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Syed Fattahul Alim laments culture of impunity in politics

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"POSITIVE" CHANGE IN MYANMAR

Aung San Suu Kyi says new government appears genuine about democratic reform

18 killed in India, Nepal

STAR REPORT

At least 18 people were killed and over 100 injured as a powerful 6.8 magnitude quake jolted Sikkim and several areas of north-east India and neighbouring Nepal yesterday, causing extensive damage to several buildings.

The epicentre of the quake--the biggest in two decades--was located at Mangan and Sakyong areas, over 50 km from Gangtok on Sikkim-Nepal border.

The tremor, felt across as far as New Delhi, set off at least two aftershocks of the magnitude 6.1 and 5.3, Indian seismology official RS Dattatreya said. He

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6.8 Sikkim quake jolts Bangladesh

Causes widespread panic; no major loss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 6.8 magnitude earthquake jolted the country yesterday evening, prompting thousands of panic-stricken people to rush out into the street from their homes.

The quake that was felt for nearly two minutes from 6:40:47pm had its epicentre in Sikkim, India. It was the strongest tremor to have hit the region in the last six decades.

The tremor damaged a number of buildings and structures in parts of the country. However, no casualty was reported.

Met officials in Dhaka said the earthquake's epicentre was nearly 495 kilometres north-west of the capital and the depth of the hypocentre was 20.7km.

"I rushed out into the street from my

house when our building started to tremble. I had never experienced anything like that," said Mahmud, a trader at Suvastu shopping mall on Elephant Road.

The mobile-phone network had remained jammed in parts for several minutes after the tremor, as panic-stricken people called their loved ones to enquire about them.

A building in Bogra's Satmatha area tilted slightly as the earthquake hit the town, reports our Bogra Correspondent.

The tremor also damaged at least 20 makeshift houses in Natore.

Thousands of nervous people hurried out of their homes into the street in fear of aftershocks in Rajshahi, Lalmonirhat, Barisal, Brahmanbaria and Chapainawabganj.

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EVENING SHOCK: People run out their buildings and gather on the streets as a 6.8 magnitude earthquake sends a wave of panic across the capital and elsewhere in the country yesterday. The photos have been taken on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue and Green Road.

PHOTO: STAR

DOCTOR for the poor

Kiwi living his dream in Bangladesh, providing healthcare to the helpless for close to 30 years

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Thousands of miles away from home, someone is living up to his childhood promise: helping the helpless.

In a rare example of love and sacrifice, he has been treating poor patients in Madhupur reserved

forest area in Tangail for 28 years almost for free.

Dr Edric Baker, a citizen of New Zealand, set up a healthcare centre at Kailakuri village of the union in 1983 and has since been giving treatment and medicine to the locals.

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Clockwise, the house of Edric Baker, an expatriate doctor devoted to the poor; the physician with patients at his clinic; and a smiling Baker on the back of his assistant's bicycle.

