

Ensure safe walking of commuters

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a protest programme yesterday demanded cancellation of the government decision that anyone who does not use pedestrian overpass will be taken to 24-hour imprisonment as of November 1.

They also sought restoration of Zebra-crossing system to ensure safe walking for people of all groups including the sick, elderly and physically challenged.

The demands came from the programme titled "Foot overpass is not pedestrian-

friendly and 24-hours jail is non-democratic: We demand Zebra-crossing for safe walking."

Poribesh Bachao Andolon (POBA) organised it in front of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in the city yesterday, said a press release.

POBA Chairman Abu Naser Khan strongly criticised the government terming the decision a benefit to a section of people who use private car.

He said Zebra-crossing system across the city will be more pedestrian-friendly.



Poribesh Bachao Andolon at a token programme demands restoration of Zebra-crossing system for safe walking in the city. The programme was held at Shahbagh intersection yesterday.

Bangabandhu's photo hung in CJ's office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A photo of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was hung in the Supreme Court Office of the Chief Justice yesterday.

Sources said the photo of Bangabandhu was displayed in the Chief Justice's Office for the first time in the history of Bangladesh.

The officials concerned placed the photo in middle of the photos of Nobel Laureate Poet Rabindranath Tagore and National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at the instruction of newly appointed Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque, according to the sources.

7 CHILDREN STEALING Arrest warrant against ex-DIG, wife

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against former deputy inspector general of police (DIG) and his wife in connection with a case filed against them for stealing seven children in 2006.

The children are ex-DIG Anisur Rahman and his wife Anwara Rahman.

Judge AKM Shamsul Islam of the Fourth Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression passed the order as they failed to appear before it on six consecutive dates.

The court also fixed October 19 for hearing on arguments of the case. Earlier, the court recorded statements of two prosecution witnesses including complainant of the case.

Advocate Alena Khan, the then executive director of Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR), filed a case on June 15 in 2006 with Badda police against Anisur Rahman and his wife.

According to the prosecution, the complainant alleged that the couple had stolen seven children from different places and kept those in their custody for trafficking abroad.



Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus poses for a photograph with President Alan Garcia of Peru after an award giving ceremony in Lima. Former Peru president Alejandro Toledo and former Guatemala president Vinicio Cerezo are also seen.

Channel i hits its 12th today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

First digital satellite television channel in Bangla, Channel i, enters its 12th year of operation today.

President Zillur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, opposition leader of the parliament Khaleda Zia and Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad in separate speech wished Channel i.

On the occasion, the private channel will air some special programmes, including drama and talk show. To celebrate its 12th birth anniversary, the channel has been holding a nine-day programme from September 23 throughout the city.

A reunion programme will be held today at the premises of Channel i at its office at 40, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Swarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

Channel i started its operation on October 01, 1999, says a press release.

Yunus gets Peru's highest award

Recieves 2 honourary degrees

METRO DESK

Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus received the highest national award of Peru, "Order of the Sun," in the grade of "Grand Cross" at a ceremony in Lima on Wednesday in recognition of his innovative efforts in fighting poverty.

President Alan Garcia of Peru put on the Gold Medal and the Grand Ribbon on Yunus at the majestic ceremony in the Ambassadors' Room of the two-century-old presidential palace Torre Tagle Palace, said a press release.

President paid a glowing tribute to Muhammad Yunus for his innovative work, which benefits thousands of poor women in all over Peru, particularly in its poor Andean Region.

Former Peru president and leader of the opposition party Alejandro Toledo, former president of Guatemala Vinicio Cerezo, ministers and high officials, twenty ambassadors, elites and media personalities attended the function.

Prof Yunus also received two honorary degrees from Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola and from Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos.

Yunus is visiting Peru at the invitation of former president Toledo to promote social business in Latin America. During his stay in Lima, he addressed an open-air gathering of 5,000 low-income people in the shantytown on the edge of Lima.

All these awards have been given to Yunus for his innovative and continuous efforts to fight poverty. He was in Lima for a day on September 27.

MoU on Islamic affairs signed with Saudi Arabia

METRO DESK

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) in the field of Islamic affairs and call was signed between Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh in the city on Wednesday, says a press release.

Dr Abdul Aziz Bin Abdullah al-Ammar, Secretary of Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowment, Call and Guidance, signed the agreement on behalf of Saudi Arabia.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Shahjahan Miah and Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr Abdullah Bin Naser Al-Busairi were present at the signing ceremony.

Kulhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kulhwani of young computer engineer Saniul S a d a t Hossain will be held at Mynt, 4th

floor, House No # 153, Road No # 11, Block # E at Banani in the city after Asr prayers today.

Saniul, son of Engineer Belayet Hossain and Azadi Hossain, passed away at his home due to a cardiac arrest on September 26 at the age of 28.

He left behind his parents, elder brother Rubaiyat Hossain, sister-in-law and his beloved 20-month-old niece, Shouhayla, says a press release. He studied at Scholastica from Playgroup to A' Level and graduated from Richmond, The American International University in London in Computer Engineering.

He worked at Information Solutions Limited in Dhaka and was one of the proprietors of Hubble Bubble cafe and Mynt lounge. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for departed soul of Saniul.

Prof Shahidullah

MERTO DESK

Kulhwani of Prof A M M Shahidullah, former chairman of department of Mathematics, University of Dhaka, will be held at House No. 19, Road No. 10B, Block H at Banani in Dhaka after Maghrib prayers on Saturday.

Prof Shahidullah passed away on Wednesday at the age of 75, says a press release.

He was buried at his family graveyard at Sarail in Brahmanbaria on the same day.

Prof Shahidullah left behind his wife, one son and one daughter.

Shafinaz Begum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kulhwani of Shafinaz Begum, founding principal of Tejgaon Mahila College, will be held at House- A/6, Road- 18, Banani in the city today after Asr prayers.

Well-wishers are requested to join the programme, says a press release. Shafinaz Begum died in a private hospital on September 25.

Dhaka court summons Barrister Fakhru

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday summoned Barrister Fakhru Islam to appear before it on October 26 in connection with a defamation case filed for his comments about the country's Liberation War.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mehedi Hassan Talukdar passed the order hours after Sadrul Alam Chowdhury, a freedom fighter from Keraniganj, filed the case.

The case statement said Barrister Fakhru Islam, a counsel for detained Jamaat-e-Islami Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee, made offensive comments saying that the 1971 war took place between Pakistan and India.

He made the comments during a hearing of the International Crimes Tribunal on September 22, degrading the Independence, Liberation War and Constitution of Bangladesh, the case statement added. The statements of the accused were published in different national dailies the following day.

Chehlum

METRO DESK

Chehlum of Chieplum M Waziullah Bhuiyan, a freedom fighter and former chairman of NCC Bank will be held at Pachlaish in the port city of Chittagong at 1:30pm today, says a press release.

Hasan Iqbal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chehlum of Hasan Iqbal, a Language Movement veteran and former assistant editor of the daily Ittefaq, will be held today.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at Borobag Jame Mosque, Mirpur-2, Dhaka, says a press release.

2 killed in road crash, villagers burn bus

OUR CORRESPONDENT, DINAJPUR

At least two motorcyclists were killed and another was injured in a road accident on Dinajpur-Bochaganj road at Dhukurjhari bazaar of Biral upazila in Dinajpur yesterday.

Road communication between Dinajpur and Bochaganj remained suspended after the accident.

The deceased were identified as Md Tozammel Haque Tazu, 30, son of Tamiz Uddin and Abu Sufiyan, 34, son of Md Abul Hossain village Shahpara under the same upazila.

Police and locals said the accident occurred when a Dinajpur-bound passenger bus collided head-on with the motorcycle after passing a bridge at Dhukurjhari bazaar around 4.30pm and tried to flee away, killing the two persons on the spot.

The injured is identified as Muhammad Rubel, 26, son of Nanu Muhammad at the same village. He was admitted to Biral upazila Health Complex later shifted to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital. Doctors said his condition is still critical.

After the accident, the villagers caught the bus after chasing about half a kilometre away of the spot and they set fire to the bus.

Later police went to the spot to control the situation. Fire service vehicles were called to douse the fire but the villagers sent the vehicles back.



Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers likely accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Khulna and Barisal divisions in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:46pm today and rises at 5:50am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 35.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 22.6 degrees Celsius at Rajshahi.

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	33.0	26.3	73	80
Chittagong	32.8	25.0	83	79
Rajshahi	33.6	22.6	77	81
Khulna	35.0	25.5	73	95
Barisal	33.8	26.0	83	94
Sylhet	34.4	25.0	74	82
Cox's Bazar	32.2	24.2	64	78



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