

BNP protests deaths in train accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday said people have risen against the government's 'killing' and 'repression' of opposition activists.

Delwar was addressing a rally arranged at the city's Muktangoan in memories of ill-fated BNP supporters who died in a train accident in Sirajganj on Monday.

He said, "This gathering proves that people have awoken against the killings and repression of opposition leaders and activists across

the country by the government".

Earlier, Delwar told a press conference at the Naya Paltan office that the train accident, which killed six people, in Sirajganj was premeditated.

The Dhaka-bound train started one hour late from Dinajpur and speedily passed through the rally, said the BNP leader questioning the train's delayed journey.

He also wondered about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's remarks that the killing of Baraigram Upazila chairman and BNP leader Sanaullah Noor Babu resulted from intra-BNP conflict while her party general secretary stated to arrest the killers by watching video footage.

"Such statement from the prime minister is unfortunate". He suggested the prime minister to speak decently with restraint considering her own good and also the good for the country.

Today BNP will arrange protest rallies across the country including a mourning rally at Engineers' Institute in the city.

Death anniversary

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Today is the 6th death anniversary of Hasan Raimu Wahab, an instructor at Rajshahi Technical Training Center and son of Abdul Wahab Mia.

On this occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held at Begunbari Jam-e-Mosque of the city's Tejgaon.

Friends and relatives are requested to join the occasion and pray for salvation of the departed soul.



An elderly woman covers up her nose to resist stink coming out of the decomposed bodies of victims who died in the tragic bus accident on Sunday near Ameen Bazar, outskirts of the city.

City Jubo League leader, two workers murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three people were killed in separate incidents in Mirpur, Bangshal and Kamalapur in the city yesterday and Tuesday.

Unidentified criminals shot dead a man in West Shewrapara in city's Mirpur area last night, allegedly over establishing dominance in the area.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Sahjahan, 40, of West Shewrapara in Mirpur.

Family members claimed that he was Jubo League's social welfare secretary of Ward No# 14. Police however could not ascertain this claim.

Police said two youths sprayed bullets at him while he along with two others were sitting at the rickshaw garage of one Siddique Mian at around 8:30pm.

The two attackers fled after the attack, leaving Sahjahan critically injured.

Locals rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Kazi Wazed Ali

of Mirpur Police Station said there are several cases lodged against Sahjahan in Mirpur.

In another incident, police said Golap Miah, 28, a shoe factory worker and resident of the city's Sikkutuli, was stabbed to death over an altercation with three customers of Bhai Bhai Biriyan House at Najirabazar in Bangshal, where he went for a meal at around 4:00am.

Two of the three customers who allegedly killed Golap were identified as Abdur Rob and Humayun. A murder case was filed with Bongshal Police Station and Abdur Rob was arrested in this connection.

Meanwhile, police recovered the body of a young man from a platform of Kamalapur Railway Station on Tuesday night.

The body of Mohammad Manik Mia, 24, a day labourer in the area, was sent to DMCH for autopsy.

Jamal Majumdar, assistant sub-inspector of Kamalapur Railway Police, said the body bore several marks of stab injuries and signs of strangulation.

DAILY STAR- BANK ASIA-DRISHTY Science festival begins in Ctg today

A CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The third Daily Star-Bank Asia-Drishity science festival begins today on Ispahani Public School premises in Chittagong.

An educational and cultural organisation, Drishity, organised the two-day long programme in collaboration with The Daily Star and Bank Asia Ltd.

On day one, programmes include workshops on genetic engineering, DNA, biotechnology and Wikipedia photo and film competition on Chittagong.

Exhibition of innovations by students, bio- and science-Olympiad, extempore speech, spot quiz, awarding of successful scientists and science organisers, and a talk show named Aso Sannojatrar Golpo Shuni are scheduled for the second day.

Mannan warns land grabbers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A section of land grabbers think that they inherit city's rivers, canals and wetlands from their ancestors, but the government will free the capital from their grip, state minister for housing and public works Abdul Mannan Khan has said.

The situation is so dire that the president and the prime minister cannot come out of Bangabhaban and Gono Bhaban -- their government residences -- even after a moderate rainfall, as the capital gets waterlogged, lamented Mannan.

He said at a seminar yesterday that the capital must not remain hostage to the man-made disasters caused by the greedy land grabbers.

He warned Sheikh Hasina's government will not let that happen.

Abdul Mannan was speaking at the seminar titled 'Making Cities Resilient to Disaster' organised by Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) marking the International Day for Disaster Reduction.

Land grabbers are "greedy monsters," who advertise for sale of even those lands not owned by them, Mannan observed.

Talking about government's preparedness to fight disasters, he said the government has already procured search and rescue equipment for the fire brigade, armed force and Dhaka City Corporation.

Held at the National Museum, Md Mokhlesur Rahman, disaster management and relief division secretary, chaired the event.

Mahashashthi celebrated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hindu devotees across the country yesterday celebrated Mahashashthi on the first day of Durga Puja amid drumbeats, women's ululations along with different ritual functions.

