

NEWSIN brief

Kamran elected ILC vice president

CITY DESK



Kamran Rahman, former head of the Bangladesh Employers Federation, has been elected a vice president of the 2013 International Labour Conference (ILC), the annual meeting of the membership of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Rahman is also vice president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Dhaka and the vice president for Asia-Pacific of the International Organisation of Employers.

Rahman is one of the three elected vice presidents of the ILC, said an ILO release.

2 Bangladeshis hurt in UAE fire being treated at Kuwaiti hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshis, who were injured in a fire in a pesticide factory in the United Arab Emirates on June 2, are still receiving treatment at a Kuwaiti Hospital.

Contacted, Nasreen Jahan, secretary (labour) of Bangladesh Consulate in Dubai, said the condition of the injured workers is now improving.

The injured are Md Monir Hossain and Nirmol Tapadar.

At least six Bangladeshis died on Tuesday, two days after they were injured in the fire at Al-Nafee pesticide factory.

The bodies will be sent back after completing repatriation formalities, Nasreen said.

Eleven shops gutted in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Eleven shops were gutted in a fire at Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong early yesterday.

The fire, originating from an electric short circuit at a shop at Panthisila Bazar at about 3:50am, soon engulfed the adjacent 10 shops, said Jasim Uddin, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence Headquarters in Chittagong.

Two fire fighting units from Sitakunda Fire Station doused the blaze after an hour of frantic efforts, he said.

Man dies from electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died after being electrocuted in Badda area of the capital yesterday.

The deceased was Rafiqul Islam, 19.

Rafiqul was playing football in the rain on the rooftop of their two-storey residence, said Bhatara police.

He slipped and fell off the roof which did not have any protective railings, landing on the cable lines of electric poles, the police added.

Youth hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Criminals hacked a youth to death at Mondal Dharan village in Sadar upazila of Bogra early yesterday.

The deceased was Sujon alias Kanu, 28, son of Shamsul Islam of the area.

Police said the criminals hacked Sujon while he was guarding a shallow machine of one of his neighbours, Mecer Ali, near his residence, killing him instantly.

Man travelling on train roof dies hit by girder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A man died after being hit by a girder of Koidanga Rail Bridge while he was on the rooftop of a running train in Vangura of Pabna early yesterday.

The deceased was Musa Hawladar, 30, of Khulna district.

Sirajganj Government Railway Police said Musa got hit on the head with the girder while was going to Khulna by an intercity train, Chitra Express.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with President Guard Regiment personnel at Gono Bhaban Thursday after she handed over the "formation sign" to the PGR, making it an independent regiment.

PHOTO: PMO

GOVT RESERVOIR PROJECT 5 Khulna villages threatened with inundation

Bela seminar told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five villages around a tributary of Khulna's Rupsha river face the threat of inundation due to a government water supply project, stated one villager, Khan Bazlur Rahman, at a seminar.

Under the project, a reservoir will be created by blocking the tributary to provide water to the villages, said Syeda Rizwana Hasan, CEO of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela).

Talking to The Daily Star over phone recently, she said the spot for the reservoir is already an area with a natural depression, acting as a watershed for the surrounding villages during monsoon.

If the reservoir replaces the watershed, the outlying areas will get flooded whenever it rains, said Rizwana, who was also present at the seminar organised by Bela in the capital's Department of Environment on Thursday.

"This project will also permanently inundate land capable of sustaining three harvest cycles annually," said Bazlur, speaking for Padma Beel Krishi Jami Rakkha Sangram Committee, a movement against the project.

Locals were not consulted when the project was proposed and thus the extent of the damage is unknown to the concerned authorities, he added.

"Although the Bangladesh environment conservation act mandates that a survey, incor-

porating the locals concerned, must be done prior to approval of projects, it is not being followed," said Rizwana.

Khulna City Corporation and Khulna Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) are executing the project.

Khulna Wasa Managing Director Mohammad Abdullah recently told The Daily Star over phone that an Environmental Impact Assessment showed no such claims.

State Minister for Land Mostafizur Rahman also stated that the locals were made aware through a public hearing.

Discussants at the seminar also stated that the government has already started building a coal-based power plant near the Sundarbans in Khulna's Bagerhat, threatening to forcefully encroach upon agricultural land.

"The plant's air pollutants will endanger the Sundarbans," said Sushant Kumar Das, representative of Krishi Jomi Rakkha Sangram Committee, an organisation protesting against the project.

"The plant is being built only four kilometres away from the buffer zone protecting the Sundarbans. Depending on wind speed, among other things, a distance of at least 25 kilometres should have been kept," said Rizwana.

The plant will be jointly run by Bangladesh's energy ministry and the National Thermal Power Company of India, with the latter having 80 percent ownership, she added.

BOGRA JUBA LEAGUE MEN MURDER

Main accused arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested the main accused of two Juba League men murder case from Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj early yesterday.

On May 26, a group of people, led by Jalal Uddin alias Jhantu, allegedly stabbed the duo - Majnu Pramanik and his nephew Nahid Islam -- to death during a meeting at the house of Abu Jafar Siddiki Ripon, Shajahanpur upazila unit Swachhchasebok League president, at the upazila headquarters.

Following confessional statement of Pias, arrested earlier in the murder case, police arrested Jhantu, 35, his wife Tanisha of Bejora area in Bogra town, from a house in Ullapara upazila headquarters.

