

NEWS IN *brief*

Unidentified man found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered a body of an unknown youth from a water body at Amulia Model Town in Demra yesterday.

The body age around 30 wearing jeans pant and T-shirt was recovered while floating in the water body at 3:00 pm.

Police sent the body to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsies.

Sub-Inspector, Jahangir Alam of Demra Police Station, told this correspondent that the local people informed the police when they saw a body

DU students protest increase in fine

UNB, Dhaka

Students of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday staged a demonstration on the campus to press home their six-point demand, including withdrawal of the decision to raise fine of non-collegiate students.

The students of different departments brought out a procession from in front of Aparajeyo Bangla and paraded different points on the campus. Later, they held a rally in front of the Aparajeyo Bangla.

The DU academic council at a meeting on August 7 decided to increase fine of non-collegiate

Textile washing plant fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a textile washing plant at Mirpur a sum of Tk10.48 lakh for discharging untreated chemical waste into the Turag.

A team of DoE led by Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, director (Enforcement) found that Sinha Washing Plant dumped its toxic liquid waste into the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) sewerage instead of using the effluent treatment plant.

Each day the factory released around 65,000 cubic litres of liquid wastes which found its way into the river.

Earlier on September 12, the team visited the factory and summoned the factory authorities to the DoE office yesterday.

The owner would have to pay the fine otherwise

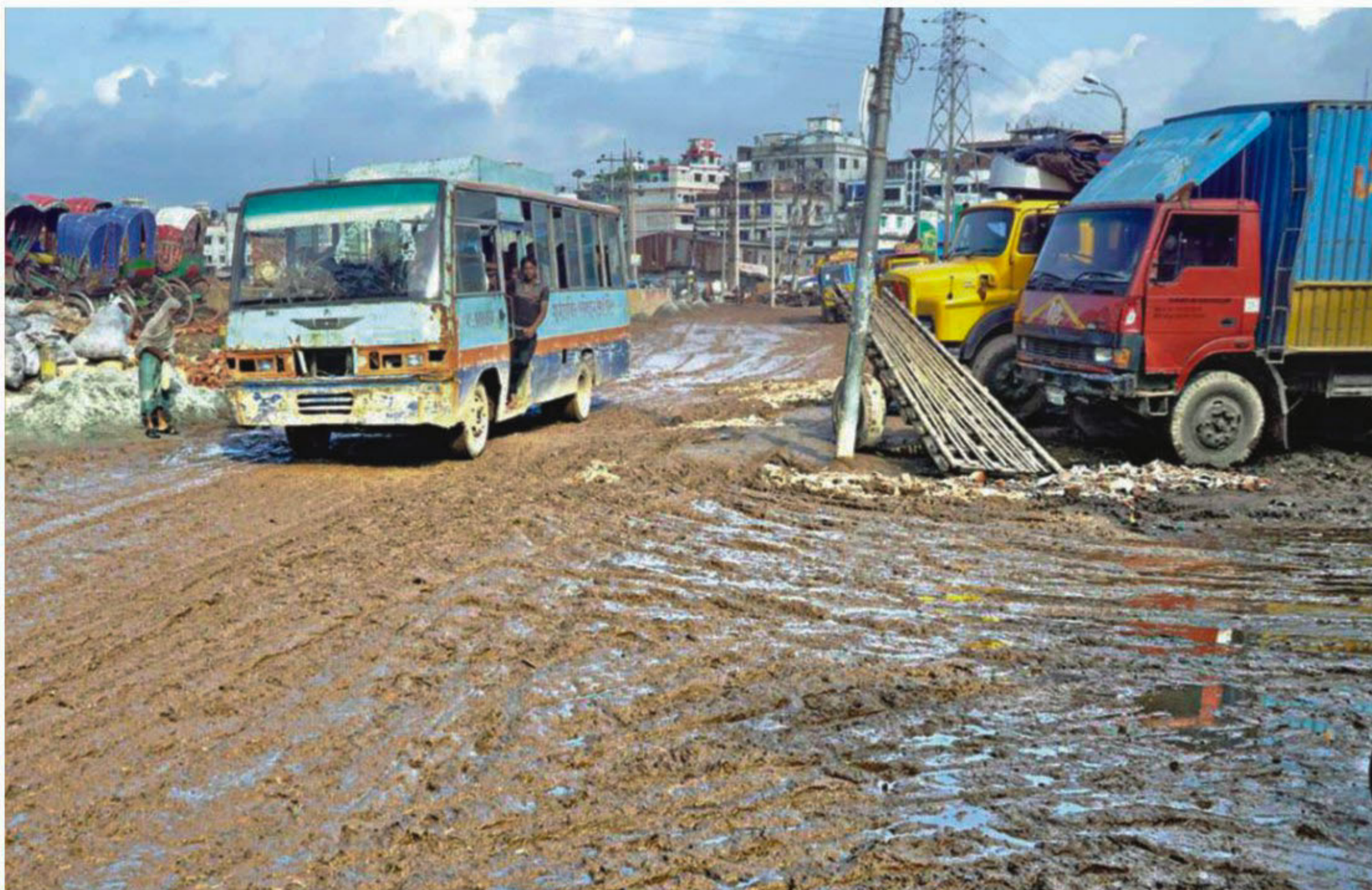
ATN Bangla to air V-day debate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A debate competition titled "Victory Day Debate" will be aired on ATN Bangla TV on the eve of 40th victory anniversary of the country.

