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# Education MP style

AL lawmaker Mannan heads managing bodies of 7 institutions; his wife, former night guard, 2 aides in charge of 4 others

RASHIDUL HASAN and AZIBOR RAHMAN

A ruling party lawmaker is chairman of managing committee at seven educational institutions in Jhenidah, flouting government rules.

The rules stipulate that a member of parliament cannot hold chairman's post at more than four institutions. But Abdul Mannan, Awami League legislator from Jhenidah-4 (Kalianj upazila), heads managing committee at two



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Abdul Mannan

Bangladesh to vote for Palestine  
Says PM

UNB, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said Bangladesh would always stand by the Palestinian people to establish an independent Palestine state.

"If needed, we will vote for establishing Palestine state," she said while replying to a question at a "meet the press" programme at the Bangladesh Mission office in New York yesterday.

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## 11 killed as truck crushes 3-wheeler

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

Eleven people were killed and one was injured as a truck crushed a three-wheel passenger van at Saitrish on the Magura-Jhenidah highway yesterday.

The victims were passengers of the three-wheeler.

The goods-laden truck around 4:15pm rammed into the three-wheeler, which was standing on the roadside, and fell in a ditch, said a witness, Zafar Sheikh of village Saitrish. The accident left 11 passengers of the three-wheeler dead on the spot.

Quoting locals, Sheikh Alamgir Hossain, officer-in-charge of Magura Sadar Police Station, said the accident took place due to careless driving of the trucker.

Following the accident, hundreds of locals put up a barricade on the road disrupting vehicular movement until 6:40pm. They withdrew the protest after a discussion with police officials.

Seven of the deceased were identified as Parveen, 27,

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Ensure peace at home first  
*Fakhrul asks PM on her global peace model*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday urged the prime minister to ensure peace in the country before going for global peace.

"It's funny that the prime minister is presenting a peace model while people are crushed under police boots in the country and the destitute scavenge for food in dustbins," he said at a meeting at

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## Khaleda was advised to boycott 2008 polls

*Her advisers felt it would burnish BNP image*

STAR REPORT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's advisers, who had backed boycotting the December 2008 parliamentary polls, tried to convince her that the boycott would burnish the party's image, said a leaked US diplomatic dispatch.

Citing past records of election boycotts,



the cable said, "The lesson from recent Bangladeshi history is that boycotts work." The then US ambassador in Dhaka James F Moriarty sent the cable to Washington on November 16, 2008.

"Zia advisers who support a boycott point to history for support. They note

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Border killing high on agenda

BGB-BSF meet starts today

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh will reiterate its concern over the killings of civilians along its border with India during the director-general level meeting of the border guards of India and Bangladesh in Dhaka today.

Countering terror and effective joint patrolling along the frontier will also be high on the agenda.

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Muhith was worried over big win

STAR REPORT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith was dismayed by the overwhelming victory of Awami League-led grand alliance in the December 2008 parliamentary election, saying that such huge wins "had not augured well for Bangladesh in the past".

