

NEWS IN brief

Long tailbacks occur on Dhaka-Ctg road

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla
Thousands of commuters had to endure immense suffering due to two consecutive tailbacks on Dhaka-Chittagong highway near Comilla yesterday. A 30-kilometer traffic gridlock occurred on Raypur-Daudkandi road after a covered-van overturned around 3:30am. Gouripur highway police removed the vehicle around 9:00am and the traffic started to ease after six hours. However, the traffic worsened again when another covered-van collided head-on with a truck at Nurpur around 10:30am; clogging the road up to Kalakochua for some four hours.

Enayet new ambassador to Jordan

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
The government has decided to appoint Muhammad Enayet Hussain, currently serving as the consular general of Bangladesh in Los Angeles, as the new ambassador of Bangladesh to Jordan, according to the foreign ministry. He previously served in the Bangladesh consulate general in Jeddah and Bangladesh missions in Brunei, Doha and Berlin in various capacities.

Schoolgirl found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A schoolgirl was found dead in a waterbody in the capital's East Badda yesterday, two days after she went missing. Badda police recovered the floating body of Tamanna Akhter, 12, a sixth-grader, and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy. Tamanna went missing on Wednesday when she went out for buying a shampoo, said Tamanna's father.

China for sharing armed forces expertise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Chinese embassy in Dhaka emphasised strengthening ties between the armed forces of China and Bangladesh through exchanging training and experts. Defence procurement, training programmes and defence technology transfer will be enhanced through joint efforts of the two armed forces, said a Chinese embassy press release yesterday. The Chinese embassy on Thursday hosted a grand reception on the occasion of the 86th founding anniversary of the Chinese People's liberation Army at Hotel Radisson in the capital.

Mugger beaten to death in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur
An unidentified mugger was beaten to death by a mob on Banmala road at Dattapara in Tongi of Gazipur yesterday. Police said locals managed to catch him after his group snatched a bag containing Tk 30,000 from Kohinur Begum. On information, police rescued him and took him to Tongi hospital where doctors declared him dead. The body was sent to Gazipur Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

10 hurt in BNP factional clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Around 10 people were injured in a clash between two factions of BNP on Jurain Commissioner Road at Kadamtali in the capital yesterday afternoon. The clash ensued when the group, led by former lawmaker Salahuddin's son Robin, attacked the activists loyal to Kadamtali Thana BNP President Mir Hossain Miru, while the latter were trying to organise an iftar party there, said Kadamtali police. Three motorbikes were also vandalised on the spot, said Sub-inspector Zakir Hossain. There was a long standing feud between Miru and Salahuddin to establish supremacy in the area, said the SI while talking to The Daily Star. The trouble makers had left the spot before the police arrived there, said SI Zakir. However, Salahuddin said neither he nor his son were involved with the clash.

MV Hope's 2nd officer arrives home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
The second officer of Bangladeshi cargo vessel MV Hope, which tilted in the Andaman Sea off Thailand's coast early July 4, reached home yesterday after receiving treatment in a Thai hospital for 21 days. Mohammad Mobarak Hossain reached Dhaka at noon on a Thai Airways flight from Bangkok and arrived at Chittagong Shah Amanat International Airport in the afternoon, said Mohammad Musa, brother-in-law of the victim. Mobarak, along with two other crewmen Raek Fairouz and Mushfiqur Rahman, were rescued from the sea by the crew of merchant vessel, MV Bux Lagoon, on July 5, a day after the ship tilted. Since then, Mobarak had been treated in a hospital at Phuket. Nine of the 17 crewmen of the ship were rescued alive, while the bodies of two were recovered. The six others, including the captain, are still missing.



Two huge buildings of Sylhet Engineering College, located just outside Sylhet city, lie in disuse since its inception in 2006 because of absence of teaching faculty. Only 12 visiting teachers are running one of the three departments while the two other departments do not have any students enrolled. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

SYLHET ENGINEERING COLLEGE Two buildings remain unused since 2006

Visiting teachers running one department; Remaining two yet to start functioning due to absence of teachers

