



Women and Children Development Council forms a human chain in front of the Shishu Academy in the city yesterday in memory of the victims killed in Nimtoli fire.

Mayor Khoka hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leader and Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka was hospitalised yesterday afternoon after he fell sick while taking part in a demonstration in the capital.

"The mayor has been admitted to the Coronary Care Unit at United Hospital in Gulshan after he fell unconscious while walking in the procession from Muktangan" said Faruq Ahmed, a personal staff of the mayor.

Khoka became ill when the procession reached Shantinagar around 4:30pm and was rushed to the hospital by a vehicle belonging to a private television channel.

The BNP brought out the procession as part of its countrywide demonstrations against repression on journalists.

AL LAWMAKER BODI BEATS ENGINEER Cox's Bazar contractors on indefinite strike

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Local contractors yesterday went on an indefinite strike across the district protesting the beating of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) executive engineer by the ruling party lawmaker Abdur Rahman Bodi.

Bodi, an MP of Cox's Bazar-4 (Ukhia) constituency beat the RHD Executive Engineer Md Abdul Halim at Kutupalong under Ukhia upazila on June 16 in front of several hundred people, the association alleged.

Joyanal Abedin, general

secretary of the association said they informed the deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar of the matter on June 17 and wanted to draw attention of prime minister.

He said they also gave a three-day ultimatum till June 19 demanding a fair trial and punishment to the persons involved.

Joyanal said the engineer was supervising the restoration work of a collapsed road when the MP appeared on the scene.

The RHD official assured the MP of restoring the road link within two hours, he added.

The MP wanted to know, who the contractor was. Realizing that a Jamaat leleader, Enam Sikder, was the contractor, he flew into a rage and started kicking and punching the engineer.

Later, police and local Awami League leaders restrained him.

Bodi, however, denied the allegation. He said the furious mob attacked Halim as they were suffering much due to road collapse.

"I held him by the hand and pulled to save his life. Now the whole blame is being shifted on me," Bodi said.

Journalist Repression Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will observe the 'Journalist Repression Day' today.

On this day in 1992, then ruling party-backed cadres launched an attack on journalists at the National Press Club, leaving over one hundred of journalists injured.

On the occasion, the DUJ will hold a roundtable on 'Journalist repression: Bangladesh perspective' at the National Press Club at 3:30pm today. DUJ President Shah Alamgir will preside over the roundtable.

Driver held with cellphone spare parts at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Security personnel at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport seized spare parts of mobile phones worth about 29,000 dollars and detained a driver in this connection at Cargo Village Gate of the airport yesterday.

Driver Mohammad Khokon of UPS agency was caught while fleeing with four packets of cellphone spare parts in his car from the cargo village at about 6:40pm.

Senior Assistant Commissioner of Armed Police Battalion (APBn) said Warid, a mobile phone operator, imported the spare parts from Malaysia a few days ago, but it wanted to return the goods due to defects.

When the customs were sending the goods to Biman through a clearing and forwarding agency yesterday, the driver tried to steal them, he added.

Steps taken to develop health system

Health minister says in parliament

BSS, Sangsad Bhaban

Health Minister Dr AFM Ruhul Haque yesterday said the government has undertaken various steps for the development of health system to ensure good health for all.

Responding to a question raised by BNP lawmaker Nazim Uddin Ahmed, he said the measures include reopening of community clinics set up during the past Awami League government, updating National Health Policy, reduction of child and mother mortality rate, recruiting necessary doctors and nurses, increasing number of beds at upazila hospitals and allocation of medicines at public hospitals, allotment of ambulances for different hospitals and introduction of digital health system.

Govt pledge-bound to raise navigability of all rivers

BSS, Sangsad Bhaban

The present government is pledge-bound to raise navigability of the all rivers of the country, said Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan yesterday.

"To this end, a 20-year master plan has been framed for the development of the internal river transportation system and a plan for increasing navigability of the rivers has been included in the master plan," he said while replying to a question raised by treasury bench member Golam Dastagir Gazi.

Besides, he said, the government has undertaken a taka 11,500 crore project for capital dredging on 53 river routes as part of its nine-year plan. "The government is making efforts to find out the donor agencies for the project to be implemented in two phases," he said.

Responding to another question raised by ruling party lawmaker Nurul Islam BSC, Shajahan Khan said the shipping ministry approved the capital dredging project on

October 19 last year to remove 35 lakh cubic metre silt in three kilometre areas from Sadarghat to Shah Amanat bridge in the Karnaphuli river.

For the project, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology has been appointed as the consultant and 16 proposals for examining the pre-qualification of the contractors have been accepted to this end, he said.

The shipping minister also said the work of the capital dredging will commence in September after completion of technical and financial tender.

The government has also a plan for dredging outside part of the port limit of the Karnaphuli river, he added.

"A project incorporating 24 internal river routes has been sent to the Planning Commission and the capital dredging in the Karnaphuli river will begin after its approval," he said.

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Bishop Patrick Rosario greets newly elected Chittagong City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Manjur Alam with a bouquet on behalf of the Christian community in the port city yesterday.

BDR man dies in road crash while chasing smugglers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) member died as his motorcycle crashed into a roadside tree at Kalaroa in Satkhira yesterday while chasing a gang of smugglers.

Acting on tip-off that the smugglers with goods were crossing the border area, Havilder Mokbul Hossain, 45, of Jhowdanga Special BDR camp sped to catch the gang at about 10:00am. But on the way, he lost control of his motorcycle and crashed into a roadside tree at village Langaljhara, the police said quoting local people.

Fatally injured Mokbul was soon rushed to Satkhira Sadar Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Help govt send more professionals abroad

President urges expatriates

BSS, DHAKA

President Zillur Rahman has urged Bangladeshi expatriates for carrying out advocacy from their respective positions so that the government would be able to send more professionals abroad.

The president made the call on Saturday night when nearly 200 Bangladeshi expatriates residing in different provinces of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) called on him at Hotel Hayat Regency in Dubai, according to a message received

here yesterday.

Zillur has a stopover in Dubai on his way to London for undertaking a medical checkup.

The Bangladeshi expatriates including engineers, physicians, businessmen and local community leaders met with the president at the hotel, dividing in small groups. An expatriate group, comprising women and children, also called on the president.

The president exchanged greetings with them and expressed his gratitude to the expatriate community for

sending huge amount of remittance, which is immensely contributing to the overall development of the country.

The expatriates hoped that Bangladesh would make its forward march under the present government.

The President's medical check-up will be conducted at Bupa Cromwell Hospital in London.

Zillur is accompanied by his family members and secretaries concerned of the president's office and his personal physician.

He is expected to return home on June 29.