

Hearing on charge framing against Saeed Eskander July 6

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday deferred the hearing on charge framing against Major (Retd) Saeed Eskander till July 6 in connection with a corruption case.

Judge AFM Aminul Islam of Special Judge Court-1 passed the order after Saeed Eskander's lawyer Sanaullah Miah submitted a petition seeking an adjournment of the hearing.

Saeed Eskander is the younger brother of BNP Chairperson Khaleida Zia. Sanaullah in the petition said his client could not appear before it due to hartal called by his party Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Deputy Director Benazir Ahmed, also investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet on February 6 to the Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, naming 12 witnesses.



PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

Wasa continues to dig city roads, one pictured here at Siddeswari yesterday, to repair and install new sewer pipes right in the advent of the monsoon, causing suffering to the locals.

Bus burnt as its cylinder explodes

Seven wounded
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A night coach was burnt completely as its CNG-run cylinder exploded at Bijul in Birampur upazila yesterday morning.

At least seven people, including driver of the bus and his helper, were wounded in the accident, police said.

The victims are Anwar Hossain, the driver, Belal Hossain, the bus supervisor, Rashid Ali, the helper, Reaz Uddin, Amir Uddin, Ramzan Ali and Nazimuddin.

Anwar Hossain and Rashid Ali were sent to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital while others were being treated at Birampur Health Complex.

Witnesses said the driver of the Dhaka-bound bus from Dinajpur lost control over the steering on Dhaka-Phulbari highway around 5:50 and the vehicle hit a roadside tree. Around 10 minutes later, the cylinder of the bus exploded with big bang and caught fire.

On information, fire fighters rushed in and doused the fire.

Union info services changing lives

BSS, Dhaka

After obtaining diploma in agriculture, Mohammad Alauddin was wondering about his future as his late father left him no source of livelihood.

His mother was also worried as her husband left her no savings or property.

But Union Information Service Centre (UISC), a key initiative towards digitising government mechanism to ensure public access to basic services, a state initiative, brought Alauddin a bright future.

This resident of Boidya Morich village of a remote part of Chalan Bill area now runs the UISC of Khan Morich union of Banhgura upazila of Pabna district, earning well and employing three others including his mother.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated UISCs from her office in the city

on November 11, 2010 by talking through videoconference to UNDP global administrator Helen Clarke in Char Kukri-Mukri union of Char Fashion upazila of Bhola district.

The centres aim at providing people easy access to basic services and information about agriculture, health, education, legal aid, human rights and employment.

Alauddin started off his centre with a Tk 1.5 lakh loan to buy computers, printers and other tools when government supported him with a computer, a laptop, a scanner and a photocopier.

"I earned a few thousand Taka at the beginning, but did not give up hope," told Alauddin to the news agency, adding that people then were unaware of services available at UISC.

"I earned Tk 40,000 in April and May, which is good enough to meet business

costs, living and for savings," Alauddin said.

He said this income increase was for the union council election, which generated many printing jobs.

Besides internet service, people photocopy their documents, print cards and posters at his centre.

Many people now come regularly to download results and transcripts of different examinations while local staff of several non-government organisations use the internet.

"I could make more business if internet speed was higher in this area," Alauddin said.

On contact, Pabna District Commissioner Mustafizur Rahman said the district administration arranged training programmes to help them run the 4,501 UISC across the country efficiently.

Help build peaceful world

President urges developed nations

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday urged the developed nations to come forward with supportive attitudes to build a peaceful, cooperative and prosperous world.

"The movement and struggle of establishing peace will be turned meaningless unless the world is kept free from hunger and poverty," he said while addressing the concluding session of the Asia-Pacific Peace Conference, organised by Bangladesh

Peace Council, at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the city.

Chaired by Bangladesh Peace Council President Abdur Razzak MP, the concluding session of the conference was also addressed by World Peace Council President Maria Socorro Gomes, former prime minister of Nepal Madhav Kumar Nepal, CPM polit bureau member Sitaram Yechury of India, and Bangladesh Peace Council General Secretary MA Kashem.

Speaking as the chief guest, Zillur

mentioned that the least developed countries (LDCs), including Bangladesh, are still fighting against hunger, diseases and social discrimination.

"So, it's essential for the LDCs to achieve economic self-reliance alongside ending war and conflicts in order to establish world peace," he said.

President said search for peace is the usual characteristics of mankind. It is the demand of time to continue the movement for peace through holistic democratisation of society instead of engaging in any arms race.



