lifted the weekend ban on Facebook, a social networking website.

Masud Kabir, managing director of Mango Telecom

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