



## MANMOHAN'S ARRIVAL

1) Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Dr Manmohan Singh wave to people offering the Indian guests warmth and heart at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the city yesterday. 2, 3) Two kids welcome the Indian prime minister with flowers upon his arrival at the airport where he also receives a guard of honour. 4) Sheikh Hasina greets the Indian PM as he alights from a special airplane carrying him to Bangladesh. 5) The two prime ministers hold an official meeting at the Prime Minister's Office. 6, 7) Manmohan Singh sprays water on a sapling he planted on the National Memorial premises at Savar after laying wreath there in honour of the 1971 martyrs 8) Sheikh Hasina welcomes her counterpart at the PMO.

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## RU classes resume after Eid vacation

RU CORRESPONDENT

The classes of Rajshahi University (RU) resumed yesterday after a 15-day vacation of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Earlier, the residential halls of the university reopened on Monday.

The vacation began on August 23 on the occasion of the holy Ramadan, Shab-e-Kadar and Eid-ul-Fitr.

Campus sources said the classes of different departments held on the first day while students were returning to their respective dormitories.

Meanwhile, Police and Detective Branch men were checking the identity cards of students at seven gates of the university as they were returning to halls.

Proctor Prof Chowdhury M Zakaria told this correspondent that the authorities strengthened security to avoid any untoward situation.

## Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shajahan Mia, an assistant director of the Department of Mass Communication, passed away at Rangpur Medical College Hospital yesterday at the age of 55, a press release said.

Bhawaiya (folk song) singer Shajahan was rushed to the hospital on Monday following a cardiac arrest at Lalmonirhat.

He left behind his wife, only son and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was buried at the Martyred Intellectual Graveyard in Mirpur after his namaz-e-janaza at Mohammadpur Krishi Market Jaame Masjid in the city.

Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad and Information Secretary Hedayatullah Al Mamun expressed deep shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family.

## MARITIME BOUNDARY WITH MYANMAR

# FM to present case in int'l tribunal

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni leaves for Hamburg today in the morning to present Bangladesh's case concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary with Myanmar.

The hearing that began on September 5 at the International Tribunal for Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in Hamburg will continue through September 22.

Dipu Moni will present Bangladesh's views on equitable sharing of Exclusive Economic Zone

(EEZ) and Continental Shelf in the Bay of Bengal against Myanmar's method of equidistance.

Additional Foreign Secretary (UN Convention on the Law of the Sea [UNCLOS]) Rear Admiral (ret) Khurshid Alam, who will accompany Dipu Moni, told the news agency that closing hearing on Bangladesh's arguments will be held on September 21-22.

He expects that the ITLOS would give its judgment in the case in March-April next year.

Dipu Moni presented Bangladesh's

claim on the continental shelf at the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) at the UN Headquarters in New York on August 24.

Bangladesh put up its claim under the provisions of Article 76 of the UNCLOS 1982.

Bangladesh's claim on the continental shelf extends from 390 to 460 nautical miles (850 km) southwards from its coastline.

Dhaka submitted its claim to the CLCS on February 25 this year, four months ahead of the deadline.

## Road crashes kill seven

METRO DESK

Seven people, including two women, were killed and 63 others injured in separate road accidents in Gaibandha, Munshiganj, Thakurgaon, Comilla, Sherpur and Chapainawabganj on Monday and yesterday.

Our Gaibandha correspondent reports: One woman was killed on the spot and 21 others injured when a Bogra-bound bus of Roman Paribahan hit a roadside tree and plunged into a ditch while it was giving side another bus coming from opposite direction on Rangpur-Bogra highway at Dublagari yesterday.

The deceased is Asia Begum, 50, of village Amlagachi of Palashbari upazila.

The injured were admitted to Palashbari Health Complex and Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Our Munshiganj correspondent adds: An unidentified woman, 60, was killed as a tempo hit her while she was crossing the road in Muktarpur area of Sadar upazila yesterday.

Local people caught driver Sabbir Hossain, 18, along with his tempo, police said.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent says: At least 25 people, including women and children, were injured when a Dhaka-bound bus collided head-on with a truck coming from opposite direction at Egaromile village of Boda upazila in Panchagarh on Monday night.

The injured were admitted to Boda Upazila Health Complex and Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital.

UNB adds: Five people were killed and 17 others injured in separate road accidents in Comilla, Sherpur and Chapainawabganj yesterday.

In Sherpur, Abdul Khalek, 55, a blacksmith, of Deflai village in Jhenaigati upazila, was killed and four others were injured when a Jhenaigati-bound bus rammmed a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Sherpur-Jhenaigati road at Kandapara in the upazila yesterday.

The injured were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Police sent the body to hospital morgue for autopsy and seized the vehicles.

None was arrested as the driver of the bus managed to flee away.

In Comilla, Harunur Rashid, a microbus passenger, was killed and five others were injured when a Noakhali-bound bus hit a microbus coming from opposite direction on Noakhali-Comilla road in Laksam Bypass Housing State area yesterday.

The injured were admitted to Laksam Hospital.

In another accident, an unidentified man was killed when a Dhaka-bound Star Line bus ran over him on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Gomta in Chandina upazila.

Police recovered the body and sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

In Chapainawabganj, Farikul Islam Kalu, 30, son of Azhar Ali, of Alinagar village in Gomastapur upazila, was killed and six others were injured when a bus hit a locally made human hauler at Mission crossing in Gomastapur upazila.

The injured were admitted to Upazila Health Complex and Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

In another incident, Azad, 40, of Mirzapur village in Naogaon, was killed and two other motorcyclists were injured as a truck hit a motorcycle at Rehaichar in municipality area on Monday.

The injured were brought to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

## Murderer of mother, son executed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The authorities of Jessore Central Jail executed the death penalty of a double murder case accused early hours yesterday.

The accused, ABM Nazmus Shakib alias Ashik, 36, was hanged at 12-01am till his death amid presence of his parents and officials, the prison sources said.

According to prosecution story, Ashik was son of Didarul Islam of Kalikapur village under Kaliganj upazila, Satkhira.

On the night of September 17, 2000, he murdered Arjina Begum and her son Milon at the victims' house at Banargata under Sonadanga Police Station of Khulna city.

Ashik used to stay in the house as a tutor. He killed Arjina and Milon soon after they made out that Ashik was leading a gang of three to rob the house that night.

On September 18, police lodged a case with Sonadanga Police Station accusing three persons -- Nazmus Shakib Ashik, Rafiqul Islam, and Mushi Nazimuddin -- of the killing.

Khulna District and Sessions Judge awarded death sentence to Ashik and Rafiqul, now absconding, in 2003 and acquitted Nazimuddin as his guilt was not proved beyond doubt.

## Girl found dead in Gazipur

BSS, Gazipur

Police yesterday recovered the body of a teenaged schoolgirl from Khilgaon area under Joydebpur Police Station of the district.

The victims, identified as Hiramukta, 16, was a class eight student of Bhadun High School at Pubail. She was daughter of one army sergeant Habibur Rahman.

Officer-in-charge of Pubail Police camp

Abdul Karim said victim's mother found her daughter's body hanging from a bamboo bar in the corridor of their house in the morning.

Being informed, the police recovered the body and sent it to hospital for autopsy. The cause of the death could not be known immediately.

An unnatural death case was filed with Jodebpur police station in this connection.



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