PHOTO: STAR

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleida Zia addresses the 6th Central Council and National Conference 2011 of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal at Dhaka Mohanagar Natyamancha in the city on Saturday.

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Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

Md Habibur Rahman Habi, a former lawmaker of Jatiya Party, passed away at Square Hospital in the city on Saturday at the age of 60, says a press release.


He left behind his wife and three sons.

He was buried at the family graveyard at Kamalnagar yesterday.

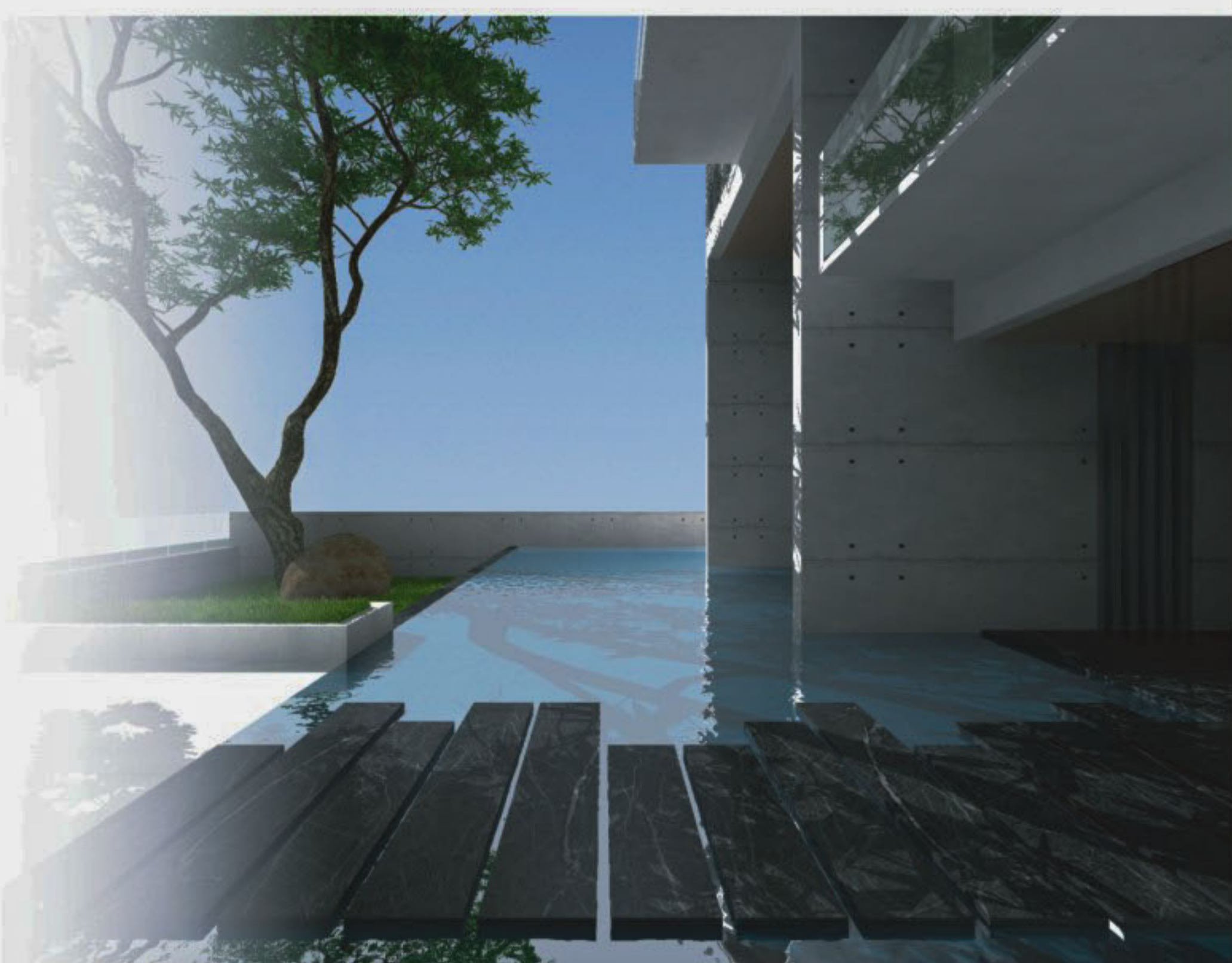
Leaders of Sathkira district Awami League, BNP, JSD, NAP and other political parties condoled his death.

Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

 Qulkhwani of Selina Akter, wife of late Haider Ali, former senior principal officer of Janata Bank, will be held at her residence at 475/4/1, South Paik Para in the city after Asr prayers today.

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