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Fatal crash takes 13 lives

Bus from wrong side rams microbus in Sylhet, 12 of the dead were from same family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

At least 13 people, twelve of them from the same family, were killed and 30 others injured in a head-on collision between a bus and a microbus at South Surma of Sylhet yesterday morning.

The accident occurred around 6:30 am in Tetli area on Dhaka-Sylhet highway when a Sylhet-bound bus, taking the wrong side of the road, rammed the microbus with 13 people, witnesses said.

All the dead were microbus passengers while the 30 injured were passengers of the bus, said A B Barua, commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police.

The microbus passengers were going to their village home in Lalpur of Biswanath upazila from Sylhet town, he said adding that twelve of the deceased belonged to the same family.

The dead are Waris Miah, 70, his wife Piara Begum, 60, their son Babul Miah, 40, daughter Sufia Begum, 25, daughter-in-law Hajera Begum, 32, and son-in-law

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West Indies superstar Chris Gayle plays a cover drive on his way to scoring an unbeaten 75 during the World Twenty20 semifinal against Australia at the R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

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AFP

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Kim signals WB reforms

REUTERS, Washington



The head of the World Bank said on Thursday he was preparing broad reforms at the development lender to make it more effective in ending global poverty and would discuss the changes with member countries at meetings in Tokyo next week.

The annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank from October 11-14 in Japan will be the first opportunity for Jim Yong Kim to put his mark on the institution since becoming president in July.

"We're not ready to ask for specific changes yet... but if we are going to be really serious about ending poverty

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Move fast
Pranab for quick implementation of decisions to better ties with Dhaka

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
New Delhi

Indian President Pranab Mukherjee yesterday pitched for "speedy implementation" of the decisions taken by India and Bangladesh to improve bilateral ties saying people should be able to see things happening quickly on the ground.

Addressing a group of prominent Bangladeshi personalities at the

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Attack planned, police inactive

Concludes BNP team visiting Ramu; govt comes forward with cash, foods for Buddhist victims

STAR REPORT

Questioning the role of police during the attack a week ago, opposition party BNP's team probing the attack on Buddhists in Ramu yesterday said it was a premeditated strike.

"...The role of police was not satisfactory during the attack on Buddhist temples," BNP standing committee member

Moudud Ahmed told reporters after visiting Ramu, Cox's Bazar.

Moudud, who was leading the eight-member team, said it was clear that the law enforcement team was inactive during the incident, reports our Chittagong correspondent.

The team reached Shima Bihar around 10:30am and talked to the monastery

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800 shanties demolished

NHA moves to recover illegally occupied land

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About 800 more shanties were demolished at Bhandari slum in the capital's Kafrul area yesterday, on the second day drive by the National Housing Authority (NHA).

The NHA with assistance from the police carried out the seven-hour drive without any resistance from the residents, as it happened on Thursday.

Yesterday's eviction employed 200 workers and a bulldozer. In the last two days, around 1,500 shanties of the slum have been levelled.

NHA Magistrate AKM Tipu Sultan told The Daily Star

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Bahaz Ali walks to his class at Shaheed Smriti High School and College in Madhupur of Tangail. He has not taken any leave in his 33 years of teaching.

