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# Biman's new Boeing suffers glitch again

Flight delayed by 31hrs

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Four months into joining the fleet, Biman Bangladesh Airlines' newly purchased Boeing 777-300ER aircraft Palki had to go through another major repair, which delayed its flight on Manchester-London-Dhaka route by 31 hours.

The aircraft, which caused huge embarrassment to Biman authorities after many of its armrests of the economy class had broke days into its commercial operation, has now suffered a leakage in one of the hydraulic pipes, said the airlines sources.

Due to the leak, Palki had to remain at London airport causing sufferings to 404 passengers. The flight that was originally scheduled to take off from Manchester at 11:00am on Thursday finally flew for Dhaka on Friday around 6:00pm after necessary replacement of equipment.

Biman sources said since the equipment could not be found in London, it had to be bought from Dubai which made the delay longer.

Narrating his experience, Monwar Hossain, a

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Even after a drive has been launched to evict illegal structures along the rail line between Khilgaon and Malibagh for safe operation of trains, many shanties are found very close to the tracks yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

# JU teachers observe hunger strike

Assistant proctor resigns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Assistant Proctor of Jahangirnagar University (JU) ASM Firoz UI Haque resigned from his post after JU teachers staged a hunger strike yesterday morning to attain their seven-point demand, which includes publicising the probe report of Zubair's death.

Zubair Ahmed, a fourth-year student of English department, succumbed to his injuries after he was stabbed by a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists on January 9.

ASM Firoz UI Haque has resigned and his position is yet to be filled,

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# Ashraf sees 'London conspiracy'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday said if any attack on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina or the party were planned, it would be devised in London, not in the country.

"Such a scheme would be hatched in London and executed in Bangladesh," he told a meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee

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# Wild driving takes life of another boy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 13-year-old schoolboy lost his life when he was crushed under the wheels of a truck in Ashulia on Friday.

The accident occurred just two days after a nine-year-old girl died in a similar accident.

The victim, Mohammad Likhon, was a student of Class VI at Meesak Ideal School and College in Pallabi.

Likhon's death has shattered the life of his widowed mother who has devoted her whole life to bringing him up single-handedly.



Mohammad Likhon

Sabina Yasmin Hira lost her husband when Likhon was just six months old. Ignoring pressure from her family to remarry, she took up work at a garments factory to support herself and her son.

Sabina never had an education but wanted her son to have a good education and future. Likhon studied at the New Ideal Child Academy,

one of the best schools of Ashulia, till he completed class V obtaining a GPA A in his finals. Sabina then sent him to Dhaka to

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# PADMA BRIDGE 'MoU with Malaysia this month'

STAR REPORT

A Malaysian consortium will be set up to undertake the \$2.19 billion (RM 6.6 billion) Padma multi-purpose bridge project after Bangladesh and Malaysia sign a memorandum of understanding on February 21, Malaysian official news agency Bernama reported yesterday.

Special Envoy (Infrastructure) to India and

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# Bangladeshi dies of 'BSF torture'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Bangladeshi cattle trader was allegedly tortured to death by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) near the Birampur border of the district early Friday.

Phulbari-40 Battalion of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) confirmed the death yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Saiful Islam, 25, son of Nabiul Mondal, of Chaturpur village in Birampur upazila.

Saiful along with some other cattle traders crossed the Birampur border Thursday night, local people said. BSF men of Bhimpur camp caught him while others managed to escape.

Quoting the cattle traders, who could return to Bangladesh, Nazrul Islam, elder brother of Saiful, said BSF men had tortured his brother with sharp weapons.

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# BSF arrests 3 Bangladeshis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Border Security Force (BSF) arrested three Bangladeshis from the Khalisha border of India early yesterday when a group of traders were trying to smuggle cattle into Bangladesh.

One Indian national was also injured when BSF men of Khalisha camp opened fire on the cattle traders on the Indian border opposite to Baikari border of Satkhira around 4:30am.

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Columnist Syed Abul Maksud stages a sit-in in front of Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of a recent comment by LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraf Islam, "An accident is an accident, there is nothing to protest." Story on page 2.

PHOTO: STAR

# STUDY TOUR Children of BSF officials arrive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Twenty school-going children of India's Border Security Force (BSF) officials arrived in Bangladesh yesterday on a four-day study tour.

The children accompanied by two BSF officials and an officer's wife, arrived by bus around 9:00am, following an

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# JAMAAT'S LOBBYISTS OUT TO STOP WAR TRIAL Govt probing money laundering allegation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is investigating the allegation against Jamaat-e-Islami of laundering money to engage foreign lobbyists to stop war crimes trial, said Law Minister Shafigue Ahmed yesterday.

The perpetrators would be brought to book under the Money Laundering Act, if the allegation is found true, the minister told The Daily Star emerging from a seminar on war crimes trial at Dhaka

Reporters' Unity.

In the seminar, Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon MP said Jamaat leader Mir Kashem Ali on behalf of his party had invested \$25 million for employing a US-based lobbyist firm to stop the war crimes trial.

Sammilito Tarun Peshajibi Samonay Parishad (STPSP) organised the seminar styled "Quick Implementation of War Crimes Trial and Present Perspective."

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# ANTI-CARBON TAX India, Russia, US, China plan talks

AFP, New Delhi

India, Russia, the United States, China and other countries will meet in Moscow this month to decide whether to retaliate against the EU's decision to impose a carbon tax on air travel, a report says.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed that the Search Committee for a new EC is a stage-managed drama?

Yes (83.1%) No (15.4%) No Comments (1.5%)

TOTAL VOTES: 520

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the just expired Election Commission's proposal to bring changes to the electoral laws for checking the use of black money in parliamentary election will be taken into consideration?

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