



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

A carriage plys effortlessly on the Mirpur Road free of traffic as a huge number of people left the city for their villages to celebrate Eid ul Fitr. The photo was taken in front of Dhaka College yesterday.

NIMTOLI TRAGEDY PM further consoles the three girls

BSS, Dhaka

It was again the gracious company of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that eased the agony of the three fire surviving girls, who lost everything in Nimtoli inferno on June 3 and were later married off through arrangements made by the Ganobhaban.

Saturday was the first Eid-ul-Fitr after Ratna, Runa and Asma lost their near and dear ones in the fire. The day was supposed to be very painful for them like many other victims of the country's most devastating fire that claimed at least 121 lives.

But the gifts, company and motherly affection of the prime minister helped them forget the sorrows, as the head of the government invited the three girls along with their husbands to the Ganobhaban on Monday.

"We were very happy to meet her. We forgot, to a great extent, the pain of losing our mothers. She talked to us like a mother, she inquired about our well-being the way a mother usually does," the girls, said to be the prime minister's daughters, told the news agency.

They met the prime minister in the evening and exchanged Eid greetings and gifts.

Earlier, the three girls told the news agency about their painful feelings on the Eid day without their mothers and other near ones.

But the company of the prime minister eased their mental sufferings, they said.

"I have, in fact, mixed feelings of joy and sorrow. I have the pain of losing my mother, mother-in-law, aunt and cousins and the joy of getting the love and affection of the prime minister. I missed my mother very much on the Eid day," said Runa.

"Our mother (prime minister) earlier sent Eid gifts for us," she said and added that they were very glad to receive the gifts, including dresses and food items for themselves and their husbands, from the prime minister.

Runa's husband Jamil said their two families lost 41 of their members in the fire. Their memories were haunting him again and again, he said.

He offered fateha at the grave of his mother and visited the house of the 'Ukil baba' in the morning, but he spent the whole day in a depressed mood.

Ratna said the memories of her mother was haunting her most.

"But I found comfort thinking about our prime minister mother. We made a hand-made prayer-mat for her. We also gifted her with a saree and cover of the holy Quran."

Asma-Alamgir couple again expressed their gratitude to the prime minister for arranging their marriage after the devastating fire killed Asma's mother, grandmother and niece.

They said Eid is always joyful. "But in this Eid, we have both pains and joys."

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(i) Economics (ii) Accounting (iii) Management (iv) Banking (v) Finance (vi) Finance & Banking (vii) Marketing (viii) English (ix) International Relations (x) Computer Science (xi) Computer Engineering (xii) Computer Science & Engineering (xiii) Mathematics (xiv) Statistics (xv) Agricultural Economics.

Or

BBA/MBA/MBM from any recognized University/ Educational Institution.

(b) There must be at least 02 (two) First Divisions / classes in the Board & University examinations. No third Division / class is acceptable.

(c) In case of the results published in grading system the previous 1st, 2nd & 3rd Division/ class will be determined against the existing GPA/CGPA as under :-

(i) For the results of S.S.C. and H.S.C examinations or equivalent examinations thereof :-

| GPA obtained | | |
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| In case of S.S.C examination or equivalent examination thereof for the years 2001, 2002 & 2003 & in case of H.S.C examination or equivalent examination thereof for the year 2003. | In case of S.S.C & H.S.C examinations or equivalent examinations thereof for the year 2004 & its subsequent periods. | Previous equivalent Division/class |
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| 1.00 or above but below 2.50 | 1.00 or above but below 3.00 | 3rd Division |

(ii) For CGPA given by the recognized University/ Educational Institution.

| CGPA obtained | | |
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| In the Scale of 4.00 | In the Scale of 5.00 | Equivalent class/ Division |
| 3.00 or above | 3.75 or above | 1st class/ Division |
| 2.25 or above but below 3.00 | 2.813 or above but below 3.75 | 2nd class/Division |
| 1.65 or above but below 2.25 | 2.063 or above but below 2.813 | 3rd class/Division |

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Acid thrown on woman, two daughters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

An Army staff threw acid on two sisters and their mother on refusal of marriage proposal in Gaibandha on Monday night.

The victims are Rehana Akhter, 22, a student of Dhaka Northern International Medical College, her sister Ruma Akhter, 14, and their mother Rezia Siddique, 40, of village Protap under Sadullapur upazila.

They were admitted in the burn unit of Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

Police and locals said, sainik Shamsul Alam (Cop No-1447117), of Engineering Construction Battalion unit of Chittagong cantonment, often proposed to Rehana Akhter,

to marry him but she and her family kept declining.

On Monday night, Samsul, with two accomplices, threw acid on the victims through the window of the bedroom while the mother and daughters were asleep.

Locals rushed to the spot hearing the victims screaming. They caught Shamsul Alam and handed him over to police. The accomplices, however, fled.

Later, police handed over the arrested Army staff to Rangpur cantonment.

Shamsul Alam came to Gaibandha on Eid vacation.

Rokonuzzaman Rana, elder brother of Rehana, filed a case with Sadullapur Police Station accusing three persons in this connection.

Beheaded body found in Ashulia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police on Monday night recovered the body of an unidentified man whose head was severed from inside a sack at Durgapur in Ashulia, the outskirts of the city.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday morning for autopsy, and could not find the head till yesterday evening.

Officer-in-charge Sirajul Islam of Ashulia Police Station said they recovered the body from a bamboo grove at Durgapur.

The man aged around 30 was in shirt and pants.

Bangla-US exercise begins Sept 19

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh-US joint training exercise named "Tiger Shark-4" will begin on September 19 and continue till September 26, taking place mostly in Chittagong and Sylhet.

Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force and other law enforcing agencies like Coast Guard, BGB and police (partly) will perform the exercise with US military forces, an ISPR release said yesterday.

According to the release, this exercise would enhance training cooperation and capacity building between Bangladesh and USA in the

fight against terrorism.

About 500 personnel from Bangladesh and 350 from USA are to take part with a few aircrafts and Navy ships from both sides.

A Bangladeshi commodore and a US rear admiral will lead the respective troops.

To achieve objectives, a Bangladeshi major general has been appointed to give necessary directives.

The US personnel will be arriving in Bangladesh from September 15 by US helicopters and aircrafts.

For about two decades, such joint exercises have been taking place between the two armies.

Another 15 years' waiver on drugs demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society, Pharmacy Graduates Association and Swadhinata Pharmacists Parishad urged the World Trade Organisation (WTO) for another 15 years' waiver of pharmaceuticals from the patent laws.

In a statement yesterday, the leaders of the associations said the exemption was given up to 2015 from 2005 for the developed and developing countries following the Doha Declaration in 2001 to give the countries opportunities of manufacturing drugs at lower cost.

But Bangladesh is yet to take necessary preparations to face the challenges of the patent laws after 2015, it said urging the government to take step in this regard.

So prior to the annual conference of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) today, the leaders of the organisation demanded extension of the waiver to 2030 to protect public health.

The agenda of this year's conference is to hold policy level discussions on the future of the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) of developing and least developed countries.

President of Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society Prof ABM Faroque, General Secretary Selim Azad Chowdhury, President of Pharmacy Graduates Association Ishtiaque Ahmed, General Secretary M Aminul Islam and Joint Convener of Swadhinata Pharmacists Parishad Svavash Singha Roy signed the statement.

