

## Bangladeshi driver dies in NY road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Bangladeshi taxicab driver along with a passenger was killed when his cab was rammed by a truck in New York on Saturday.

Mohammad Hossain, 44, of Lauta village in Beanibazar upazila of Sylhet, left behind his widow and two children.

Family sources said while going to Manhattan from JFK airport, he lost control of the steering when a sports car tried to overtake him. He swerved off the lane and a garbage truck rammed the cab from behind.

Injured Hossain and the passenger were rushed to a hospital where doctors declared them dead.



This cluster of aluminium and plastic utensils, parked outside some shops in the capital, may be easily mistaken as being on display for sale. In reality, these utensils were waiting the wait along with their owners, mostly dwellers of the area, for a Wasa lorry to fill in some water with. The photo was taken from in front of the city's Dayaganj City Corporation Market yesterday.

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## Fire breaks out at power plant

Five workers wounded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Five workers sustained burn injuries when a fire broke out at Ghorashal thermal power plant in Narsingdi yesterday morning.

Four of the injured were identified as Abdul Ahad, 26, Riaz Uddin, 25, Babul, 25, and Al Amin, 24. The identity of the other worker could not be known immediately.

The fire originated at around 10:00am from the circuit breaker of a generator, which the workers were repairing. Akhtarul Islam, chief engineer of the power plant, told The Daily Star.

The injured were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

## Promote biodiversity-friendly agri practices

Suggest green activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Green activists have suggested promotion of agricultural practices that protect biodiversity, which is crucial to face climate change.

Over the decades most local crop varieties disappeared, and the new varieties mainly promoted by the multinational corporations are playing role to destruct the biodiversity for excessive requirements of chemical fertilisers, pesticides and water, they said.

The observations came at a discussion

titled "Reclaiming our rice and biodiversity" jointly organised by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), Shikkha Shastha Unnayan Karzakram (Shishuk) and Pesticide Action Network Asia & the Pacific at the Dhaka Reporters Unity in the capital yesterday.

"With the increased population, food production has to be increased. But, that does not mean that we will destroy our biodiversity," said Prof Anu Muhammad of Jahangirnagar University.

Underground water table in most part of

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## PM stresses power conservation again

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reminded ministers and top government officials of her earlier directive on power conservation.

At the weekly cabinet meeting, she told them to set the air conditioners in their offices above 25 degrees Celsius to save power. It was a prompt reaction when she noticed some ministers in suit and tie in this hot summer, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury told The Daily Star.

The PM also advised them to wear summer clothes to work. When the whole country is experiencing an acute power shortage, they should set examples of careful use of power for others to follow, Hasina said at the meeting.

Speaking further on the issue, she said people in Japan and Singapore wore light clothes at work and fixed the temperature in

air conditioners above 25 degrees Celsius to save power.

Hasina also asked the ministers and lawmakers to be sincere about joining parliament regularly and to make the House more vibrant, said Matia, also a member of the ruling Awami League Presidium.

The cabinet had a discussion on power generation from waste. As a by-product, this power generation will make waste management easier and save the environment from pollution.

Primarily, Chittagong and Rajshahi will be considered for setting up of waste-based power plants. Sources in the cabinet quoted Forest and Environment Minister Hasan Mahmud as saying that some foreign countries like Sweden and Italy had shown interest in setting up such power plants in Bangladesh.

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## নন-লাইফ বীমাকারীর জন্য এজেন্সী কমিশন ব্যয়ের সীমা ১৫% নির্ধারণ

বীমা উন্নয়ন ও নিয়ন্ত্রণ কর্তৃপক্ষ জারীকৃত সার্কুলার নং নন-লাইফ-৩২/২০১২, তারিখ ১লা এপ্রিল, ২০১২ ইং অনুযায়ী কোন নন-লাইফ বীমাকারী বীমা পলিসি ইস্যু করার ক্ষেত্রে পরিশোধযোগ্য প্রিমিয়ামের ১৫ শতাংশের অধিক কমিশন অথবা অন্য কোন প্রকার পারিশ্রমিক কোন বীমা এজেন্টকে প্রদান অথবা প্রদানের চুক্তি এবং কোন বীমা এজেন্ট অন্য কোন প্রকার পারিশ্রমিক প্রদান করতে পারবে না।

বীমা উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ তাদের সার্কুলার নং নন-লাইফ-৩২ (ক)/২০১২, তারিখ ১২ই এপ্রিল, ২০১২ইং দ্বারা সকল বীমাকারীকে (নন-লাইফ) অবগত করেছেন যে, কোন বীমাকারী উপরোক্ত নির্দেশনা লঙ্ঘন করিলে সংশ্লিষ্ট লঙ্ঘনকারীর বিরুদ্ধে বিদ্যমান আইন অনুযায়ী কঠোর শাস্তিমূলক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে। এতদ্বারা সকল নন-লাইফ বীমাকারীকে উপরোক্ত নির্দেশনা মেনে চলার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে।

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## Khokan shown arrested in bus driver killing case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP leader Khairul Kabir Khokan was shown arrested yesterday in a case filed for killing a bus driver by torching his vehicle on April 21, in the capital's Khilgaon, on the eve of a hartal.

Police also sought a 10-day remand to interrogate him about the incident.

Fourth Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Saifur Rahman fixed June 12 for the hearing on the remand prayer and asked the police to submit a progress report of investigation into the case.

The court also sent Khokan to prison and asked the jail authorities to produce him before the court for the next hearing. Khokan was first arrested on May 17 during the opposition-called hartal protesting an order sending 33 BNP leaders including its acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir to jail.

He was re-arrested on Sunday outside the gates of Dhaka Central Jail right after he was released on bail in another case filed for setting a vehicle ablaze on April 19 in front of BNP central office at Nayapaltan.

In the remand prayer, Moksedur Rahman, sub-inspector of Khilgaon Police Station and investigation officer (IO) of the case, said Khokan was "indirectly involved" in the death of the bus driver.

Moreover, the arrestees who were earlier detained revealed clues about Khokan's involvement with the killing, the IO said.

Bus driver Badar Ali Beg, 48, was burned alive while he was asleep inside his bus that set alight in front of Khidmah Hospital on the afternoon of April 21.

After the incident, Khilgaon police filed a murder case accusing 31 leaders and activists of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami of which police has so far arrested eight people including three Jamaat leaders.

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