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Fatal ride on son's bike

Mother slips onto road, crushed by van

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mother was thrown to her death after she accidentally slipped from the back seat of her son's running motorbike and was crushed under the wheels of a covered van in the capital's Merul Badda yesterday.

The 55-year-old Masuda Begum was going to meet her brother in Gulshan-2 from her residence at Golapbagh in Jatrabari.

Mustafizur Rahman Mithun, the bike rider, told The Daily Star that he had to start-and-stop his motorcycle frequently due to long tailback on Pragati Sarani.

At one stage, Mithun let go of the clutch of his motorbike when he found some room in front of him amid the standing traffic at about 12:30pm. It gave the bike a big jerk, causing his mother to be thrown off the bike.

"I immediately sensed that mother was no more on my back seat. I stopped my bike, turned around and saw a covered van passing over my mother," said a sobbing Mithun, younger son of Masuda.

"I became speechless for a moment seeing my mother's bloodied body on the street," he said, adding that she died on the spot.

On information, police rushed to the spot and took the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

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One of the victims of yesterday's bomb attack on Pahari Chhatra Parishad activists in Rangamati being brought into Chittagong Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



Sultana Zaman passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sultana Zaman, a leading actress in Bangladesh's movie world of the 1960s, passed away yesterday at her Gulshan residence owing to old age.

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Prof Anisuzzaman's testimony false

Concludes counsel for SQ Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Salauddin Quader Chowdhury's defence yesterday finished cross-examining Prof Anisuzzaman and said the witness had given "false statements" against the BNP lawmaker due to differences in their "ideologies".

"You [Prof Anisuzzaman] and Salauddin

Quader Chowdhury believe in different ideologies," said Ahsanul Haq Hena, a defence lawyer of Salauddin Quader during the cross-examination of the Professor Emeritus of Dhaka University.

"As the present government likes you a lot, you have given an untrue statement in

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Dr Kamal for AL-BNP dialogue

UNB, Dhaka

Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain has stressed the need for holding a dialogue between ruling Awami League and main opposition BNP in order to "save the country from a possible disaster".

In a statement, Dr Kamal yesterday expressed grave concern over the present political

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14 injured in blast in hills

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

At least 14 activists of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP), a students' group of hill districts, were injured in Rangamati town yesterday as unidentified assailants hurled a bomb at them.

Of the injured, condition of seven was critical. They are Jibon Chakma, Babudhan Chakma, Kamonashish Chakma, Nipun Chakma, Mongcha Ching, Komollesh Chakma, and Joni

Chakma, a female activist of the PCP.

According to our Chittagong correspondent, six of them were sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) at the time of filing this report at 10:00pm.

Dr Md Hamid, CMCH duty doctor at the emergency department, said condition of the injured was very critical. As soon as they reached the hospital, they were sent to the operation theatre.

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A day after Facebook went public, its founder Mark Zuckerberg gets married to his long time girlfriend Priscilla Chan. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Facebook boss ties the knot

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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has changed his relationship status after marrying his long-term girlfriend Priscilla Chan, surprising a close-group gathering at his home in California.

Updating his relationship status to "married" on Saturday, Zuckerberg posted a wedding picture with his bride on his Facebook page, just a day after his company went public.

"Mark added a life event to May 19, 2012 on his timeline: Married Priscilla Chan," was the only description of the shot of the bride and the

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Dyeing unit, rector fined for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a dyeing factory and a housing project in Narayanganj and Savar a total of Tk 37 lakh for violating environmental laws.

The dyeing factory Chaiti Composite Ltd in Sonargaon of Narayanganj was fined Tk 22 lakh for polluting the environment and a DoE team fined Ahmed Karim, owner of

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PM blames BNP for 1/11 episode

UNB, Dhaka

The previous caretaker government had captured power through the much-talked-about January 11, 2007 changeover in the wake of a vote rigging plot by BNP, the prime minister alleged yesterday.

At a party programme in the capital, Sheikh Hasina also described how the BNP had indulged in arrests and oppression on the opposition parties during its previous two terms in power.

"The country saw the episode like 1/11 due to the vote rigging plot by BNP," said Hasina, also the Awami League president, while exchanging views with the grassroots-level leaders and activists of the party's Chuadanga district unit at Gono Bhaban.

During their 2001-2006 tenure, the prime minister

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Nato set to fix exit strategy on Afghanistan

AFP, Chicago

US President Barack Obama declared yesterday that the world was behind his strategy to end the war in Afghanistan, as more than 50 leaders gathered to hammer out a withdrawal plan at a key Nato summit.

The United States recognised the "hardship" Afghanistan had been through and realised its people "desperately want peace and security," Obama said as he met Afghan President Hamid Karzai on the sidelines of the Chicago talks.

"What this Nato summit reflects is that the world is behind the strategy that we have laid out," he told reporters. "Now it is our task to implement it effectively."

Karzai said his country no longer wants to be a "burden," urging the international community to complete a security transition to his Afghan forces as it pulls out 130,000 troops by the end of 2014.

"Afghanistan... is looking forward to an end to this war and a transformational decade in which Afghanistan will be working further for institution building and the development of sound governance in the country," Karzai said.

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Villagers in Belgachi, Kushtia, hang two of the three cats they killed yesterday. Even though the killing of these wild animals is prohibited and is a punishable offence, the authorities claim that it is not easy to take action when large numbers of villagers are involved in such killings.



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ONLINE POLL

Do you think BNP will be able to hold its June 11 rally successfully?

Yes (58.3%)
No (38.4%)
No Comments (3.3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 513

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government's plan to implement an ambitious Tk 55,000 crore Annual Development Programme for the next fiscal year is justified?

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