The day commemorates the arrival of Goddess Durga accompanied by her children to the mortal world from her heavenly abode.

During a visit to city's different temples including Dhakeshwari National Temple and Jagannath Hall temple, the temples were found with a decorative look with colourful lights.

Additional law enforcers have been deployed in all the temples to maintain law and order situation during the festival.

Origin of the Durga Puja can be traced back to the 15th century. With the ascent of Moguls, Durga Puja became more popular. Grand celebrations, gala feasts and huge fanfares were

part of the Durga Puja.

According to Hindu mythology, Goddess Durga appeared in the midst of he commoners following the prayer of king Kangsha.

Marking the occasion, the first Durga worship was arranged at Taherpur of Rajshahi in the Bengali month of Ashwin by Kangshanarayan in 1480.

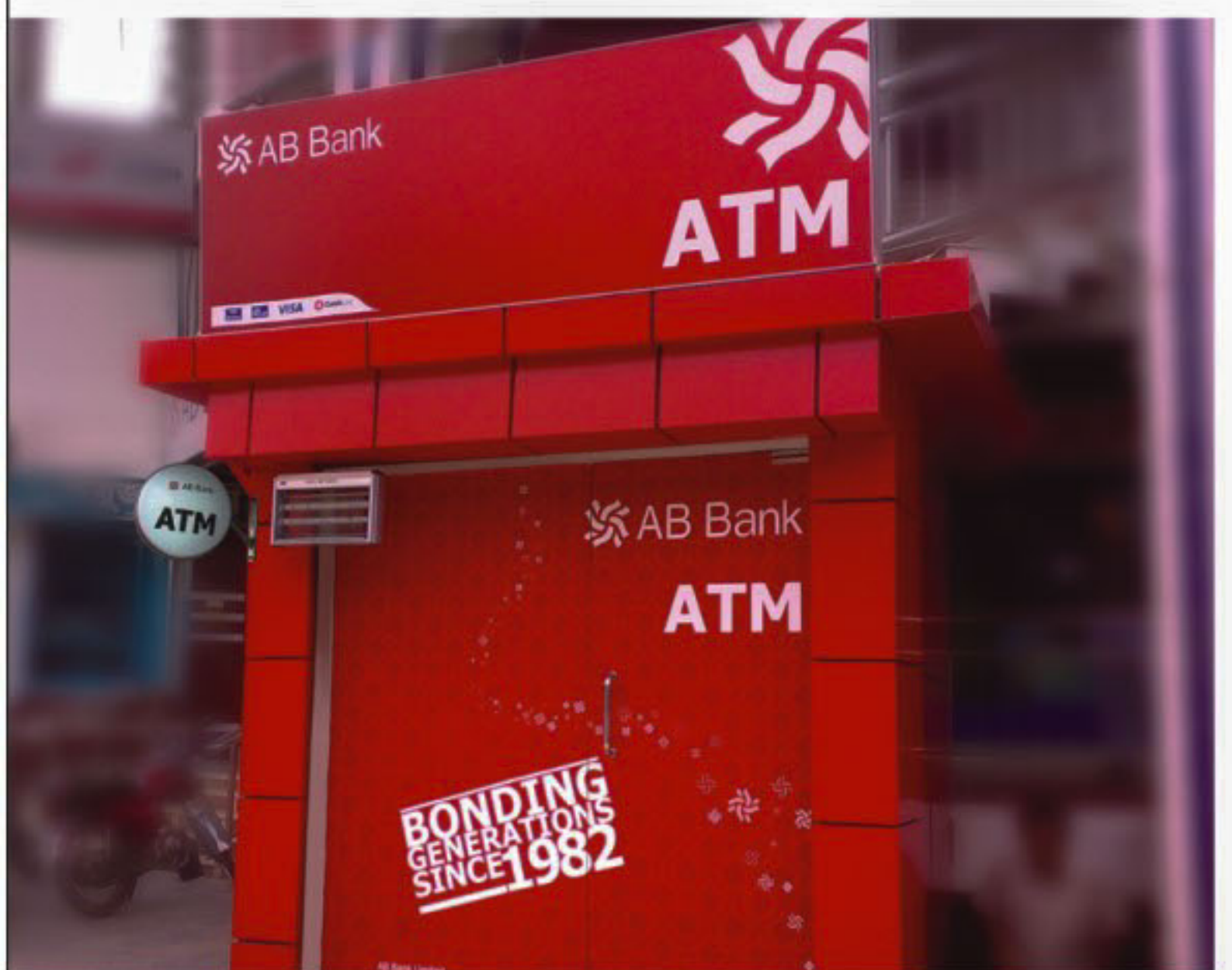
Durga Puja will be celebrated at 191 mandaps (worship pavilions) in the city, while at around 27,000 across the country.

Meanwhile, Bibekanando Shikka-Sanskriti Parishad, a religious and cultural organisation, yesterday distributed new clothes among the children of Dalit community on this occasion.

Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries President AK Azad, parishad President Shitesh Chandra Bachar and Executive Member Nirmol Chatterjee also spoke at the function.



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