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BATTLE WITH MILITANTS

Yemen lost over 100 soldiers in fight with suspected al-Qaeda men

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KAMAL DROPS TAMIM

The BCB boss omits the opener from the Asia Cup squad selectors submitted

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Divider, speed reducer can cut 30pc crash

States Buet's 1998-2010 road accident research

M RAHMAN

Thirty percent of the road accidents from 1998 to 2010, which claimed around 1,200 lives every year, could have been averted if road dividers and speed bumps had been set up to check head-on and rear-end collisions.

During the period, 14,876 people were killed and 6,741 others injured in such collisions across the country, according to a report of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

Buet's Accident Research Institute (ARI) analysed road accident data of 13 years (1998-2010) and found 45 percent of the accidents were caused

CAUSED BY	
Bus	23.6%
Truck	21.5%
CASUALTIES IN 13 YRS	
Death	50,258
Injured	22,774

by buses and trucks, most of which were illegally modified.

Last year, 12,226 vehicles of five modes committed accidents, taking 2,467 lives. Of the vehicles, 1,063 were buses and 801 trucks, according to the ARI.

Head-on and rear-end collisions constitute 29.6 percent of the total number of accidents, and they could have been avoided if the authorities concerned had installed adequate dividers and speed bumps on roads and highways, ARI experts say.

For example, the premature deaths of noted filmmaker Tareque Masud and media personality Ashfaque Munier Mishuk in Manikganj last year could have been avoided with road dividers and speed bumps in place.

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A footpath in the capital's Ramna is occupied by bike riders who never stop to think which path pedestrians are supposed to take.

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Tikka Khan makes his entry

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The Pakistani regime appointed Lt Gen Tikka Khan the new governor of East Pakistan on this day in 1971. He succeeded Vice Admiral SM Ahsan, whose resignation was brought about by his reluctance to go along with President Yahya Khan's policies regarding a handling of the crisis. In addition to Ahsan, the zonal martial law

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POLITICAL STANDOFF Solution has to be home-grown

Says Justice Habibur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former chief adviser to a caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman yesterday said he wants to see a home-grown solution to the caretaker government issue.

"We have to solve our problems ourselves.... The solution has to be Made in Bangladesh," he told newsmen after the inaugural session of the daylong International Conference on EU-Saarc Cooperation at the city's Cirdap auditorium.



Habibur Rahman

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No bike riding on footpaths

HC asks govt to ensure walkways only for walkers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has to stop straying of vehicles, particularly motorcycles, on to footpaths and walkways in the capital, the High Court said yesterday.

The order came along with other directives, including removal of all billboards that darken foot bridges.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner and Dhaka City Corporation (north and south) administrators will take action about the billboards within 30 days of receiving the order, the court said.

The High Court issued the directives in response to two separate writ petitions filed as public interest litigation seeking directives upon the government to ensure free movement of people and safe operation of vehicles

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FUEL, ELECTRICITY

Hike likely in May

PM rejects proposal to up fertiliser price

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The Finance Division has proposed another increase in prices of fuel, fertilisers and electricity in the current fiscal year, says a highly placed source in the finance ministry.

The premier has outright rejected the proposal to hike fertiliser price but did not give any decision about other items, the source adds.

The proposal was made at a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday with the suggestion that the price hike would be effective after the Boro season.

An official said no decision was taken regarding price hike, but the Finance Division has suggested that prices be

increased within this fiscal year. The official added if the government takes such a decision, it may be effective after April.

Prices of all petroleum products were hiked by Tk 5 per litre last time and might be increased by another Tk 5 next time, sources say.

Since May 2011 till January this year, fuel prices were upped by Tk 17 in four phases and furnace oil price went up by Tk 34 in six steps.

The current prices of diesel and kerosene stand at Tk 61 which was Tk 44 before May last year. Petrol and octane now sell at Tk 91 and Tk 94 respectively against the prices of Tk 74 and Tk 77 before May.

Furnace oil price is Tk 60 now which

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3 killed in city road crashes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Garment workers and pedestrians set fire to a bus after it ran over an apparel worker near Eden Women's College in the capital yesterday morning.

In another incident, a man was killed after a speeding truck hit him while he was crossing a road at Malibagh.

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