



## Bangladeshi killed in UK road crash

**METRO DESK**  
Limi Sharmeen Mostafa, editor and publisher of The Executive Times, was killed in a road accident in Scotland, the UK, on July 7, says a press release.  
Limi, also owner and publisher of the Scottish Journal 'The Home Seeker', left behind her two daughters.

# Three Bangladeshis die in Canada road accident

*Bodies arrive today*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Bodies of three Bangladeshis, killed in a road accident in Canada on July 3, is scheduled to arrive here at 3:00am today, said family sources yesterday.  
The dead are Iftekhar Anwar, 31, his wife Nabila Shabnam Anwar, 25, and his mother Dil Nahar, 60 of Banani in the city.  
They will be buried at Banani graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza at Banani

Jame Mosque after Asr prayers today.  
The accident occurred around 7:30pm on the day when Iftekhar lost his control over the steering of the car on a gravel road at Saskatoon city. The family went outside the city for the weekend and it happened on their way home.  
The three died on the spot. Iftekhar's father Abu Jafar who was seriously injured in the accident is still at the ICU of a hospital.  
Iftekhar who went to

Canada in 2002 was a mechanical engineer of Canadian company Wardrop Engineering Inc.  
His wife Nabilah was a feature writer of New Age for a couple of years and Dil Nahar was a teacher of Banani Bidya Niketan.  
Parents of Iftekhar went to visit their newly born granddaughter Norah who escaped unhurt in the accident.



PHOTO: PID  
Finance Minister Abul Mal Abdul Muhith, Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister GM Quader and Adviser to the Prime Minister HT Imam receive Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday on her return from the D-8 Summit in Abuja, Nigeria. Diplomats and chiefs of three services were present on the occasion.



PHOTO: COURTESY  
Nabila Shabnam Khan and her husband Iftekhar Anwar.

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT Separate ministry demanded

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Speakers at a seminar yesterday urged the government to introduce a separate ministry for Human Resources Development as it is working for establishing digital Bangladesh by 2021.  
They said this at a seminar on "Best HRD (Human Resource Development) Practices: Training and development-Bangladesh perspective" at the Jatiya Press Club in the city.  
Speaking as the chief guest, commercial Minister Faruk Khan said, "We have many local HRD personnel with global standard. Our private organisations should give them opportunity to turn the human resource into human capital. Our government also thinks of having a separate ministry to look after HRD factor of the country."  
Eduext Global HRD Solutions, a HRD consulting and management firm, organised the seminar.  
The minister said, "We now live in an 'Age of Wisdom'. This is the time when knowledge is power. Knowledge without its proper application has no value."  
The present government has given top priority to human resource development and public private partnership (PPP), he added.  
More private organisations should come forward to facilitate HRD resources for the development of human resources, he said.  
As a matter of fact, training is all about action for a desired skill required by human force. Education deals mostly with knowledge and understanding. Training deals with understanding, skill and action. Training embraces an understanding of the complex processes by which various factors that make up a situation interact, said the minister.  
Director General of Bangladesh Ansar and VDP Major General Chowdhury Hasan Suhrawardy, Rector of BPATC Dr Delwar Hossain, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Eastern University Dr Abdur Rab and Managing Director of Wonder Land Group Mostafizur Rahman, among others, spoke at the seminar.

## Woman killed but husband says it 'suicide'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Police recovered the body of a female garment worker from a local clinic in the city's Kuril Badda area yesterday afternoon. Her brother alleged that she was killed but her husband showed it as "suicidal incident."  
Parveen Begum, 17, wife of minibus driver Sumon, worked at a garment factory at Kuril Bishwa Road area. They also lived in the area.  
On information, Badda Police recovered the body from the clinic and sent it to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.  
Quoting Sumon, Sub-Inspector Kazi Arifuddin of the police station said when Sumon was outside the house, Parveen committed suicide by hanging herself with the ceiling fan using a scarf around 11:00am.  
Police picked up Sumon on suspicion of his involvement in the killing.  
Parveen's brother Shahid alleged that Sumon often tortured his sister. He also alleged that Sumon killed his sister and brought her body in front of local people to prove it as "suicidal incident."  
Shahid said Parveen and Sumon got married two years back and they have a baby.

