

ZIA ORPHANAGE GRAFT  
SC to hear  
Khaleda's  
plea Jan 10  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed January 10 next year for hearing an appeal filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia against a High Court verdict in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

The HC on December 14 last year, in a verdict, rejected a petition of Khaleda to stop the proceedings. It also ordered to continue the case filed against her and six others at the lower court.

Khaleda in last March filed a leave-to-appeal petition with the SC, through her lawyers, challenging the HC verdict.

On March 7 this year, the SC had fixed June 12 for hearing the appeal. But, the court did not hear the matter on the fixed date.

Khaleda Zia on October 7 filed the petition with the SC for re-fixing a date for hearing the appeal.

On July 3, 2009, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case against Khaleda, her son Tarique Rahman and five others with Ramna Police Station in connection with embezzling more than Tk 2.10 crore by forming the "fake" organisation Zia Orphanage Trust.

## Woman dies as train hits her

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified woman was crushed under a train near Khilgaon rail gate in the capital yesterday.

Police said the woman was walking on the railway tracks going to Malibagh.

Mohanagar Godhuli intercity train rammed her from behind. She died on the spot.

She had no possession with her to track her relatives.

## HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS 76pc female students face sexual harassment: Study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 76 percent of female students of higher education institutions face sexual harassment within or outside campus by campus-related people, a study has revealed.

The tendency is highest in public universities followed by university colleges, private universities, and medical colleges, said a University Grants Commission (UGC) release.

Findings of the study, "Situational Analysis of Sexual Harassment at Tertiary Level Education Institutes in and around Dhaka", were revealed at Brac Centre in the capital yesterday.

Experts addressing the programme suggested that the issue of sexual harassment should get more attention than now for empowerment of women.

UGC Chairman Prof Dr AK Azad

Chowdhury said sexual harassment at educational institutions was a concern for social movement. Instead of looking into the incidents of violence against women separately, it should be treated with priority through a social movement to ensure women's empowerment in society at every level, he said.

The study was conducted by Human Development Research Centre (HDRC) under MDG Achievement Fund with Support from UN Women. Dr Abdul Barkat, study team leader and chief adviser of HDRC, disclosed the findings.

Dr Abdul Hossain, project director, multi-sectoral project on violence against women, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs; Aroma Dutta, executive director of PRIP Trust; and Mahtabul Hakim of UN Women Bangladesh, also spoke on the occasion.

## Road crashes kill 7

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Seven people were killed and five others injured in separate road accidents in Sirajganj, Chittagong, Chapainawabganj, Tangail, Brahmanbaria and Jessor on Sunday and yesterday.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reports, two women were killed as a truck ran them over on Hatikumrul-Bonpara highway near Goza Bridge in Salanga area of Sirajganj district on Sunday.

The deceased are Fazila Khatun, 35, wife of Ali Akbar, and Joly Khatun, 33, wife of Nazrul Islam, of Bahirgola Maholla in Sirajganj municipal area.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong reports, a garment worker was killed as a minibus hit her at Saltgola in Chittagong city yesterday.

The deceased is Priyanka Das, 20, daughter of Anil Das of Khagrachhari district.

The minibus hit Priyanka when she attempted to cross the road before Seamen's hostel around 8:30am, said police.

Police seized the minibus while the driver managed to flee.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports, an elderly man was killed as a Bhutbhuti hit him on Kansat-Bholahat road at Roghunathpur village in Shibganj upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased is Aiyb Ali, 92, of the village.

Police said the Bhutbhuti (human hauler), knocked Aiyb around 5:30am while

he was crossing the road near his house, killing him on the spot.

Our Tangail correspondent reports, a schoolboy died when a bus ran him over on Ghatail-Sagardighi road in Makrai area of Ghatail upazila of Tangail district yesterday.

The deceased is Rony Talukder, 12, a class VII student of Dhalapara Adarsha Bidyalaya and son of Lutfar Rahman of Purua Palima village in Kalihati upazila.

Police said the bus crushed Rony while he was crossing the road around 1:00am, killing him instantly.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent reports, one person was killed and five others were injured as a bus hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw from the opposite direction on Comilla-Sylhet highway at Dharker village in Akhaura upazila of the district on Sunday.

The deceased is Md Rubel Mia, the auto-rickshaw driver, 25, of Bhadughar village in Brahmanbaria pourasabha.

Police said the CNG-run auto-rickshaw, with five passengers, was going to Brahmanbaria from Kasba, when the bus hit it from the opposite direction, leaving the driver dead and the five injured.

UNB from Jessor (Benapole), a boy, injured after a human-hauler turned turtle at Bagachra in Sharsha upazila on Sunday, died yesterday.

The victim is Raju, 3, son of Hamidur Rahman of Kazir Kaiba village in the upazila.

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