

**Security guard dies in fall**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A security guard was killed falling down from a under construction building in the city's Adabor area yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Khaleque, 55, of Lalmohon of Bhola, who was a security guard of an under construction building of Dhaka Housing.

Son of the deceased Abu Taher, said his father was watching construction work at an edge of second floor of the six-storey building and unthinkingly slipped and fell down on ground at about 10:30am.

Khaleque was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead around 11:45am.



Jagannath University students form a human chain on the campus in the city yesterday demanding restoration of their illegally occupied dormitories.

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**MOMIN MURDER Ex-ASP gives deposition**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A retired assistant superintendent of police (ASP) who was also the investigation officer (IO) of the Kamrul Islam Momin murder case gave his deposition before a Dhaka court yesterday.

But he was declared "hostile" by the prosecution, as he dropped the name of the then officer-in-charge (OC) of Motijheel Police Station, AKM Rafiqul Islam, from the charge sheet.

Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 recorded the statement of former ASP Abdus Sabur of Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

Sabur, in his deposition, said he took over the charge of investigation into the case on October 3, 2005. During the investigation, he recorded statements of 24 witnesses including the complainant of the case.

On May 13, 2007, he submitted the charge sheet against seven people dropping the name of Rafiqul Islam from it, as he did not find any "involvement" of Rafiqul in the incident.

But Advocate Syed Mizanur Rahman, counsel for the complainant, declared the witness hostile and cross-examined him on different sides. Momin, a student of Dhaka Commerce College, was killed in 2005.

**Largest flyover in city by 2013**

BSS, Dhaka

The government will build an 8.25-kilometer long flyover in Dhaka in the next three years to ease the ever-worsening traffic congestions in the capital.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) with Prime Minister Sheikh in the chair yesterday approved the project of Tk 773 crore.

The meeting, held at NEC Bhaban in the city, also approved 11 more projects in different areas, which would cost Tk 4,369 crore in all, including the flyover project.

Of the amount, Tk 2,347 crore will come from project aid when the government will arrange the rest amount of Tk 2,022 crore from international sources.

"The flyover will be built from Satrasta to Shantinagar via Moghbazar, Mauchak, and Malibagh," Planning Minister Air Vice-Marshal (ret'd) AK Khandakar told journalists after the meeting.

He said part of the flyover would be two-storeyed to accommodate more traffic during peak hours of the day.

The minister said the development partners, including Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) and Organisations of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), would provide the major portion of the fund to construct the flyover.

He said the department concerned would invite the bidding for the flyover, which would be built by 2013 under the supervision of the local government.

The 11 other projects include infrastructure development for Aila-affected people, rural infrastructure development in rural areas, development of greater Jessore district, shoal development and resettlement, development of eight-lane Jatrabari-Kanchpur road and extension and development of Dhaka Trunk Road.

**13 medicine shops fined**

BSS, Dhaka

The National Consumers Rights Protection Directorate (NCRPD) in a drive against the sale of medicines with expired date realised Tk 70,500 in fines from 13 shops in Kalmilata Bazar and Lions Market in the city yesterday.

An NCRPD team, led by its Deputy Director Abul Hashem, fined the medicine stores on charge of violating the Consumers Rights Protection Act 2009, said an official release.

**Govt to buy 17 more dredgers**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to purchase 17 more dredgers at a cost of Tk 1,450 crore to restore navigability of the country's river routes, said Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan yesterday.

Meanwhile, three dredgers will start operation under Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) by next month.

"In the long run, our target is to procure 50 dredgers to develop our waterways," he said.

The minister was speaking at a seminar aimed to improve dredging expertise in Bangladesh at a city hotel, organised by IHC Merwede, a Dutch dredger building company.

Shahjahan Khan said the government has chalked out a Tk 11,473 crore project to dredge around 2,393 kilometres of waterways on 53 major river routes to improve and restore navigability.

He said his ministry is also promoting dredger procurement in the private sector.

"A total of 11 dredgers in the private sector have already begun dredging the rivers," he said.

Dutch Ambassador Hennekens, said his government is looking forward to more joint ventures for protecting the rivers and developing the waterways of Bangladesh.

**HC summons BSCIC chair**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned chairman and secretary of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) to appear before it on April 24 in connection with a contempt of court petition filed against them.

The HC bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam and Justice SM Emdadul Hoque passed the order following the contempt of court petition filed against BSCIC Chairman Fakhru Islam.

The contempt of court petition was filed against Fakhru and Bhuban for not complying with HC directive.

The HC in a verdict that on August 12 last year directed them to give time scale to seven audit officials of BSCIC.

**PM's intervention sought to free JnU halls**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers, students and employees of Jagannath University yesterday demanded of the government to free its twelve residential halls and lands occupied by various quarters for long.

They sought for the prime minister's intervention to retrieve the dormitories for solving the acute accommodation problems.

They made the demand at a human chain formed from Shahid Minar to main entrance of the campus in the city.

At the human chain started from around 12:00noon, Jagannath University Vice-chancellor Prof Dr Mesbahuddin Ahmed said the university authorities had been trying to retrieve the residential halls in the city's Bangshal and Katwali for long but failed.

He also urged the government to evict the grabbers and sought for the prime minister's help in this regard.

The vice challenger also said the authorities would soon announce several programmes, including strike-unto-death, to press home their demand.

University Proctor Kazi Asaduzzaman Khan said that students were allowed to live in the halls during the Jatiya Party regime, though the university had no legal documents of these establishments.

He said, they requested the higher authorities concerned several times to recover the halls, but they didn't take enough steps.

The university sources alleged that the twelve dormitories of university have long been under the occupation of former lawmakers, leaders of Chhatra League and Chhatra Dal, local criminals and even the government organisations like the Dhaka City Corporation and police.

Many of these illegal occupants have even prepared fake documents of their ownership of these university's dorms.

Meanwhile, the students also brought out a procession following the human chain on the campus for the same demand.

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