

Nepal bus crash kills 38 pilgrims

AFP, Kathmandu

At least 38 pilgrims were killed yesterday when an overcrowded bus carrying them from India to a Hindu festival in southern Nepal swerved off a highway and plunged into a deep river.

The bus was taking the devotees -- 35 of whom were from the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh -- to a temple in Nawalparasi district, 150 kilometres west of Kathmandu, police inspector Deepak Raya told AFP from the crash site.

He said the survivors had told police there were around 75 people on board before the vehicle fell into the Gandak river, on Nepal's border with India. Three of the dead are Nepalis, he added.

"We are yet to find out the cause of the accident. The water level in the river was high as it is monsoon time so the bus on its way to Triveni sank... after skidding away from the road," Raya told AFP.

"Many of those who died are from Maharajanjan district of Uttar Pradesh. They



were here to attend the annual religious festival at Triveni and worship Lord Shiva, the Hindu god."

More than 100 police officers and soldiers have been deployed to scour the Gandak and its banks for survivors.

Forget school

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madrasas and 10 colleges.

Earlier in December, 2009 the government issued a notification forbidding closure of schools and queuing up of students during visits of government high-ups.

The home minister visited Charfassion upazila to inaugurate the newly constructed buildings of Dakkhin Char Aicha and Shashibhushan police stations.

Students of all the educational institutions were earlier asked to queue up on both sides of Bhola-Charfassion-Kachchhapia road to welcome the minister, and the teachers to attend her meeting with the local elite.

The administration organised the meeting held at Dakkhin Aicha Secondary School ground at 12:00 noon.

Contacted, Secretary of Bangladesh Shikshak Samity,

Charfassion upazila unit, Nazrul Islam admitted that at least 70 educational institutions in the upazila suspended classes and many of those deferred examinations scheduled for Saturday.

He, however, said, "We never asked these institutions to suspend the classes on the day."

When asked, the heads of five educational institutions said they had suspended classes as they were asked to ensure that their students queued up to greet the home minister.

And they deferred the examinations scheduled for Saturday to July 15 and 28 as per directive of the Upazila Shikshak Samity, they added.

The five included Md Shahjahan, Harunur Rashid and Kamaluddin, headmasters of Dularhat, Keramatganj and Shashibhushan secondary schools, Principal of Janata Bazar College Shikharani

Majumdar and Principal of Karimjan Mohila Madrasa Moulana Abdul Khalek.

Besides, guardians of many students echoed their views.

Asked, Bashir Ahmed, Bhola superintendent of police, said the meeting with the home minister was held on an abandoned field without hampering regular activities of any educational institution.

Mokammel Huq, Bhola education officer, said the authorities never asked any institutions to suspend classes or defer examinations.

Contacted, a high official of the home ministry said classes and examinations in any academic institutions of Charfassion were not affected since the minister visited Dakkhin Char Aicha at around 11:00am and Shashibhushan at around 4:30pm.

Preferring anonymity, he also said they did not know whether the authorities of the institutions suspended

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Suhrawardy Hall and Madar Baksh Hall premises at about 12:15am.

In another development, a student of Government MC College in Sylhet, filed a case against 41 leaders and activists of the ruling party's student front over the torching of a century-old hostel of the college on July 8.

BCL activists Soheli Rana and Emran Hossain were injured in the clash on the RU campus. Soheli was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital with bullet wounds in the head.

One BCL group was led by RU Chhatra League President Ahmed Ali and the other by its General Secretary Abu Hossain Dipu.

On information, police rushed to the campus after 12:30am and brought the situation under control. They were raiding the halls.

CASE AGAINST BCL LEADERS, ACTIVISTS

Resident student Atiqur Rahman Atiq, a third year student of the English department, filed the case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court yesterday.

District unit President of Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Pankaj Purakayastha, MC College BCL President Tajim Uddin, Sylhet Government College BCL President Debangshu Das Mithu and others were made accused in the case on charge of burning the hostel rooms, including his one.

With this, five cases have been filed over the incidents which took place that night. Taking the case into cognisance yesterday, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate of Sylhet Abul Quasem ordered the officer-in-charge of Shahporan Police Station to investigate the allegation, and file an FIR, if the allegations are found to be true.

It may be recalled that on the afternoon of July 8, activists of the BCL and Jamaat-e-Islami-backed Islami Chhatra Shibir clashed on the campus, leaving at least 20 people injured. Following the clash, the BCL activists allegedly torched at least 42 rooms of the college hostel, forcing the Shibir men out, eye-witnesses said.

After the BCL activists went out of the campus and began patrolling the adjoining area, they clashed with the Juba League men, which according to the locals was a result of previous enmity. Around 18 people were injured during the incident, locals say.

The next day, the college was declared shut for an indefinite period.

