

**MIRSARAI TRAGEDY
Minister visits
the injured**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Mujibur Rahman Fakir yesterday visited injured schoolboy Habib Ullah at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

Condition of Habib, the first boy of class seven in Abu Torab Bohumukhi High School, is improving gradually, said doctors of CMCH to the state minister.

Dr Masud Ahmed, in-charge of ICU at CMCH, requested the state minister to take necessary steps for immediate instalment of five more ventilators and five monitors for ICU.

Dr. Masud told The Daily Star that now there are six ventilators in CMCH ICU. On of them remains out of order, and there are only three monitors in the ICU.

Earlier the state minister visited Centre Point Hospital in the city.

Now 11 students injured in Mirsarai road crash on Monday are undergoing treatment at the hospital, said Dr Pushpal Dutta.

**American Center
announces grant
competition**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The American Center of the US embassy in Dhaka yesterday announced a grant competition to support public service and the arts in Bangladesh.

There are multiple awards available for the projects costing USD 10,000 or less, says a press release.

It said proposals will be accepted from a wide range of topics and fields, including volunteerism, environment, women's empowerment, education, community development, youth engagement, and arts.

Interested applicants are requested to contact GomesJ@state.gov.

All submissions should strictly follow the template provided for both the proposal and budget.

All proposals should be sent to the US embassy, via e-mail or postal service, no later than at 4:00 pm on July 24, 2011.

Mail address: US embassy, Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka-1212.

**HARASSMENT OF WOMEN
HC summons
Etihad Airways
country boss**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned Country Manager of Etihad Airways Ashraf Kabir for explaining the recent incident of harassing and torturing two Bangladesh born women at Abu Dhabi International Airport.

In response to a writ petition filed by Tanzeen Bristy, one of the victims, an HC bench directed Ashraf to appear before it on July 20 for explanation.

On June 28, the two women, who were en route to Canada by an Etihad Airways flight were allegedly harassed by the airline staff at Abu Dhabi International Airport, and were forced back to Dhaka at their own cost over a brawl that sparked due to a fault of a staff.

The bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore yesterday directed the government to form two separate committees immediately to investigate the incident and submit investigation reports within 30 days to it.

Secretary to the ministry of foreign affairs has to form one of the two committees, and the secretary to the ministry of civil aviation and tourism and chairman of civil aviation authority have to form another committee, as per the order.

Petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star that the HC bench in the rule also asked the country manager of Etihad Airways to explain why he should not be directed to pay compensation to the victims.



Scouts who were awarded at the 40th annual general meeting of Bangladesh Scouts pose for photograph with President Zillur Rahman, also the chief scout, at Osmani Smriti Auditorium in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

**10 killed, 25 injured
in road accidents**

METRO DESK

Ten people were killed and 25 others injured in separate road accidents in Rajbari, Rangpur, Tangail and Narayanganj yesterday.

Our Faridpur correspondent reports: Three people were crushed under the wheels of a covered van on the Dhaka-Khulna highway at Goalanda upazila in Rajbari yesterday.

The deceased are Sabuj Pramanik, 26, Mizan Bepari, 23, and Nazrul Bepari, 22, of the same upazila.

The van hit the trio when they were crossing the highway around 7:15am in Goalanda bazaar area. The victims died on the spot.

Agitating locals set fire to the van and put barricades on the highway, halting traffic movement.

A Correspondent from Rangpur adds: Two motorcyclists were killed as a Rangpur-bound bus of Nabil Paribahan from Dhaka ran over them on the Rangpur-Bogra highway at Gorermatha in Mithapukur upazila at about 9:00am yesterday.

The deceased are Noor Islam, 45, and

Shawkat, 38, of village Fulchouki, of Mithapukur upazila.

Our Tangail correspondent says: Two people, including a woman, were killed and 10 others injured when a passenger-laden nosimon (sallow engine run three-wheeler) lost its control and plunged into a roadside ditch at Mirzapur upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Hazera Begum, 40, of Chandpur village, and Barkat Ali, 48, of Parbaria village of the same upazila.

The injured were rushed to Mirzapur Kumudini Hospital.

Our Narayanganj correspondent adds: At least three people were killed and 15 others injured as a human hauler and a bus collided head-on and both the vehicles fell into a roadside ditch on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Adhuria of Rupganj yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Ekabbar Ali, 35, of Narsingdi. The identity of two other victims could not be ascertained immediately.

The injured were rushed to different local hospitals and clinics.

**Port city bus
ticketing
likely from
July 25**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Ticketing system in Chittagong city bus services may begin from July 25 after efforts to introduce the system was delayed for the fifth time due to non-cooperation from the transport owners.