During primary interrogation, Jhantu confessed to his involvement in the murder, and said where he had kept the weapons used in the killings, said police at a press conference at the office of Bogra police super.

Police also recovered a foreign-made pistol, four bullets, and two sharp weapons from a room at his brickfield in Bejora Jamtola of Shajahanpur.

On May 27, Majnu's wife filed a murder case against 17 people, including 11 named, with Shajahanpur Police Station.

Later, Ripon, Totla Babu and Pias were arrested in connection with the murder.

Police sources said the two Juba League men might have been killed by party rivals over either a previous enmity or sharing of illegally earned money.

CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2013

AL, BNP central leaders on mayoral campaign

CITY DESK

Central leaders from both the ruling Awami League and the opposition BNP are making their rounds of Sylhet, Khulna and Barisal cities to campaign for the two key mayoral contestants in the June 15 elections to the three city corporations.

They are addressing rallies, attending views exchange meetings, and joining mass contact drives.

AL advisers Tofail Ahmed and Amir Hossain Amu reached Sylhet yesterday and sought votes for outgoing mayor and city AL President Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran, reports our Sylhet correspondent.

For central BNP leader Ariful Haque Chowdhury, BNP Vice-Chairman Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury attended street rallies and a mass contact drive yesterday.

Senior BNP leader Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury will join the campaign today and BNP Vice Chairman Dr Osman Faruque will be in Sylhet in a day or two.

In Barisal, some five senior leaders, including Amu and AL Joint General Secretary Mahbul Alam Hanif, campaigned for outgoing mayor and city AL President Shawkat Hossain Hiron in the last week, reports our Barisal correspondent.

BNP Vice President Abdullah Al Noman, ex-lawmaker Maj (ret) Hafizuddin Ahmed, and central leader Selima Rahman are campaigning for opposition-backed contender and district BNP leader Ahsan Habib Kamal.

AL presidium member Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim arrived in Khulna city yesterday and canvassed voters for outgoing mayor and city AL President Talukder Abdul Khaleque, reports our Khulna correspondent. Tofail Ahmed will arrive here by Sunday.

A local leader said BNP standing committee member Gayeswar Chandra Roy will join the campaign for BNP-backed candidate Moniruzzaman Mony in a day or two, while central BNP leader Ali Asgor Lobby will arrive in Khulna today.

Govt plans to create mobile app developers

BSS, Dhaka

The government plans to create developers for mobile applications to secure business from the booming mobile apps market.

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology is working to launch programmes under the government and foreign donor funded two projects, according to an official source.

"Bangladesh could not enter and secure business from the 8.1 billion dollar or more global mobile apps market due mainly to lack of outbound remittance facilities, government support and skilled apps developers," ICT Secretary Nazrul Islam Khan told the news agency.

Outsiders asked to leave Khulna city by June 13

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Khulna district law and order committee has asked outsiders, who are not voters of the June 15 city corporation election, to leave the city by June 13.

The decision was taken at a meeting Wednesday, attended by Khulna Deputy Commissioner Mesbahuddin, Khulna Metropolitan Police Commissioner Shafiqur Rahman, and Returning Officer Mostofa Faruque.

The committee also banned movement of motorcycles in the city between the midnights of June 12 and June 15, and prohibited entry of any outsiders into the territory of the city corporation on June 13-15.

The movement of motorised launches, engine boats, and speed boats in the Rupsha and Bhairab rivers has also been banned on June 14-15.

The KMP chief said at least 16 check posts had been erected in and out in the city, and over 12,000 law enforcers would be deployed on June 15. Adequate security measures have been taken in all 288 polling centres, especially 206 risky ones, he added.



Awami League central leaders Tofail Ahmed, third from left, and Amir Hossain Amu, second from right, join hands with local leaders as they campaign for city AL President Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran, third from right, for the June 15 mayoral election at Kazitula in Sylhet city yesterday.

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NEWS CRED: FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Woman 'commits suicide' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling in West Rampura in the capital yesterday.

The victim Moni Rani Das, 24, was a garment worker. Her cousin recovered the body from her room in a dormitory for workers at about 6:00pm, said Rampura police.

The reason behind the death could not be known, the police added.

DHAKA TODAY

Human chain
Sony Memorial Foundation will form a human chain marking the death of Buet student Sony on this day in 2001 in crossfire between two factions of the then ruling party student organisation; Venue: Sony Chattar, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet); Time: 8:30am.

Conference
The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Sharique and HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation will organise a two-day national

conference, "Sharique's grassroots experiences & lessons learnt from good local governance in Bangladesh"; Time: 9:00am.

Book fair
Oitija will hold a month-long book fair; Venue: Central Public Library; Time: 11:00am.

Roundtable
Association for Land Reform and Development, and ActionAid will organise a roundtable "People's food security and safe food act (draft)"; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 3:00pm.

Rizvi, Zahid freed on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders Ruhul Kabir Rizvi Ahmed and AZM Zahid Hossain were released on bail yesterday nearly three months after their arrests.

Rizvi walked out of Kashimpur jail in Gazipur while Zahid came out of the Dhaka Central Jail around 4:00pm, Shamsuzzaman Dudu, an adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, told The Daily Star.

BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi and the chairperson's adviser Zahid were arrested during a raid on the Nayapaltn headquarters of the main opposition party on March 11.

The law enforcers conducted the raid following cocktail blasts and vandalism in front of the BNP office and picked up more than 150 leaders and activists of the BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance.

A number of cases were filed over the March 11 incidents.

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