The four other cases were filed by hostel Superintendent Md Bashir Uddin, city Juba League Joint Secretary Asaduzzaman, district BCL Joint Secretary SR Rubel and BCL activist Shawkat Hossain Manik, also a resident of the hostel.

Police, however, have not filed any case over the arson incident.

Two probe committees -- one formed by the district administration and the other by the college authorities -- have been formed to

look into the arson attack.

Meanwhile, in a case filed regarding the clash and vandalism outside the college campus, eighteen of the accused, including district AL Sports and Cultural Affairs Secretary Ranjit Sarker and district BCL Joint Secretary SR Rubel obtained interim bail yesterday.

Judge of the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Court granted the bail.

Court sources said the Juba League's Asaduzzaman, also a businessman at Tilagarh Bazar, filed the case on July 13 with the Shahporan Police Station against 26 named and 15 to 20 unnamed activists for vandalising his business firm on the night of July 8.

Ward Councillor Azadur Rahman Azad and district BCL president Pankaj Purakayastha were also made accused in the case.

However, Azad claimed that the complainant had no

IFAD chief due

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future partnership scopes.

He will travel to Sunamganj to see for himself progress on the IFAD-supported Sunamganj Community Based Resource Management Project that aims at improving the lives of the poor people.

Nwanze will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, meet Finance Minister AMA Muhith and Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, an IFAD press release issued yesterday from Rome and Dhaka said.

During his three-day stay, the IFAD president will also sign with Bangladesh government a financing agreement of \$55 million IFAD loan, a \$1 million IFAD grant and a \$30 million Spanish Trust Fund loan for the Haor Infrastructure and Livelihood Enhancement Project.

IFAD hopes this project would help reduce poverty in five districts of the haor basin -- Netrakona, Habiganj, Brahmanbaria, Kishoreganj and Sunamganj, the statement added.

Cricket taken

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the state machinery has allowed controversial MLM business to flourish in Bangladesh. Many MLM companies have already swindled people out of crores of taka.

However, BCB President AHM Mustafa Kamal doesn't see anything wrong in accepting an MLM company as a sponsor of the national cricket team.

"Is there anything in black and white that we cannot take sponsor money from an MLM company?" asked Kamal.

"Neway offered the BCB the highest amount of Tk 1 crore, and if I did not accept the offer, you [journalists] would have written against me."

"I did nothing wrong. If anything had been reported against the Neway like other MLM companies, I would not have awarded it the contract."

He said the BCB kept Destiny away for its controversial activities that had been exposed in the media.

Kamal claimed there was no other offer at that time. He said the BCB allowed Neway to become a sponsor of the cricket team just four to five days before the tournament began on March 11.

But in reality, the board made the announcement on Neway's sponsorship at a briefing on March 1.

The BCB president said cricket is an expensive game and one needs money to run the show. He said when he took charge of the BCB three years ago, it had Tk 40 crore in fixed deposits that now stands at Tk 150 crore.

"I have to look after the board's interests. I don't get any money from the government," said Kamal, also lawmaker of the ruling Awami League.

Wishing anonymity, a top Destiny official said they had intended to sponsor the national team in the Asia Cup. However, they were not so upset at another MLM

company getting the deal as it would ultimately help boost their business.

Taking advantage of the absence of any laws or policies on MLM business in Bangladesh, vested groups have been swindling people out of crores of taka by offering them high returns on investments.

Earlier, the ITCL, Jubok and Unipay2u pocketed several thousand crore taka through MLM programmes.

Neway Bangladesh (Pvt) Ltd on its website says it is a Canadian-owned company and started off business here in 1999. It also claims it is a pioneer in direct sales method in Bangladesh.

The company says it provides trade opportunities to people in different sectors and age groups through exciting packages, contemporary compensation plans and world-class products. But the website shows that the company sells only beauty and health products, and tea.

It also claims that it has created 10 lakh employment opportunities to date.

Like Destiny, Neway, according to its website, also has a cooperative wing that claims to have business in real estate, afforestation, cattle farms and fisheries.

Former central bank governor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed thinks Neway played a game with the BCB and eventually won it by becoming a sponsor of the national cricket team.

"They [Neway] played a clever game," Ahmed told The Daily Star.

"The BCB might not have any idea about MLM companies, but Neway justified its business before the cricket-crazy nation."

Ahmed said neither the government nor people have adequate knowledge on MLM business where 98 percent people at the pyramid's lower end are losers.

"The government should have formulated a separate law on MLM business after

detecting cases of fraud by Jubok in 2006," he said.

Jubo Karmasangsthan Society, known as Jubok, embezzled Tk 1,440 crore from investors several years ago. Though the government has formed a commission to recover the money for paying back 160,000 investors, majority of them are yet to get any refund.