The system was to launch yesterday to bring traffic discipline in the port city, said sources in Traffic department of Chittagong Metropolitan Police. Efforts were taken to introduce the system in May this year, they added.

Belayet Hossain, president of City Bus Human Hauler Owners Association, said some owners who engaged their buses in EPZ for carrying workers stalled the efforts. If buses run under ticketing system, the owners may incur loss, he said.

Faruk Ahmed, deputy commissioner of police (traffic), said ticketing system will start on July 25 as transport owners requested him that they did not have sufficient preparation.

**WRIT AGAINST MP
Govt asked to ensure
petitioner's security**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the government to ensure security of the writ petitioner who has moved against holding the office of parliamentary membership of Joypurhat-1 constituency.

A bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore yesterday passed the order during final hearing of the writ petition upon a prayer moved by his lawyer.

ASM Kawsar Uz Zaman, a voter of the constituency, filed the writ on November 29 last year seeking cancellation of BNP lawmaker Md Mozahar Ali Proshan's parliamentary membership on charge of providing false information regarding his property to the Election Commission.

Kawsar's lawyer Manzill Murshid told the court that Mozahar's son Uzzal Hossain and others had given death threat to his client for filing the writ petition and he (Kawsar) has filed a general diary in this connection.

**Neighbour
kills youth**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was killed by a neighbour in the city's Badda yesterday.

The deceased, identified as Uzzal Miah, 20, was a tea hawker from Kishoreganj district and used to live at Purba Para slum of Kuril in the capital, police said.

Anisul Islam, sub-inspector of Badda Police Station, said Babu, a neighbour of Uzzal, beat him up around 4:30pm leaving him dead on the spot.

Babu has gone into hiding. Locals told the police that Babu claimed he beat up Uzzal as he used to gamble.

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**SYLHET GAS CO ENGINEER MURDER
Four accused held
in Dhaka**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested four people, accused of murdering an engineer of a state-run gas company in Mazumderpara area of Sylhet on July 5, from a Naya Paltan hotel in Dhaka on Wednesday.

The arrestees Abdul Khaliq Milton and his brother Ferdous Ahmed of Mazumderpara, Shiplu of Khadimnagar and Abdul Muhit of Shibganj area were brought back to Sylhet yesterday.

They were handed over to Kotwali Police Station and later sent to the judicial magistrate's court.

Victim Wasiur Raza Chowdhury alias Razi, 37, a deputy manager of Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution Company, died after being severely beaten while trying to save his cousin from an attack by local criminals.

The first three were among seven people accused in a case filed by the cousin Mamed with Kotwali Police Station on July 7 in this connection.

Rab said Muhit helped the three to escape.

**Firefighters
for hire**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A firefighter and three volunteers with necessary firefighting equipment can be available as a precautionary measure at weddings, religious functions or social gatherings for anyone spending Tk 1,000 per day.

Fire Service and Civil Defense Directorate will launch this new service soon to ensure safety at such programmes, said Director General Abu Nayeem Mohammed Shahidullah while speaking at a press conference at it's headquarters yesterday.

Nayeem said anyone interested to avail this service has to apply to the concerned fire station two days ahead of the programme.

"We already trained 6,000 volunteers at different areas of Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet city corporations," said the directorate's Deputy Director Mozammel Haque.

**Reception
for Everest
conqueror**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Metropolis Walkers Welfare Association (MWWA) will accord a reception to MA Muhit, who recently conquered Mount Everest, at Star Kabab Restaurant at Dhanmondi at 8:00am today. Anwarul Hakim Farukh of MWWA will chair the programme, says a press release.

DHAKA TODAY

Cultural programme
Parbatya Chattragram Pahari Chhatra Parishad will organise a cultural programme; Venue: Teacher Student Centre auditorium, Dhaka University; Time: 3:00pm.

Discussion
Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal will hold a discussion; Venue: Colonel Taher auditorium, Bangabandhu Avenue; Time: 4:00pm.

Protest rally
Viqarunnisa Noon School and College Er Jonno Sanghati Mancha will organise a protest rally; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises; Time: 4:00pm.

Seminar
Bangladesh Parjatan Bikash Kendra will hold a seminar; Venue: Central Public Library; Time: 5:00pm.

Discussion
Bangladesh Youth Forum will organise a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Musical soiree
Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre will hold a musical soiree; Venue: the centre; Time: 6:30pm.

Workshop
Bangladesh Heritage Foundation will organise a workshop; Venue: BILLA auditorium; Time: 3:15pm.

Reunion
Prachyanat School of Acting and Design will hold a reunion programme; Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; Time: 3:30pm.

Candlelight vigil
Nagorik Committee will hold a candlelight vigil; Venue: Swapnapuri

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