## Employer pours scalding hot water on domestic help

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
A minor domestic help sustained burn injuries as her employer poured scalding hot water on her and locked her in a house at Khilbaritek in city's Badda yesterday.  
Police acting on a tip-off from the neighbours arrested the employers Roksana Akhter Sathi, 26, and her husband Alauddin Hossain.  
They also rescued the victim 13-year-old Fatema and took her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where she is currently undergoing treatment.  
Shahjahan Bhuiyan, sub-inspector of Badda Police Station, said Roksana got angry and poured boiling water on Fatema's chest and right hand around 11:30pm on Friday night after Fatema made a trifling mistake of not answering a phone call.  
The couple had confined Fatema to their house instead taking her to a hospital despite the victim groaning with severe pain, he said.  
On hearing the victim's cries locals thronged the spot and informed police who arrested the couple around 10:00am.  
During preliminary interrogation, Roksana admitted that over the past few weeks Fatema had been making frequent mistakes that enraged her resulting in the incident.  
Fatema told OCC Coordinator of DMCH, Dr Bilkis Begum that she (Fatema) had failed to answer a phone call by her employers who were out of the house on Friday night. She failed to do so as she was busy cooking in the kitchen, Fatema said.  
On returning home they rebuked her harshly. At one point of the squabble Roksana lifted a pot of boiling water from the stove and poured the water on her.  
Fatema, an orphan, started working at the house of Alauddin Hossain only two months ago.  
Earlier she had worked as domestic help at the house of Fatema's mother in Sunamganj.  
Police said they were preparing to file a case against the couple.

## DU student assaulted by BCL man

**DU CORRESPONDENT**  
An activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) assaulted a student of Dhaka University (DU) at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall on Friday night.  
Injured Mehedi Hasan, a student of mass communication and journalism department and the university correspondent of Shirshya News, was undergoing treatment at the university medical centre.  
Mehedi said Sohel Hossain, a follower of the hall unit BCL President Shaheen Ahmed, beat him up at the guest room of the hall over taking a seat on the sofa at the room.  
Mehedi filed a case against Sohel and Zahid, also a BCL activist. Zahid was with Sohel when he beat up Mehedi.  
Police raided the hall to arrest the accused early yesterday but failed as Sohel and Zahid left the hall immediately after the incident.  
Meanwhile, the hall unit BCL expelled Sohel following the incident.  
Police said they are trying to arrest Sohel and Zahid.

## Communist leader's murder hits Nepal's peace process

**IANS, Kathmandu**  
The murder of a communist leader hit Nepal's peace process with a key meeting yesterday among the three top parties, that could have paved the way for a new government, being put off.  
Chhabi Karki, a leader of the ruling Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (UML) in Okhaldhunga, a remote district in eastern Nepal, was stabbed to death by an unidentified gang in his home district Thursday, triggering protests by his party.  
'We strongly believe the Maoists are responsible for the murder,' UML leader Yubaraj Gyawali told IANS. 'Our party decided to cancel the meeting today (yesterday) to pay last respects to Karki at a public programme in Kathmandu.'  
Gyawali said the killing would have indirect bearings on the negotiations going on between his party, the Maoists and the third major party, the Nepali Congress (NC), to form a new government.

## Woman killed in road crash

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
A woman aged around 40 was killed after a microbus knocked her down at Progati Sarani in the city's Badda yesterday morning.  
Deceased Peara Begum, wife of Azhar Uddin, hailed from Gosairhat upazila under Shariatpur.  
Doctors pronounced Peara dead when she was shifted to Bangladesh Medical College Hospital (BMCH) from a clinic.  
Peara was accompanied by Azhar en route to visit her ailing father at BMCH in Uttara.  
Peara's brother-in-law Billal Hossain said she with her husband came to Uttara Badda at her younger brother's house two days ago. She arrived in Dhaka from Shariatpur to see her father.  
Second Officer of Badda Police Station Shahjahan Bhuiyan said the microbus that ran over Peara could not be traced. Police were yet to arrest anybody in this connection, he added.

## One killed in train accident

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali**  
An unidentified man aged around 55 was crushed to death under the wheels of a train at Begumganj upazila in Noakhali yesterday.  
According to witnesses and railway police, a Chandpur-bound train coming from Sonapur ran over the man when he was crossing the level crossing at Karimpur around 8:00am.  
Police sent the body to Noakhali General Hospital for autopsy.

## BSF kills one

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur**  
Indian Border Security Force (BSF) gunned down a Bangladeshi cattle trader at Bhaigarh border in Birampur upazila early Saturday.  
The deceased was Mohammad Akim Uddin, 18, of Chawksulban village of the upazila.  
Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) sources of Pulbari 40 Rifles Battalion said the BSF members of Bhimpur camp fired three shots towards Bangladeshi border, killing him on the spot.  
BSF took away the body inside the Indian territory.  
Later, BDR sent a protest letter to BSF urging them to return the body.

## MAWA-KEWARAKANDI Ferry detours 10km as channel silted

**UNB, Madaripur**  
The usual channel through Char Hazera in Shibchar has silted up causing the Mawa-Keorakandi ferries to detour 10 kilometers.  
The ferries now need 30 minutes more to reach the destination reducing the frequency of service and thus resulting in traffic jam at Mawa Ghat and Keorakandi said Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) official Abul Kalam Azad yesterday.  
He said the channel was dredged about three months ago. The dug up earth was left on both sides of the channel. Rain has washed down this earth and consequently silted up the channel.  
The official said the problem was informed to the BIWTA authority. Dredging is expected to start in the channel within a couple of days he added.