PHOTO: STAR

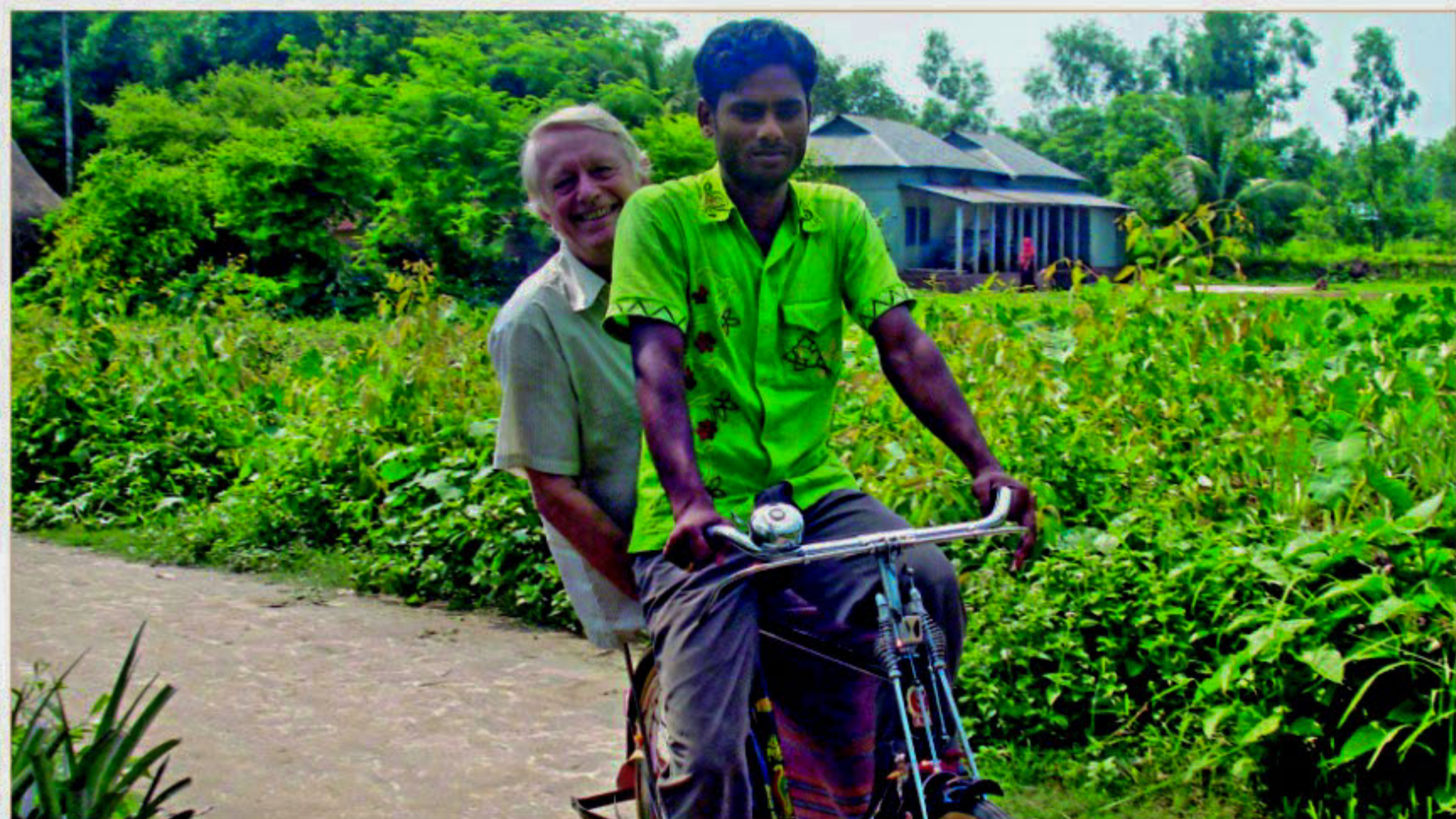


PHOTO: STAR

Biman flight makes emergency landing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A London-bound flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines with 193 passengers on board made an emergency landing at an airport in Jordan last evening.

Biman officials said the Airbus made the emergency landing after a technical fault surfaced while it was on the way from Dubai to London. The Dhaka-Dubai-London flight left Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 5:00am yesterday. After a

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KILLING OF 6 STUDENTS AT AMINBAZAR

Victims were not robbers

Police probe echoes judicial investigation; proposes action against Savar police

KAILASH SARKAR

A police enquiry concluded yesterday that the six students killed by a mob at Aminbazar near the capital in July were not robbers, 10 days after a judicial probe also found them innocent.

A four-member committee formed by

the police authorities to probe the incident found "no evidence" that the victims were robbers.

The committee submitted its report yesterday.

The probe found negligence of duty on the part of Savar police, Additional

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Fuel prices hiked

Effective from today; target to cut subsidy by Tk 3,500cr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday hiked fuel prices by a maximum of 19.04 percent a litre to reduce subsidy on imports of petroleum products, said a top official of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).

The price hike came into effect last midnight, said BPC Chairman M Muqtadir Ali. In line with the new rates, prices of diesel, petrol, octane and kerosene will jump by Tk 5 and furnace oil by Tk 8.

INCREASE NEW PRICE

Petrol	+5	Tk 81
Octane	+5	Tk 84
Diesel	+5	Tk 51
Kerosene	+5	Tk 51
Furnace Oil	+8	Tk 50

Bangladesh increased fuel prices for the second time in more than four months in a move that economists fear will fuel inflation.

Usually, the prices of petroleum and energy products are increased through public hearing at

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**ANNOUNCEMENT****The Schedule for receiving Initial Public Offering (IPO) Share Application forms**

	For Resident Bangladeshi	For Non-Resident Bangladeshi (By hand)
Date & Time	September 18, 2011 to September 22, 2011	September 18, 2011 to September 22, 2011 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM)
Venue	Bankers to the Issue as mentioned in application Form	AGB Colony Community Center, (Opposite of Motijheel Ideal School), Dhaka-1000 instead of Company's Corporate office.

For Non-Resident Bangladeshis subscription closes on October 01, 2011 (By Post office/Courier service only)

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**WikiLeaks**

2008 JS POLLS DGFI blacklisted 144 politicians

STAR REPORT

A few months before the December 2008 parliamentary polls, Directorate General of Forces Intelligence had blacklisted 144 politicians of both Awami League and BNP and asked the parties not to nominate them for the electoral race.

A US diplomatic cable posted on WikiLeaks noted DGFI tried to manipulate politics throughout the tenure of Fakhruddin-led caretaker regime and it handed the two parties the names on the "negative list".

Two separate cables from then US ambassador in Dhaka James F Moriarty had mentions of AL receiving 42 names and BNP 102.

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We warmly welcome Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, Cabinet Minister and Party Chairman of the Conservative Party UK along with her 35 Fellow delegates including 5 Members of the British Parliament. Also accompanied by distinguished British Bangladesh Business Personalities Mr. Bajloor Rashid, President British Bangladesh Caterers Association, Mr. Muquim Ahmed, Former Chairman of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Chairman of the internationally renowned Sea-Mark Group, Mr. Enam Ali MBE, Founder of the Curry Club UK and Mr. Mohib Uddin Choudhury, Regional President of BBE London.

We wish their mission a great success.