

Eid joy marred by deaths

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 Shahana Akhter, 35, Salma Akhter, 32, Shahnaz Parveen, 50, Mariam Bewya, 70, Manti Begum, 50, Risha, 7, Sonali Begum, 45, Sabbir Hossain, 12 and bus driver Dilip Proshad.

In Bogra, at least six people, including a mother and her daughter, were killed and 30 others injured when an out-of-control truck collided head-on with a bus at Banani intersection in Shajahanpur upazila around 3:00pm yesterday.

At least 21 injured were admitted to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital and nine left the hospital taking first aid.

Of the injured was Habib Mohammad Halimuzzan, 47, a deputy secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration.

In Madaripur, seven people were killed and 60 others were injured in three road accidents during the Eid holidays and yesterday.

Two of them died and 60 were injured when a bus fell into a ditch near Shariatullah Bridge on Dhaka-Khulna highway on Friday afternoon.

Three people died as a bus hit the motorbike they were travelling on at Gabindapur area on Dhaka-Barisal highway in Madaripur on Saturday.

A man was killed after falling from the roof of a bus at Raijor upazila on Dhaka-Barisal highway in Madaripur on Thursday night. On Friday, police recovered the body of an

elderly person who apparently died in a road accident at Gabindapur area.

In Dinajpur five people were killed.

Three women died and 50 others were injured when a bus blew one of its tyres and collided head on with another bus at Birganj upazila around 2:30pm yesterday.

A lecturer of Bondhomata School and College of Phulbari upazila in Dinajpur was killed when his motorbike collided with another motorbike in Phulbaria yesterday and another person died in Gopalganj area of the district after being hit by a cycle Friday night.

In Jhenidah, two people were killed at Charmuraidah near Jhenidah Cadet College on Jhenidah-Kushitia highway after a truck hit a broken down truck on Thursday morning.

In Narail, an elderly man died when he was run over by a motorbike in Chowgachha of Lohagara around 3:30pm yesterday.

In Comilla, eight people were killed and several others were injured in five road accidents at Daudkandi and Laksam upazila during the Eid holidays and yesterday.

In Brahmanbaria, a woman was killed on Eid day, Friday, when the CNG run auto-rickshaw carrying her fell into a roadside ditch at Pahartali of Bancharampur.

In Manikganj, two people

Eyes on election

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 During their stay in their electoral areas, AL MPs and central leaders have held meetings with locals, highlighting government's successes in various sectors.

BNP lawmakers and leaders also held such meetings, urging local leaders and supporters to ready themselves to intensify street agitations in the coming days and force the AL-led government to form a non-partisan polls-time government.

Several top BNP leaders told this newspaper yesterday that the party high command will soon sit to draw up the agitation programmes.

"Programmes like road blockade and hartal will be enforced to step up the anti-government movement," said Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, a standing committee member of the BNP.

Ever since the caretaker government system was scrapped in June 2011, the BNP-led 18-party alliance has maintained that it will not contest the polls if the system is not restored. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and other top leaders or the ruling alliance have dismissed the demand as unacceptable.

Under the amended constitutional provisions, national polls are now to be held under the incumbent administration.

This face-off between the two main parties has sparked fears of further political unrest in the coming days. It has also created a sense of doubt in public mind as to whether the polls could be held in due time.

The current parliament completes its five-year tenure on January 24 next year, and under the constitutional provisions the next general elections should be held 90 days before that. It is generally expected that the polls will be held between late December and early January.

However, the uncertainty did not matter much for the ruling party and opposition

Buet student stabbed

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 occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Police said the victim, son of Manik Mian of Jamalpur village under the upazila, was travelling with some friends on a rickshaw van in Kishoreganj area.

When they reached Kashiabari around 9:00pm, a gang of nine, all masked and riding three motorcycles, encircled the van. They stabbed Tonmoy at least ten times and left the scene.

Locals took him to Palashbari Health Complex. Later, he was sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition, report our Gaibandha and Rangpur correspondents.

Al Helal Didarul Alam, assistant professor of Rangpur Medical College Hospital, told The Daily Star yesterday that Tonmoy suffered grievous injuries in several parts of his body, including the head, left ear and right hand.

The victim's condition was very critical when he was admitted to RMCH. After a three-hour surgery, he was now out of danger and kept at the post-operative centre of RMCH, the doctors said.

Shiekh Md Golam Mostafa, OC (investigation) of Palashbari Police Station,

said a probe was going on to nab the criminals.

Tonmoy told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon over the phone he had identified three of the nine attackers. "Although the gang members were masked, I could identify the three from their physiques and getups."

Of the three, he said, two were locals and the other was from the capital. He will disclose the identities of the assailants to law enforcers.

Tonmoy, a central committee member of Bangladesh Chhatra League, has all along been actively involved in Shabbagh movement.

According to his family members, including his mother, he has no political or any sort of conflict with anyone in the locality.

He was stabbed by the assailants from Jamaat and Shibir as he used to write articles in blogs against smear campaigns of Jamaat-e-Islam and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir, they alleged.

Tonmoy, also a former general secretary of Buet Chhatra League, claimed he had received threats over the phone from Shibir activists for he and his friends had handed over 18 Shibir men to police in the past one year.

