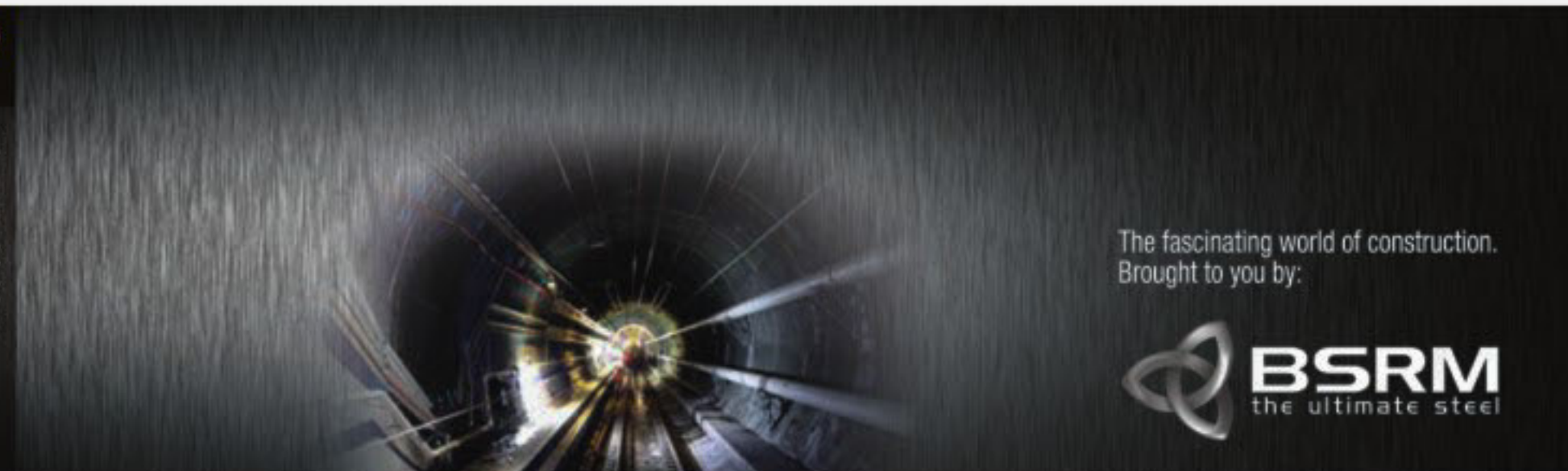


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Sunken bus located, not salvaged yet

One more body found in Turag

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The rescuers yesterday recovered a passenger's body from near the bus that plunged into the Turag river at Amin Bazar on Sunday.

They, however, could not yet get inside the sunken vehicle where many more bodies are still feared trapped.

The body retrieved was identified to be of Mokbul Hossain Gazi, 50, of Rajoir upazila in Madaripur.

The Savar-bound bus fell into the river with some 50 people near Salehpur Bazar bridge on the outskirts of the capital.

Of the seven passengers rescued alive some time after the accident, Jahangirnagar University student Monwara Khatun Tara died at a local clinic.

The divers fished out Mokbul's body at around 12:30pm, shortly after locating the bus, which by that time had drifted 120 feet off the point it hit the water.

Aided by locals, around 100 personnel from Fire Service and Civil Defence, army, navy, coastguard, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority and police were participating in the rescue operation.

Brig Gen Abu Naim Mohammad Shahidullah, director general of the fire service, told The Daily Star the divers could not yet get inside the bus because of strong current in the river.

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The second day of search for the Baishakhi Paribahan bus that plunged into the River Turag on Sunday. Relatives of the missing passengers hang on, hoping the bodies will be found anytime.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

PM offers sympathy to family

Says govt determined to arrest killers

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government is determined to arrest the culprits responsible for the killing of Boraigram upazila chairman Sanauallah Noor Babu.

She also directed the authorities concerned to be vigilant so that none especially the main opposition BNP can politicise the incident.

The premier's directive

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NATORE BNP LEADER KILLING

Police role during attack questioned

Natore SP made OSD

M ABUL KALAM AZAD and BULBUL AHMED, from Natore

Police inactivity during the Friday's attack on Boraigram upazila chairman Sanauallah Noor Babu is widely blamed for the murder in broad daylight.

Witnesses and the victim's family alleged law enforcers present on the spot didn't try to save Babu, also the Boraigram municipal unit BNP president.

More than 100 leaders and activists of Awami League, Jubo League and Chhatra

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League equipped with weapons attacked a BNP procession at Bonpara Bazar, killing Babu and injuring 20 others including four journalists.

"Police were mysteriously silent during the attack. My husband wouldn't have been killed had they played their role," Babu's wife Mahua Noor Kochi told The Daily Star at her residence.

Police officials, however, claimed no force was deployed during the occurrence, as they were not informed about any agitation or procession on that day.

Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of

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Khaleda consoles family

UNB, Natore

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia met the wife and children of slain Boraigram upazila chairman Sanauallah Noor Babu at the deceased's house yesterday evening and consoled them.

