

CITY ROAD CRASH
Six buses
ransacked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Locals ransacked at least six buses after a schoolboy suffered injuries being hit by a bus in front of his school in the city's Pallabi area yesterday.

The injured, Mohammad Faisal, 12, a class five student of Kalshi Islamia High School, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

His father Fazal Haq said, when Faisal went outside the school compound during tiffin hour around 2:30pm to buy food from an adjacent store, a bus of ETC Paribahan hit him from behind.

Protesting the incident, locals took on the street staging demonstrations till filing of this report around 8:00pm.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 30th death anniversary of Gauhar Jami, founder of Jago Art Centre, says a press release.

On the occasion, a day-long Quran Tilawat has been arranged at the Jago Art Centre.

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Annual Urs of Hazrat Shah Abdur Rahim (RH) Shah Saheb of Paribag will be held on September 23 (Friday) on the Paribag Mazar premises at Shahabag in the city, says a press release.

A munajat will be held at 11:00am same day.



Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert McDougall calls on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: BNP

CLIMATE ADAPTATION
Denmark assures support

UNB, Dhaka

Considering Bangladesh's vulnerability to global warming, Denmark has assured to continue its support to cope with the adverse impacts of climate change.

Danish Ambassador in Dhaka Svend Olling made the assurance while addressing a lecture session as the key speaker at National Press Club in the city yesterday.

The Forum of Environmental Journalists Bangladesh (FEJB) organised the function marking its 29th founding anniversary.

Svend Olling said Denmark will provide allout support to Bangladesh in climate negotiation, undertaking adaptation programmes and capacity building to address the ongoing climate challenges.

He said although Bangladesh is a developing country, it has already shown its leadership in climate negotiation across the world. "Bangladesh is one of the first countries that formulated a climate change strategy plan."

The Danish envoy suggested Bangladesh to adopt energy efficiency technologies to cut carbon emission with a view to addressing global warming. "If you save energy, you save money."

About similarities between the two countries, he said Denmark is an island country with five million people and it is one of the least-affected nations by climate change. Bangladesh is more vulnerable to climate change due to its large number of people, he added.

Olling said Denmark has seen about 80 percent economic growth over the last 30 years while zero percent growth in consumption and negative growth in carbon emission.

He said although the EU targeted to cut emission by 10 percent within 2020, his country is committed to reducing carbon by 30 percent during the same period.

FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

115 makeshift structures demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A team of Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) yesterday demolished 115 makeshift structures erected on the Gulshan-Banani Lake in the city to reclaim the land surrounding the lake.

The slums torn down also included a school of JAAGO Foundation, an NGO working for slum children's education.

The eviction drive, backed by Gulshan police, started around 12:00pm and continued till late afternoon rendering several hundred people homeless.

At one stage, the slum dwellers locked in a scuffle with the officials and law enforcers.

The land on which the slums were built belongs to the lake, said Rokon-Ud-Dowla, executive magistrate of Rajuk, who led the drive.

"We knocked down around 115 bamboo structures encroaching on the lake," he said.

DIGITAL HEALTH FOR DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT
Global health award for PM

UNB, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday received the Global Health and Children's Award for her contribution to develop Bangladesh's health sector by using the Information Communication Technology (ICT).

The award was given at a function held at the Astoria Waldorf Hotel in presence of heads of states and governments of different countries and celebrities.

The prime minister dedicated the award to the people of Bangladesh at the South-South Awards night held with a slogan "Digital Health for Digital Development"

In her speech she said, "This is indeed the recognition of all the hard work that my government has put in improving ICT conditions during the last two and a half years of its tenure."

Hasina said her government has established over 11,000 community health clinics in rural areas and almost all these have been brought under the digital reach.

Digitalising of health services has enabled

free treatment of malaria and tuberculosis patients, as well as AIDS screening up to the district level.

The organisers in its souvenir said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has played a critical role in the development of a digital Bangladesh.

"She has also been an active advocate of the use of digital technology to improve the health care system in her country, overseeing the use of mobile phones in hospital to share information, and the implementation of a free programme that delivers advice to pregnant women via SMS," the souvenir said.

The award night was jointly organised by UN Economic Commission for Africa, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), South-South News, Permanent Missions of Antigua and Barbuda, Malawi, Dominica, Zambia, Tajikistan, El Salvador and Honduras to the UN. Bangladesh received MDG-4 (Millennium Development Goals-4) Award for its success in reducing child mortality in 2010.

20 hurt in workers-police clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 20 people including five policemen were injured during an hour-long clash between police and garments workers at South Shalna in Gazipur yesterday.

Vehicular movement on the busy Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway was suspended for about an hour due to the clash, which led to huge traffic jam on both sides of the road.

Locals said the clash flared as police used baton to disperse several hundred workers of Concord Fashion and Jeacon Garments, sister concerns of Concord Group, who demonstrated demanding their unpaid salaries of August.

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