PHOTO: STAR  
BNP stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday demanding immediate disclosure of the whereabouts of DCC Ward Councillor Chowdhury Alam. (Story on Page 1)

### WEATHER

Fall in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagang divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at places in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.  
Day temperature may fall slightly over the country, Met Office said.  
The sun sets in the capital at 6:49pm today and rises at 5:19am tomorrow.  
Country's highest temperature 37.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 25.0 degrees Celsius at Cox's Bazar and Rangamati.  
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.7	28.2	73	78
Chittagong	30.8	26.4	87	71
Rajshahi	35.0	27.6	81	77
Khulna	36.0	27.5	75	80
Barisal	34.0	27.0	77	84
Sylhet	33.0	27.2	83	80
Cox's Bazar	30.5	25.0	98	88

## Embassies angry after Lankan protest blocks UN

**Minister ends 'death fast' over UN probe**  
**BBC Online**  
Embassies in Sri Lanka have expressed dismay over an "intimidating" protest that has blockaded the United Nations compound in the capital.  
Hundreds of people are demonstrating against a UN panel investigating alleged war crimes in Sri Lanka.  
Diplomatic missions including those of the UK, US and Germany said blocking access to the UN and "intimidating" its workers breached "international norms".  
There were chaotic scenes outside the UN offices as police were called in.  
Ten embassies in the capital, Colombo, issued a joint statement on yesterday condemning the protests, which they said would harm Sri Lanka's reputation on the international stage.  
In the statement, they called upon the Sri Lankan government to take "all appropriate steps" to ensure the safety of the UN compound and staff.  
**WAR CRIMES ALLEGATIONS**  
The latest escalation comes a day after the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, urged Sri Lanka to "normalise conditions" around the UN office in Colombo after days of angry demonstrations.  
On Thursday, Mr Ban recalled his top envoy to the island, Neil Buhne, and closed a regional office in Colombo.  
Most UN staff managed to leave the compound after police tried to break the blockade in Colombo on Tuesday, before they too were ordered to leave by the government.  
Several senior staff, however, remained inside and the protests, led by a government minister, were continuing.  
Housing Minister Wimal Weerawansa has resigned and started what he said will be a hunger strike to the death, AFP news agency reports.  
In a statement, Sri Lanka's ministry of external affairs said it wished to "categorically emphasise" that the government had looked after the safety of the UN premises.  
"The demonstrations taking place outside have not resulted in harm to anyone," it added.  
Sri Lanka said an inquiry is not needed and denies troops committed war crimes.  
There have been consistent allegations that both the army - and Tamil Tigers rebels who troops routed last year - committed crimes at the end of the war.  
About 7,000 civilians died in the last five months of the war, according to the UN.  
It said the panel, announced last month, will report within four months and will advise on how to deal with alleged perpetrators of abuses.  
AFP reports, a Sri Lankan lawmaker ended his "death fast" yesterday outside the main UN compound in Colombo after failing to get the world body to disband a panel probing alleged war crimes in the country.  
Legislator Wimal Weerawansa ended what he had called his "death fast" after President Mahinda Rajapakse visited him outside the UN compound and asked him to abandon the protest, an official of Weerawansa's party told AFP.

## Dr Shahidullah's contribution recalled

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Education Minister Nurul Islam Naheed yesterday said the outstanding contribution of noted educationist Dr Muhammad Shahidullah must be projected more widely before the younger generations to familiarise them with the literary works of a highly dignified litterateur of the yesterdecades.  
Dr Muhammad Shahidullah not only helped enrich the Bangla language through his creative works but also raised the image of Bangladesh at home and abroad, he said while inaugurating a 10-day display of his rare manuscripts and commemorative.  
Bangalee Shamagra Jadughar organised the display on the occasion of Dr Muhammad Shahidullah's 125th birth anniversary.  
National Professor Kabir Chowdhury chaired the function while National Professor Dr MR Khan, language hero Prof Ahmad Rafique and executive director of Bangalee Shamagra Jadughar Tarique Rahman also spoke.

**TODAY**

**Dialogue**  
Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Planning and United Nations Population Fund will hold a dialogue on "World Population Day". Venue: Marble Room, Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka. Time: 3:00pm

**Talk**  
Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) will hold a talk on "Bangladesh-India Relations". Venue: BEI conference room, House no. 20, Road No. 5, Gulshan-1. Time: 4:00pm.

**Human Chain**  
Bangladesh Indigenous Students Action Forum will organise a human chain. Venue: Aparajeyo Bangla, University of Dhaka. Time: 11:00am.