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# Nepal first to use Ctg port

*Takes its goods from Morocco thru' Chapainawabganj*

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

In a major step towards regional connectivity, Bangladesh allowed transit of goods to Nepal from yesterday.

Two Indian wagon trains left the Rohanpur Railway Station here for Nepal with 2,389 metric tonnes of diammonium phosphate (DAP) imported from Morocco by Agriculture Import Corporation Limited of Nepal, said officials.

The trains will enter Raxul-Birganj of Nepal via Singabad in Malda district of India.

This is for the first time Bangladesh allowed Nepal to use the Chittagong port, river route and railway facility in line with a decision taken by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh last year, they added.

According to the Joint Communiqué issued during Hasina's visit to India in January last year, Bangladesh agreed to give Nepal and Bhutan access to Chittagong and Mongla ports.

The two leaders also agreed to establish a broad gauge railway link between Rohanpur and Singabad for transit

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A freight train with Moroccan fertiliser leaves Rohanpur Railway Station in Chapainawabganj yesterday for landlocked Nepal. This is the first time Nepal has been able to use Chittagong port, courtesy a decision by the prime ministers of India and Bangladesh.

PHOTO: STAR

## BNP, allies to stage demo Jul 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led four-party alliance last night decided to stage demonstrations and bring out processions simultaneously on July 23 to realise their demands including restoration of the caretaker government system in the constitution.

The decision came at a meeting of the alliance top brass at BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office.

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## Two killed in road crashes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A journalist was killed while four others, including the journalist's two-year-old daughter, were injured when a bus smacked their rickshaw from behind in the capital's Agargaon yesterday.

In a separate accident, a garment worker came under the wheels of a human hauler while crossing the road in Mirpur-13 around 7:45am. The deceased was identified as Mohammad Yusuf, 30.

According to police, Belal Hossain, 34, joint news editor of private television channel Somoy TV,



Journalist Belal Hossain

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## CONSTITUTION REMARK Suranjit slates Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League Advisory Council Member Suranjit Sengupta yesterday said charges can be brought against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia for her remark on the country's charter.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia on Wednesday said the recently amended constitution is nothing but an

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## 30 lakh cases stay piled up

*Law minister calls for people-friendly judicial process*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The courts of Bangladesh have a backlog of around 30 lakh cases, causing a lot of sufferings to litigants, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said yesterday.

Corruption by supporting staffs and officials of courts damages people's trust in the judiciary, and victimises litigants, he said.

Shafique made the remarks while inaugurating a training on alternative dispute resolution (ADR) at the Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) in the capital.

JATI and South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies jointly organised the training in which 25 judges and 17 lawyers are participating.

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Falling bricks from this under-construction building on Panthapath hit Munna, killing him on the spot. The college student was going home after attending to his mother in a hospital nearby.

PHOTO: STAR



Habibur Rahman Munna

## CONSTRUCTION SITE Student dies as brick falls from highrise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A student was killed yesterday as a brick fell on his head from an under-construction multi-storey building on Panthapath in the capital.

Habibur Rahman Munna, 18, an HSC examinee of Tejgaon College, died on the spot at around 12:30pm as the brick fell on his head from the 10th floor of under-construction 15-storey Sagupta De Khan, a construction site of Sagupta Group.

He was returning home on foot after attending his ailing mother admitted to a hospital on Panthapath.

Son of businessman Abu Kalam of East Tejpuribazar, Munna fell victim to the neglect of the construction

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## Tarique's trial not acceptable

Says BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday alleged the government is hatching a conspiracy to get Tarique Rahman convicted and keep him away from the next general election.

BNP has no alternative to go for a tougher anti-government agitation and expects all political parties, excluding the ruling Awami League, would join the movement, party leaders told a protest rally.

Dhaka city BNP organised the rally in front of its central office in Nayapaltan as part of the party's countrywide demonstration protesting

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think electronic voting machine should be used in next general elections?

Yes (47.2%)  
No (50.3%)  
No Comments (2.5%)

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think BNP's mission to form a platform for political parties to resist the next parliamentary elections under the Awami League-led coalition government will be successful?

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Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-58
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