A teacher with a difference

Bahaz takes no day-off, no leave for 33 years

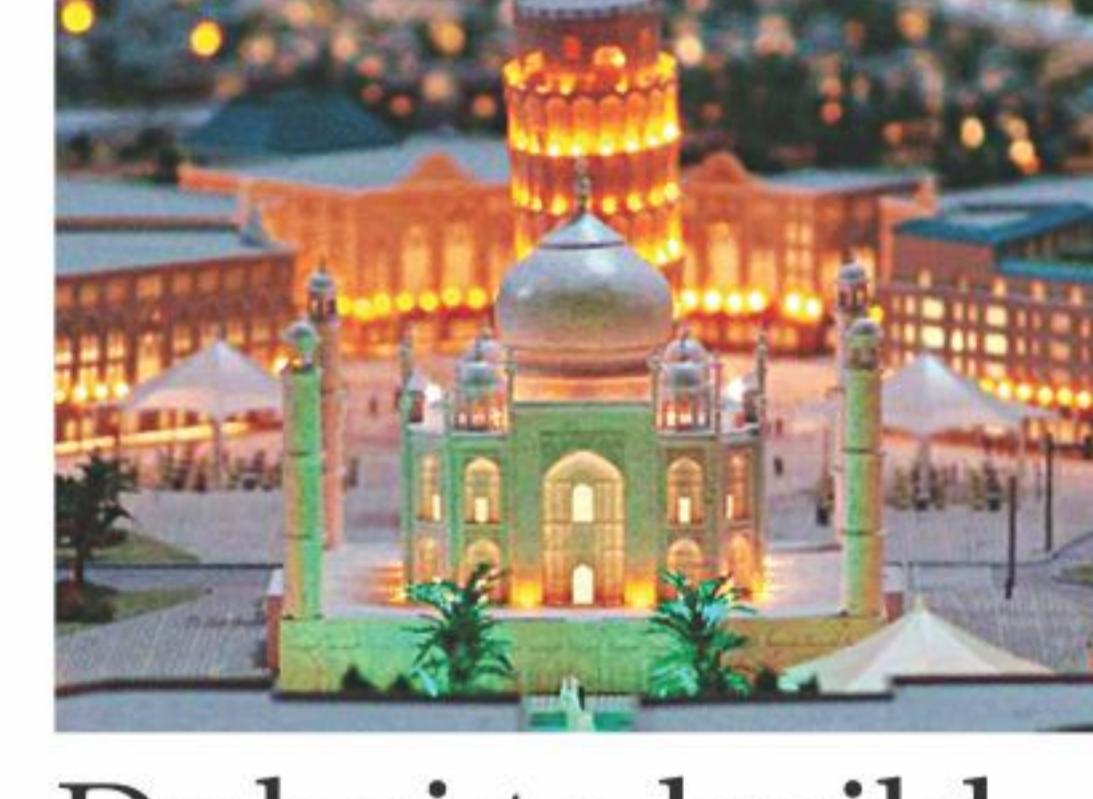
MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Md Bahaz Ali Fakir, an English teacher of a secondary school, has not taken even a day's leave for the past 33 years, setting an example of great devotion to his profession.

Teaching at Shaheed Smriti High School and College in Tangail's Madhupur upazila, Bahaz, 55, has been off work only on weekends and national holidays over the years, despite many difficulties along the way.

Headmaster of the school Mohammad Bazlur Rashid Khan said other teachers in the institution have followed Bahaz's footsteps and promised to work without taking leave.

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Dubai to build new Taj Mahal

DAILYMAIL ONLINE

Glamorous Dubai already boasts palatial hotels, sweeping desert and its very own city of Atlantis complete with dolphins.

Now the opulent emirate is about to gain another tourist attraction - and it may look familiar.

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FACTIONAL CLASH AT CU BCL expels 4, suspends 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) central committee has expelled four leaders and activists of its Chittagong University (CU) unit and suspended another three on charge of their involvement in the factional clash on the campus on September 29.

BCL sources said the central committee on October 3 expelled assistant secretary Kamrul Hasan Raihan and three other members, Arafat Hossain, Saiful Huq and Rakib Hasan of CU unit.

The suspended leaders of its CU unit are cultural affairs secretary Jamir Uddin, education and study circle secretary Mansurul Alam and finance secretary Abu Kaiser Roni.

The BCL committee also issued show cause notices to

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New hope of a cure for infertility

AFP, Tokyo

Japanese stem cell scientists yesterday raised hopes of a cure for infertility in humans when they announced they had created viable eggs using normal cells from adult mice.

The breakthrough raises the possibility that women who are unable to

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