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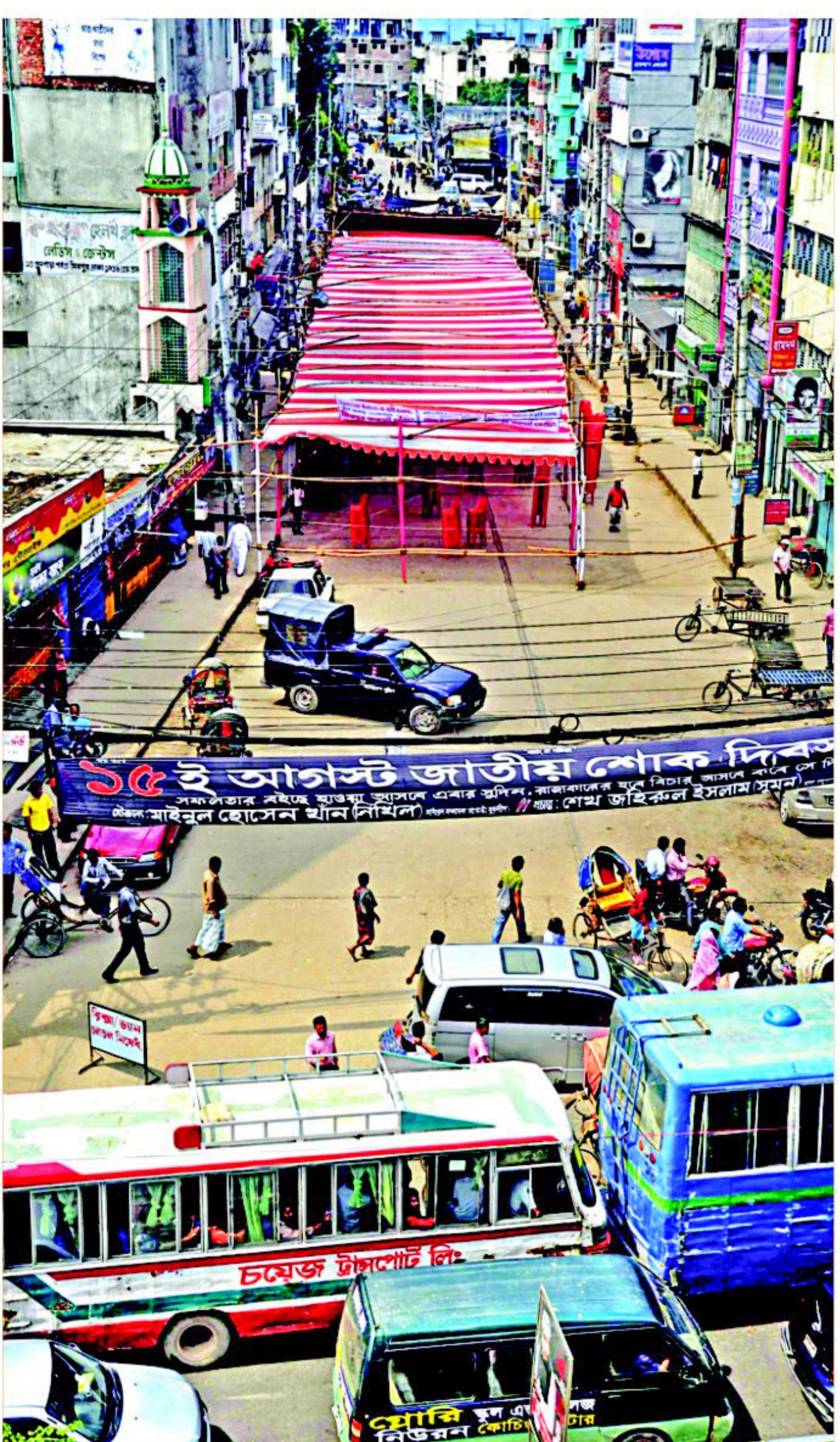


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This busy street in Senpara-Parbata of Mirpur in the capital was closed off by city Jubo League for about 24 hours from Saturday evening for a meeting they organised. Home Minister Shahara Khatun was the chief guest at the meeting that caused sufferings to the locals.

## Cops beat up 3 for refusal to pay toll

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Manikganj*

Police beat up and broke hands of two people and injured another allegedly for refusing to give them Tk 5,000 in extortion. The incident happened in Manikganj on Saturday night.

The victims are vegetable traders Harun-ar-Rashid and Ekhlas Mia, and truck driver Shahid.

Rashid and Shahid are undergoing treatment at Enam Clinic in Savar. Each of them got his left hand broken, clinic sources told The Daily Star.

Rashid said some policemen stopped their vegetable-laden truck at Shaheed Rafique Bridge

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## Clarification

Biman Bangladesh Airlines in a clarification to the report headlined "Flight Debacle Hits Biman" published in The Daily Star on September 24 said the crew of a Biman flight discharged the fire extinguishers and took other measures after captain of the flight-005 received a false alarm on the Electronic Centralised Aircraft Monitoring system of the aircraft.

Issued by Khan Mushtaq Hussain, general manager, public relations of Biman, the clarification also said though there was no real fire the measures were taken as per Standard Operating

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They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

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