"I will remain with you," she told Babu's sobbing wife Mahua Noor Kochi and her three daughters. "You are my daughter," she told Mahua while consoling her.

Babu's father, other members of his family and relatives were present.

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GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX Bangladesh makes slight progress

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has attained slight progress in the Global Hunger Index (GHI), 2010, but remains at the alarming level in terms of hunger situation.

The GHI released yesterday by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) shows that Bangladesh's GHI score dropped from 24.7 last year to 24.2 this year. The country's GHI score was as high as 35.9 in 1990, marking the hunger situation as extremely alarming.

The GHI score varies between the best possible score of 0 and the worst possible score of 100. Thus higher score shows greater hunger situation. GHI scores above 10 are considered serious, higher than 20 are alarming, and scores exceeding 30 are extremely alarming.

Of the 122 countries that the Washington-based food policy

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CONTEMPT OF COURT Mahmudur convicted again, fined Tk 100

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday convicted Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the daily Amar Desh, of contempt of court for the second time, and fined him Tk 100.

In case of failure to pay the fine, he will have to serve one day's simple imprisonment.

Hasmat Ali, publisher of the daily, was exonerated from the contempt charge.

The apex court delivered

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Stalemate at Ctg port continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Stalemate at the six General Cargo Berths (GCB) of Chittagong Port prevailed till yesterday evening as the agitating dockworkers and newly appointed private berth operators failed to reach a consensus.

The container operators failed to begin handling as of 9.00pm yesterday in spite of a series of meetings between the officials of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) and leaders of the dock workers over the last few days.

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Move on to include RTI in textbooks

Says CIC

BSS, Dhaka

Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) Muhammad Zamir has said efforts are underway to include right to information issues in the secondary, higher secondary and madrasa level textbooks.

"We have to make common people aware of their constitutional rights to information to attain the objectives of Information Commission," he said.

The commissioner was

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Prayer Timing		
October 12		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-45	5-20
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-45	5-50
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, inset, addresses a rally in Sirajganj called by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal yesterday.

PHOTO: FOCUSBANGLA

Four 'outlaws' beaten to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Four outlaws were beaten to death by a mob at Nolkola village of Kushtia Sadar upazila early yesterday.

They were operatives of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-MI) -Janajuddho faction, police said.

The deceased were identified as Rezaul Karim, 23, Robiul Islam, 30, Sirajul Islam, 40 and Sagar alias Sagar Dakat, 39.

All of them hailed from villages in Mirpur upazila of Kushtia. Chokdar Abdul Halim, assistant superintendent of police (ASP-circle), Kushtia, said a gang of 10 to 12 men of the outfit equipped with firearms entered Nolkola around midnight.

"Sensing danger, the villagers organised themselves and encircled the outlaws," the ASP said adding, "The villagers beat the four to death and later informed the police."

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Govt decides to reopen 5 jute mills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday decided to reopen five state-owned jute mills that have remained shut for several years.

Of the five, two were privatised during the caretaker government's tenure but those still remain closed.

The decision to reopen the mills was taken at the weekly cabinet meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

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Govt slated for wrong policy, politicisation

Pre-poll pledges discussed at Shujan roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deviating from electoral pledges, the ruling Awami League-led government is following a policy, which is "wrong and unfair", leaders of Sushashoner Janney Nagorik (Shujan), said at a roundtable discussion yesterday.

Shujan, a platform of civil society members, accused the government of politicising civil administration, law enforcement agencies and judiciary.

The roundtable discussion was organised at

the Jatiya Press Club to evaluate AL's electoral pledges of "charter of change", its outcome and progress in the last 20 months.

Speakers at the discussion also blasted opposition parties for not joining parliament and for not providing constructive criticism of the government's wrongdoings.

Former adviser to the caretaker government and Vice-President of Shujan M Hafizuddin Khan said civil administration has nearly collapsed due to partisanship and nepotism.

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Stop issuing NOC to import toxic scrap ships

HC asks authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the government authorities not to issue any no objection certificate (NOC) for importing scrap ships in the country without environmental and decontamination certificates.

The court also recalled the recent interim order of another HC bench, which allowed importing ship without environment clearance certificate (ECC).

An HC bench comprised of Justice Md Imman Ali and Justice Obaidul Hasan passed the order in response to a petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA).

The HC earlier directed the government not to allow any ship-breaking yard to run without ECCs. But none of the ship-breaking yards obtained any ECC from the Directorate of Environment (DOE).

The court also directed the government to ensure submission of proper decontamination certificates as per the Basel Convention.

According to the Basel Convention, old ships are themselves treated as hazardous wastes due to their inbuilt toxic substances. Cleaning ships, made with toxic materials, including asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead, chromates,

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OnlinePoll

Do you have faith in Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's vow that killers of upazila chairman Sanauallah Noor Babu in Natore will be brought to justice?

- Yes (11.24%)
- No (87.46%)
- No Comments (1.30%)

Total votes: 694

TODAY'S POLL

How do you look at the law enforcers' role in dealing with the killing of Boraigram upazila chairman Sanauallah Noor?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net