

## Another injured in Jurain crane fall dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another injured person of the freak accident in the capital's Jurain where a crane accidentally fell on onlookers on Sunday night, died early yesterday.

The deceased, Shafiqul Islam, 26, was being shifted from Mitford Hospital to Labaid Hospital, said Shyampur police Sub-inspector Krishna Das.

So far four persons, who were watching the activity of a crane pulling an accident wrecked truck, died, when the crane was unable to bear the truck's weight, and overturned on the onlookers.

The accident occurred when the hoist and the chains of the crane came loose failing to bear the weight of the goods-laden truck that overturned on the road around 8:00pm, said Officer-in-Charge Abdur Rashid.



Workers of Bashundhara Garments Limited block half of Mirpur Road near Kalabagan Bus Stand in the capital yesterday protesting the shifting of a unit to a new location in Savar. (Story on B1)

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DHANMONDI PLAYGROUND

## HC issues contempt rule against authorities concerned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the authorities concerned to explain in four weeks why contempt of court proceedings should not be brought against them for not complying with its order to remove illegal structures from Dhanmondi playground.

Secretaries to the ministries of housing and public works, cultural affairs, administrators of Dhaka (North and South) City Corporation, chairman of Rajuk, inspector general of police, officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi police and president of Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club Manzur Kader have been made respondents to the contempt of court rule.

The court issued the rule following a petition jointly filed by Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon and Institute of Architects, Bangladesh.

Petitioners' lawyer Raisul Islam said the HC on March 15, 2011 had directed the respondents to demolish the illegal structures from Dhanmondi playground within 15 days, but they did not execute the order.

## Man dies after falling from rooftop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died after falling from the roof of his house on Abul Hasnat road in the capital's Bangshal area.

The victim is Mohammad Selim, 48.

Deceased's wife Rasheda Begum said the rooftop of their five-storey building became slippery following recent rainfall. Selim slipped and fell on a tinshed house while he was trying to catch one of their pigeons.

An unnatural death case was filed with Bangshal Police Station.

## 12 hurt as BCL, JCD clash at CU

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At least 12 Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists were injured in a clash with Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men in Chittagong University (CU) area yesterday.

The injured, Nurul Huda, Hasan, Junayed Hossain, Newton Dutta, Sharifullah Sabuj, Ali Ahmad Rocky, Salahuddin Shahdat Hossain, Mohammad Sohel, Mizan Uddin, Ruhul Amin and Arafatul Alam, were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and different clinics.

Witnesses said the clash erupted around 2:00pm when BCL men attacked JCD activists who brought out a procession at the university railway station protesting the arrest warrant issued against BNP Senior Vice President Tarique Rahman.

## Biman to lease four more aircraft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has almost finalised arrangements to lease four wide-body aircraft to join its eight-aircraft fleet before Hajj, at the beginning of September, Biman Managing Director Kevin J Steele said yesterday.

Two of the aircraft, which will be used only for Hajj operations, will be taken either on dry or on wet lease while the remaining two will be taken on dry lease for five years as part of Biman's expansion strategy, he said.

"We're at the final stages of the lease negotiations," said Steele at a press conference in the capital's Biman headquarters, Balaka.

Dry lease is the lease of only the aircraft while wet lease is the arrangement where an airliner provides the aircraft, complete crew, maintenance and insurance.

Last year several thousand Biman passengers endured immense sufferings as the Biman management had to engage its aircraft, used for regular flights, in Hajj operations after failing to lease aircraft.

"We'll fulfil our obligation to Hajj without hampering our regular operations. Biman will be ready to perform its religious duty, to carry the 65,000 pilgrims for Hajj," Steele reassured.

Steele, also the Biman chief executive officer, also highlighted his two-year strategic plan, which the prime minister recently approved, to see profits in fiscal year 2014-15. Biman last made a profit, Tk 5.91 crore, on fiscal year 2007-08.

The strategy includes doubling the fleet to 16 aircraft in two years, bringing massive improvements in punctuality and customer services, and selecting strategic partners and undertaking several joint ventures in ground handling and other areas.

It also includes starting domestic flights from November, from Dhaka to Cox's Bazar, Rajshahi, Jessore, and Saidpur and morning and evening flights from Dhaka to Sylhet and Chittagong.

He said 56.2 percent of Biman flights, from May 1 to 25, departed on time, the best performance in the last two years.

## Youth shot dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was killed as unidentified assailants shot him on Bagdasha Lane in the old part of the capital early yesterday.

The deceased was Faisal Hossain, 25.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue.

The body bore three bullet injuries, morgue sources said.

The victim's family filed a murder case with Bangshal Police Station accusing two men - Quaiyum and his friend Jhantu.

Abdul Quddus Fakir, officer-in-charge of the police station, said no arrest had been made as yet in connection with the murder.

## Molesting woman in front of cops Court orders arrest of cop, four others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against an assistant commissioner of police and four others in a case filed against them for molesting a 41-year-old woman in April this year.

The accused are Mohammad Minhajul Islam, assistant commissioner of Demra zone, Md Sabbir Hassan Khan Milon, managing director of Trinity Real Estate Ltd, Mamunur Rashid and Md Azizur Rahman, directors of the real estate company, and Md Aminur Rahman Amin. Judge SM Rezanur Rahman of the Third Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression of Dhaka issued the order.

The court directed the officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station to submit a report to it by June 9 after making the arrests.

In her complaint, the woman told the court that on February 22, 2010 she entered into an agreement with Trinity Real Estate Ltd and bought a flat.

On April 7, Minhajul along with four to five assailants went over to her flat claiming that he bought the same flat and told them to vacate it. Minhajul's accomplices ransacked the flat. Moreover, they dragged the complainant's husband to another room at gunpoint and forced him to sign on a white paper.

The complainant also accused Milon and Rashid of violating her in presence of the police official.

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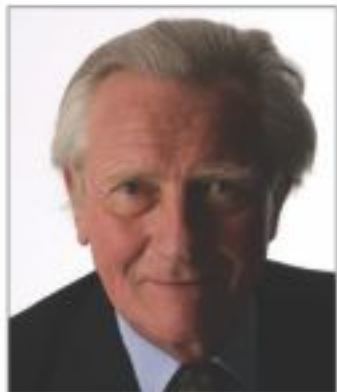
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