Investors of Unipay2u claimed that the company's top management has defrauded six lakh people of nearly Tk 6,000 crore between October 2009 and January 2011. Revnexx, Falguni Trade Int and dozens of other MLM companies have embezzled crores of taka from people across the country.

The latest name is Destiny 2000 that is known to many for sponsoring high-profile programmes such as Bangladesh Premier League and the World Marketing Summit.

The central bank first found out that Destiny has been illegally running banking activities. As of December 31 last year, the organisation collected nearly Tk 2,000 crore in deposits and share capital from people.

BCB President Kamal, also chairman of the standing committee on the finance ministry, claimed it was his committee that first spoke against fraud by MLM businesses.

"I talked on this issue [MLM business] first. My duty is to advise the government, not to take action. It is the government that has to act fast to take action against the MLM companies that cheat people."

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a commerce ministry official said the ministry had drafted a law on direct sales one and a half years ago. But it is yet to see the light of day.

"We have drafted the law in consultation with different stakeholders. Now it needs the cabinet's approval."

First social

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Muhammad Yunus presented the plaque of Social Business City to Pistoia city Mayor Samuele Bertinelli, Yunus Centre said in a statement yesterday.

The declaration that came on July 11 emphasises networking among local, national and international actors.

A programme to promote social business in Pistoia was inaugurated at the beginning of the year by an agreement between Yunus Social Business Centre at University of Florence, Fondazione Un Raggio di Luce Onlus and Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Pistoia e Pescia.

Becoming a Social Business City means to choose the tools offered by social business to address local issues and

community needs, according to the statement.

The major issues local governments have to face, such as youth employment, elderly assistance, environmental protection, can now be managed with social business solutions.

The programme developed by the University of Florence for Pistoia includes training activities and workshop for students; consulting services for entrepreneurs; technical and financial assistance for the start up of social enterprises; activities for the involvement of third sector organisations.

These activities will allow citizens, entrepreneurs and representatives of the Pistoia territory to come in contact with international

institutions that are already dealing with these issues.

The ceremony took place with 300 participants, including Giovanna Melandri, member of parliament and former minister for youth and sport, and Marco Bellandi, vice-rector for technological transfer of University of Florence.

Prof Yunus joined a roundtable discussion on "Social business and social innovation for local development and international cooperation" which was attended by officials of Yunus Social Business Centre at University of Florence, and other dignitaries.

Other cities which named themselves as Social Business City are Wiesbaden in Germany and Fukuoka in

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Terms of reference (TOR) and other information & documents in relation to the Fair will be available from 18-24 July, 2012 during office hour (10:00 am to 5:00 pm) in the office of REHAB, National Plaza, 5th Floor, 1/G, Free School Street, Sonargaon Road, Dhaka-1205, on payment of non refundable amount of Tk. 15,000/- (Taka Fifteen Thousand) only. The interested companies/ firms must provide their own communication/media plan beside Terms of Reference (TOR) in a separate sheet. The interested companies/firms are requested to visit REHAB Secretariat to see some samples of items and for any other queries before submission of quotation. The quotation(s) to be submitted latest by **2:30 pm, 25 July, 2012** at the REHAB Secretariat and will be opened on the same day at **3:00 pm**. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reason

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আবেদনের নিয়মাবলী

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- ২। নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্র আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করে দিতে হবেঃ
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- ৩। প্রার্থীর বয়সসীমা ০১/০৭/২০১২ খ্রিঃ তারিখে ৩০ বৎসর এর মধ্যে হতে হবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র/কন্যা ক্ষেত্রে বয়স ৩২ বছর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।
- ৪। নারী নির্যাতন প্রতিরোধকল্পে মাল্টিসেন্ট্রাল প্রোগ্রামের ২য় পর্বে নিয়োগকৃত একই পদের প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া যেতে পারে এবং সেক্ষেত্রে তাদের বয়সসীমা শিথিলযোগ্য।
- ৫। চাকরীরত প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।
- ৬। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র/কন্যা হলে উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ প্রদত্ত সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি আবেদন পত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ৭। অসম্পূর্ণ, ভ্রষ্টপূর্ণ কিংবা বিলম্বে প্রাপ্ত আবেদন পত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ৮। যৌতুক দেবনা/দেবনা মর্মে প্রার্থী কর্তৃক একটি অঙ্গিকার নামা আবেদন পত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ৯। প্রার্থীকে আবেদনপত্র প্রেরণের সময় থামের উপর পদের নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ১০। আবেদনপত্র বাছাই করে শুধুমাত্র যোগ্য বিবেচিত প্রার্থীদের লিখিত/মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য ডাকা হবে (সাক্ষাৎকার গ্রহণের সময়ে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অন্যান্য সনদ পত্রের মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে)। এজন্য কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।

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