

Constn worker dies after fall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker died after allegedly falling from an under construction building in the city's Mirpur 1 area yesterday.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy where sources said the death was due to falling from a height.

The deceased Imtezar Hossain, 40, resident of Gabtoli in Bagura, was temporarily staying in the building at Zoo Road with 24 workers, said the foreman Zakir Hossain.

After dinner with the others, Imtezar went to sleep on the ground floor of the 13-storied building around 11:00pm. His co-workers found the body on a road adjacent to the building around 6:00am, said Zakir.

WOMEN DEV POLICY

Nothing against Quran, Sunnah Says Qamrul

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam yesterday said nothing against the Quran and Sunnah has been incorporated in the National Women Development Policy.

Some vested quarters have been misleading the people on the policy for their petty personal gains, he told a discussion on the occasion the Independence Festival-2011 in the auditorium of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association in the city. Saarc Cultural Society organised the discussion.

Industries Minister Dilip Barua addressed the discussion as the chief guest with cultural society President and former lawmaker Syed Abu Hossain Babla in the chair.

Chairman of Bangladesh Minorities Youth Welfare Association Dibendra Ray Bhulu Babu and leaders of the cultural society, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Qamrul said the vested quarters, who trade on religion for their own selfish interests, are trying to create instability in the country by calling hartal centering the women policy.

He said the government along with the people of the country will resist them with an iron hand.

Qamrul blamed the anti-liberation forces of creating conspiracy by raising different issues to stall trial of the war crimes.



Police charge baton on a procession of Hefazat Islami Bangladesh at Andarkilla Crossing in Chittagong yesterday. (Inset) Members of the procession pelt police with stones during clashes.

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WOMEN POLICY

BNP stance not yet finalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP is still undecided about extending its support to Monday's countrywide hartal called by Islamic Law Implementation Committee (ILIC) to protest the National Women Development Policy 2011.

"It's their [implementation committee] own programme. BNP has no comment in this regard. But the standing committee will discuss the women policy to finalise the party's stance on it," said Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, senior joint secretary general of BNP.

He was talking to the press after a joint meeting of party leaders at the party's central office in Nayapaltna.



Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman (extreme right) visits a stall in a fair on light agricultural tools on Bogra Central School premises yesterday.

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CHARGING HIGHER THAN FAIR PRICE Rice dealer jailed, fined Tk 4.36 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

One rice dealer of a government fair priced shop was sentenced to 15 days in jail, fined Tk 436,680 and cancelled of his dealership for charging higher prices at Sekandarnagar area in Tarail upazila of Kishoreganj yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a mobile court led by Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Yusuf Ali of Tarail, aided by a Rapid Action Battalion team, raided the shop of dealer Abdur Rahim, resident of the upazila's Dhala Nayapara village.

The UNO handed down the verdict as Abdur admitted to selling rice and wheat at a price higher than the government rate.

Boy dies in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sakhira

A seven-year-old boy was killed in a road accident near at Haroddah village in Sadar upazila on Bhomra-Haroddah road yesterday.

Police said Md Raihan, son of Shafiq Hossain of the village, died instantly as a truck hit him while crossing the road.

30 injured in clash at teagardens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 30 people were injured in a clash between people of Amtoli Tea garden and Rashidpur Tea garden in Bahubal upazila in Habiganj district yesterday afternoon.

Police said the clash erupted at about 1:30pm as a group of people from Rashidpur garden attempted to occupy a piece of land where the workers of Amtoli garden were working.

The injured were admitted to the upazila health complex. Police brought the situation under control about 2:30pm.

3 suspected Hizbut men arrested

BSS, Chittagong

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) yesterday morning arrested three students, suspected to be members of the outlawed Hizbut Tahrir from the city's Sholokbahar.

They are Mahbub Ahsan of Finance and Banking Department and Sohan Yasin of Marketing Studies and International Marketing Department of Chittagong University and Shahadat Ikbal, a student of Accounting Department of Hazi Mohammad Mohsin College in the city.

Police said a band of Hizbut activists assembled in front of Sheik Bahar Ullah mosque at Sholokbahar and started chanting slogans after Juma prayers. The devotees offering prayers in the mosque got annoyed and chased them. They caught three of them and beat them up as other members of the demonstrating band managed to escape the spot.

Police rushed to the spot and arrested the three caught by the devotees and recovered banners of the group from them.

Implement CHT accord Speakers urge prime minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called upon the prime minister to take effective initiatives to implement Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Accord as signed to bring an end to the decade long conflict in the area.

Hasina signed the accord with immense efficiency and political will and for this achieved huge recognition from world leaders. So, the government should implement the accord to resolve crises in CHT, said the discussants.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Citizen's Committee (CHTCC) organised the discussion at Jatiya Press Club in the city.

Attending the discussion, Prof Sadeka Halim, a member of information commission, said, "Strong political will is essential for the accord's implementation."

The mentality of treating indigenous communities as a threat to the state should be changed. Authorities concerned should understand that solving the crises would rather unite the nation and strengthen its security, said discussants.

The discussants also demanded removal of the existing CHT Land Commission chairman, claiming that he does not understand the feelings of indigenous people and is not conscious about their rights.

Shamsul Huda, executive director of Association for Land Reform and Development, and CHTCC member Prof Mongsanu also spoke with CHTCC President Gautom Dewan in the chair.

Appeal for help

RU CORRESPONDENT

Tobiaz Hembrom, a student doing his masters in political science department of Rajshahi University, is suffering from brain tumor.

Family members said Tobiaz needs around Tk 30 lakh for treatment but they are unable to manage this huge amount.

Tobiaz was undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital but doctors suggested to admit him at Valore in India immediately, they added.

Tobiaz's father Filomon Hembrom of Gobindhagonj in Dinajpur district urged the affluent of the society to extend their support.

Financial contributions can be sent to Jordan Hembrom, Savings Account # 19554, Janata Bank, Horgram, Rajshahi; or on contact at cell phone # 01714763463 (MA Rouf) and 01719363293 (M Abu Syed).

Last caretaker govt was a threat to democracy Says Dipu Moni

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The last caretaker government was a threat for democracy as it attempted to block the normal process of politics through arrests and torture on politicians as well as filing false cases against them, said Foreign Minister Dipu Moni.

But they could not succeed at last and politicians should always remain alert on these attempts, she asserted.

She was addressing a view-exchange meeting with Awami League (AL) leaders and workers at Sylhet Circuit House yesterday.

Mentioning that the opposition always likes to earn political benefit from everything, she said they do not join parliament sessions but whenever they do, they resort to individual attacks on AL instead of constructive criticism.

City Mayor and city AL Chief Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran; lawmakers Syeda Zebunnesa Haque, Mahmudu Us Samad Chowdhury and Shofiqur Rahman Chowdhury; AL Central Organising Secretary Mesbah Uddin Siraj; and district AL President ANM Shafiqul Haque and General Secretary Iftekhar Hossain Shamim were also present.



Three suspected members of the banned Hizb-ut Tahrir arrested by Panchlaish police in Chittagong yesterday.

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