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CTG FLYOVER COLLAPSE

Negligence in abundance

Probe finds messy work of contractor; death toll 12

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The absence of safety measures at the construction site of Bahaddarhat flyover in the port city led to the 12 deaths in the collapse of its concrete girders on Saturday night.

A member of the probe body formed to investigate the incident said this yesterday on condition of anonymity. The five-member team led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Khaled Mamun Chowdhury found negligence of the authorities during a visit to the spot in the afternoon, he added.

The site had not been made off limits to commuters and passerby when three girders were being shifted, local people said. The authorities remained negligent though they witnessed a similar incident on June 29, in which several people escaped narrowly when a girder fell.

Abdus Salam, Chairman of the Chittagong Development Authority (CDA), declined to comment when asked why the CDA had failed to ensure public safety.

He, however, said a probe was on and three officials

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The operation continues on Sunday to rescue those trapped under the collapsed girders of the under-construction flyover at Bahaddarhat in Chittagong city.

PHOTO:
PRABIR DAS

MD SEARCH
HC stays effectiveness of Grameen Bank ad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed for two months the effectiveness of an advertisement published by the Grameen Bank authorities for recruiting its "managing director."

In response to a writ petition, the court also issued a rule upon the authorities to explain within three weeks why the advertisement should not be declared illegal.

The bank, its chairman, and selection-board chairman have been made respondents to the rule.

Tahsina Khatun, a director of Grameen Bank, yesterday filed the petition challenging the legality of the advertisement published in a few

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BANGLADESHI WORKERS

KL lifts ban

Job seekers need to spend maximum Tk 40,000 each

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Malaysia is going to recruit Bangladeshis again ending a four-year "unofficial ban" that was lifted yesterday through signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh.

From now on, Bangladeshi workers will be sent to Malaysia under state arrangements putting an end to the brokers' meddling. It will cost job seekers a maximum of Tk 40,000 each to get a job there.

Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, expatriates' welfare and overseas employment minister of Bangladesh, and S Subramaniam, human resources minister of Malaysia, signed the MoU.

The deal was inked in the Putrajaya International

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ASHULIA FIRE

Why culprits should not be punished

HC asks govt to explain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the government to explain within four weeks why it should not be directed to prosecute and punish people responsible for the fire at an Ashulia garment factory on Saturday.

Issuing the rule on a writ petition, the HC also asked Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BGMEA) to submit to it

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Burnt beyond recognition

KAILASH SARKAR

Nilufa is all lost; hers is an agony untellable. To Saturday's blaze in Ashulia, she has lost not one, not two, not three but four of her loved ones. They were the meaning of her own self, her existence.

The 20-year-old could yet console herself if, only if, one could tell her where she could find her parents, a brother and his pregnant wife.

Of the 111 dead, 55 still remain unidentified as the bodies have been burned to coal, indeed to cinders beyond recognition. Nilufa has tried in vain to find her people from among those bodies, now at the Dhaka Medical College morgue.

"I know they are dead, but I can't

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WARTIME KILLING IN FARIDPUR

Widow testifies against Azad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A martyr's wife yesterday testified that Abul Kalam Azad alias Bachchu Razakar had killed her husband at their village home in Faridpur during the Liberation War.

Jyotsna Rani Das told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that she had left the country for India for safety where her three children died at a refugee camp.

"I want justice," emotion-choked Jyotsna, second prosecution witness in the case against expelled Jamaat member Azad, appealed to the tribunal.

Another eyewitness testified before the tribunal that Azad killed Sudhangshu Mohan Roy of Kolaran of Faridpur on May 14, 1971.

"I saw Bachchu Razakar shooting Sudhangshu Babu,"

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Li & Fung to help fire victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Victor Fung Kwok King, honorary chairman of Hong Kong-based Li & Fung, has announced a donation of Tk 1 lakh for each life lost in the fire incident at Tazreen Fashions Ltd.

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PRAYER TIMING November 27	
Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10 5-45
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	3-45 4-00
Magrib	5-19 5-22
Esha	7-00 7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



A photo shot yesterday morning shows flames still flicker at Tazreen Fashions Ltd that caught fire on Saturday.

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Firefighters try to douse the blaze at Swan Garments Ltd in the capital's Uttara yesterday.

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