Debate teams of 24 universities of the country will participate in the parliamentary form of debate. The competition is expected to start on the first week of the next month.

ATN Bangla will air the programme every Friday,



The sorry state of the road on the city protection embankment, connecting Gabtoli and Sadarghat, over which trucks carrying goods for wholesale markets at Shyambazar, Badamtali, Begum Bazar and Chawk Bazar regularly pass. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

AMINBAZAR INCIDENT

Make police probe public: TIB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday urged the authorities concerned to make public the full police departmental probe which found the six students beaten to death by a mob in Aminbazar innocent.

In a press release, TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman also demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible for negligence in carrying out their duties which led to the Aminbazar incident.

He expressed satisfaction at the police departmental probe's revelation.

"Extra-judicial killing is the worst example of human rights violation and a major obstacle to good governance.

"Though the police departmental committee established exemplary professionalism by revealing its investigation outcome in a press conference, we strongly demand the full probe report be made public," said Iftekharuzzaman.

He also urged the government and the authorities concerned to ensure measures to prevent recurrence of human rights violation incidents like that of Limon and Kadar.

He also demanded that investigation be conducted into previous incidents of human rights violations.

Kadar identifies OC Helal to probe body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The one-member enquiry team formed by the law, justice and parliamentary affairs ministry, probing police torture on Dhaka University student Abdul Kadar, took Kadar's testimony on the incident in the city's Khilgaon Police Station yesterday.

Khilgaon police arrested Kadar early hours of July 16 from city's Segunbagicha intersection on charge of attempted robbery and possessing firearms.

From seven people wearing plain-clothes in the officer-in-charge's room, Kadar was asked to identify the suspended officer-in-charge (OC) Helal Uddin who,

according to Kadar, slashed his calf muscle with a cleaver while in police custody.

Kadar, a biochemistry and molecular biology student, identified Helal and reiterated that Helal slashed his calf muscle.

The probe body Chief Ashis Ranjan, also a joint secretary of law ministry, took a firsthand experience of Kadar on the custody room of Khilgaon Police Station where Kadar was inhumanly tortured by Helal and some other police members.

Talking to reporters, Ashis said he will take the testimony of all people concerned in the incident and will also visit Khilgaon Police Station today.

Youth's death at LabAid sparks protest

Relatives allege negligence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 100 agitating relatives of a youth barricaded Mirpur road in the city yesterday morning bringing allegation of negligence in treatment after the youth died at LabAid Specialised Hospital, said police.

Commuters faced untold suffering for one hour before police managed to convince the protesters to leave the road around 9:00am.

The deceased E Nias, 25, a resident of Haji Abdul Sardar Lane of Bongshal and an honours student of Sheikh Borhanuddin College, died around 1:00am yesterday in the hospital's intensive care unit, said police.

The hospital's Managing Director AM Shamim said Nias was admitted to the hospital on September 16 with severe brain and leg injuries from a road accident.

Nias died after doctors conducted a surgery, with the consent of the relatives, he added. He denied the allegation of negligence.

Officer-in-Charge Moniruzzaman of Dhanmondi Police Station said no case was filed and none was arrested in this connection.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 11th death anniversary of Dr Mohammad Shahjahan, former vice-chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and a renowned water specialist, says a press release.

7 hurt in jute warehouse fire in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least seven people including two firemen were injured while attempting to douse a fire that swept through a jute storehouse in Narayanganj town yesterday.

The fire, which may have been caused by an electrical short circuit, started around 5:00am at the warehouse of Popular Jute Exchange at Nitaiganj Tolaram intersection of the town, said Ahsanul Kabir, deputy director of Narayanganj Fire Service and Civil Defence Department.

Abul Khair, finance manager of Popular Jute Exchange, told newsmen that 3,500 maunds of jute worth at least Tk 40 lakh were gutted in the fire.



PHOTO: DMP

Police arrest Jamaat-e-Islami acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam, centre, Publicity Secretary Tasneem Alam, left, and Central Working Committee Member Iijat Ullah, right, following violent clashes with police in the city yesterday. The photo was taken from office of the Detective Branch of Police at Mintoo Road. (Story on Page 1)

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:58pm today and rises at 5:47am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 35.7 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.6 degrees Celsius at Rangpur.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	26.3	78	76
Chittagong	31.2	25.7	76	86
Rajshahi	32.8	25.5	96	92
Rangpur	31.8	24.6	92	85
Khulna	34.0	26.5	84	92
Barisal	32.5	26.5	77	90

Hajj flights start on Sept 29

UNB, Dhaka

Hajj flights for carrying Bangladesh pilgrims to Saudi Arabia will begin on September 29.

A total of 1,07,425 pilgrims would perform Hajj from Bangladesh this year.

Of which only 3,768 pilgrims will go under the government management while the rest under private management.

Religious Affairs Secretary Kazi Habibul Awal said while briefing journalists at his ministry after an inter-ministerial meeting on pre-Hajj preparation.

He said the religious affairs ministry is completely prepared to provide all necessary support to Hajj pilgrims including rented houses in Makkah and Madinah.

The secretary said President Zillur Rahman will inaugurate the Hajj programme in Hajj camp at Askona in city's Uttara on September 28.

Fourteen airlines, including Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Saudi Airlines, will carry the pilgrims.

The operation of Hajj flights to Saudi Arabia by Biman Bangladesh and other airlines will end October 30 while by Saudi Airlines will conclude on November 3.

The return Hajj flights will begin on November 11.



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