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet
Despite having adequate structures and Tk 12 crore worth of laboratory equipment, Sylhet Engineering College (SEC) is struggling to run one department, let alone admit students in the remaining two, due to absence of permanent teachers since its 2006 inauguration. Around 12 visiting teachers from Shahjalal University of Engineering and Technology, MC College and private universities in Sylhet have been running the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, having a capacity of 60 students. However, the crisis of teachers had prompted SEC to refrain from enrolling students in the 2010-11 session. The remaining Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, and Department of Civil Engineering, having the same capacity, exist in name only. Two buildings allotted for the departments lie vacant. The government-run institution does not even have a principal. Its acting principal is Sushanta Kumar Bosu, principal of Sylhet Polytechnic Institute. In a recent meet with The Daily Star, Sushanta said SEC requires at least 100 permanent teachers and staff to run its three departments. Students enrolling in SEC have staged demonstrations and submitted memorandums to the finance and education ministries in the past five years to no effect. A number of educationalists, including Principal Aaur Rahman Pir and ANAA Mahub Ahmed, told The Daily Star that the appointment might have been stalled as SEC was founded during the previous government's tenure. Talking to The Daily Star recently, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said the previous government constructed the buildings and procured the equipments but did not create posts for the teaching staff. He said steps were being taken to appoint teachers, which might be possible within this fiscal. Ending in 2007, the construction of SEC on an eight-acre land surrounded by scenic hills in Sylhet city's suburban Baluchar took two years costing Tk 51 crore. The construction comprised a laboratory, a library, three academic and an administrative building and the principal's, teachers' and staff quarters. The first batch of 60 students was enrolled in the 2007-08 session, said SEC Registrar Selim Ahmed, adding that that batch passed out successfully and the graduates were working at reputed institutions. Students were enrolled for the next three years, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2011-12, except for the 2010-11 session. Now SEC has 208 students, including 45 females, he added. The education ministry has prepared a structure for SEC with 85 posts, including that of the principal, and it would be soon placed before the finance ministry for approval, said Selim. A meeting has been called at the education ministry on August 4 to discuss the appointment procedures, informed acting principal Sushanta.

Bus driver shot dead by robbers in Feni

Helper drives vehicle to save passengers

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni
The driver of a passenger bus was shot dead by a gang of robbers in Daudpur bridge area in Feni yesterday. The dead is Abu Taher, 55, of Mirsarai upazila of Chittagong. Witnesses said when some cloth traders were going to Dhaka in the reserved bus of Saudi Paribahan, the robbers tried to halt it by hurling brick chips at them around 3:00am. When the driver started to drive away, the criminals opened fire on him leaving him critically injured. Humayun, helper in the bus, then took control of the steering and drove the bus to a nearby filling station in Fatehpur. The helper took Taher to a hospital where doctors declared him dead.

3 'kill themselves' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Three persons allegedly committed suicide early yesterday in the capital's Mohammadpur, Adabor and Demra. Sudipto Sarker, 31, an undergraduate student of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, overdosed on sleeping pills in his residence in Mohammadpur, said Kamal Uddin, a sub-inspector of Mohammadpur Police Station. He was rushed to a private hospital around 3:00am where on-duty doctors declared him dead, he said. Sudipto's family members claim he had been a drug addict, said the police inspector. Meanwhile, the body of Mosammat Hassanur, 14, was found hanging in an unused room in the building where she resides, said Maruf Hossain Russel, a sub-inspector of Adabar Police Station. Mosammat's relatives said she suffered from psychological problems and had made several suicide attempts before, said Russel. Meanwhile in Demra, Najmun Nahar, 23, allegedly hanged herself over an altercation with her husband. She was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital at about 2:00am where doctors declared her dead, said Demra police.

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DHAKA TODAY

Get-together 4:00pm.
Dhaka College HSC 1988 batch will organise a get-together; Venue: Dhanmondi Club (5th floor of Metro Shopping Mall); Time: 5:00pm.

Views-exchange meeting
Humanity Foundation, and the Department of Law of Green University will arrange a views-exchange meeting on the use of Bangla language in higher court; Venue: the university; Time: 5:00pm.

Discussion
Amra Dhakabasi will hold a discussion on the significance of Ramadan; Venue: Hotel Mouri, 30 Bijoy Nagar; Time: 5:00pm.

Discussion
Chetonay 21 Bangalee o Bangladesh will hold a discussion on poet Abdul Hakim and Mawlana Bhasani; Venue: Chingri Chinese Restaurant, Katabon; Time: 5:00pm.



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