Campus sources say

Passenger killed

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 As soon as the train reached Bridge Bhanga area at Bhatiyari in Sitakunda upazila, an apple-sized stone rocketed through the window next to Priti and hit her head while she was asleep. She gave out a sudden scream and became unconscious, said Mintu, who was in the next seat.

Mintu and his two

friends, who accompanied them on the journey, rushed Priti to the nearby Sitakunda Upazila Health Complex. She was then transferred to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where doctors declared her dead around 12:30am.

Dilip Das, Priti's father, termed the untimely death of his only daughter as murder.

Many passengers get injured by stones thrown by

Govt set to launch

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 Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina is expected to kick off the mega campaign by inaugurating the fair.

Seven motorcades carrying different slogans and success stories would start marching across the country from the day of inauguration.

A three-day fair would also be organised at every district. Apart from that, banners, leaflets, posters and festoons would be distributed and documentaries would be screened up to village level.

Apan Communications, a company owned by Ruhul Amin Bhuiyan Arif, vice-president of BNP's cultural wing Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Jote, was awarded the project through a bidding process.

As per the project, there would be a colossal inauguration and closing function of the campaign to be held in Dhaka.

"The date of the inauguration will be fixed depending on the prime minister's consent," said Director (Publications) of the Directorate of Communications Sachindra Nath Halder.

He said the fair would host stalls of different ministries and projects highlighting success and ongoing development projects of the government.

On the budget of the project, Sachindra said the government had floated a tender as per which the winning bidder would manage sponsorship for the job.

Sources in the information ministry said a few influential ruling party leaders were involved in the project who would implement it by taking sponsorship from various sources including state-owned banks, insurance

Political dynasties

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 peace between the prime minister, Sheikh Hasina of the Awami League, and the opposition leader, Khaleda Zia of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), mean little," read the article posted on its website on August 10.

"A European diplomat says he has just sent two cables to his capital. The first discusses the growing chances of the League's defeat in elections due by next January. The second is about the dynastic succession plans of the battling begums.

"One political party is likely to be missing at the coming election. On August 1st, the High Court ruled that the country's biggest religious party, the Jamaat-e-Islami, is unfit to contest national polls because its charter puts God above democratic process. The court has cancelled Jamaat's registration. A few months ago this might have sealed victory for the League, for Jamaat has been a crucial vote-winning ally for BNP.

"Yet growing numbers now doubt whether the League can win a second consecutive term, and not only because no elected

government has ever done so in Bangladesh," it said.

The write-up also made mentions of the ongoing war crimes trial and the crackdown on Hefajat-e-Islam in the capital in May.

"... the BNP has been in the ascendant. It thrashed the League in mayoral elections in June and July, notably in Gazipur in the industrial belt, hitherto one of the League's safest constituencies.

"In an attempt to reverse its fortunes, the government plans to raise wages for 4m garment workers, who are angry at its failure to make factories safe and to compensate relatives of more than 1,100 killed in a ghastly factory collapse in May.

"A wage rise could sway many voters, but factory bosses are likely to resist a deal. A push against party corruption would also boost Sheikh Hasina's popularity. A good third of her MPs dare not visit their fiefs for fear of being lynched for treating their constituencies as cash tills. Yet no precedent exists for firing miscreants, and appointing credible candidates would probably split the party."

"As a last resort, Sheikh Hasina's son and heir appar-

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 Bangladesh Police
 Dhaka Metropolitan Police Headquarters
 Logistics and Procurement Division, Rajarbagh, Dhaka

Memo No. 09/L&P/RS/DMP/2013/2014/1035 Date: 5/08/2013

Invitation for Auction

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for selling by auction of rejected gunny bags (small) & plastic bags of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Ration Store, Rajarbagh Police Lines, Rajarbagh, Dhaka.

01	Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs.										
02	Agency	Bangladesh Police.										
03	Procuring entity name	Dhaka Metropolitan Police.										
04	Procuring entity address	Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Logistics and Procurement), Rajarbagh Police Lines, Dhaka.										
05	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).										
06	Tender items	Auction of rejected gunny bags (small) & plastic bags.										
07	Budget & source of funds	GOB.										
08	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer shall have to apply to DC (Logistics and Procurement) and have to show the following original documents for purchase of tender documents & shall have to submit the following documents with the tender attested by 1st class govt. officer. 1. Valid trade license 2. Up-to-date bank statement to prove solvency for supply of goods 3. Tenderer shall have to 10% liquid asset (working capital) of tendered amount of the particular item 4. Up-to-date income tax pay certificate 5. Certificate of nationality 6. Ownership affidavit 7. Two copies of passport size photo 8. Vat registration & 9. Work experience (if any). At the time of tender submitting the tenderer shall have to enclosed Bank Guarantee/Bank Draft/Pay-Order from any schedule bank in favour of Commissioner, DMP, Dhaka as tender security.										
09	Auction item/schedule price/tender security money	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>01</td> <td>Gunny bags (small)</td> <td>As per schedule</td> <td>Tk. 1,000/-</td> <td>Tk. 50,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02</td> <td>Plastic bags</td> <td>As per schedule</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	01	Gunny bags (small)	As per schedule	Tk. 1,000/-	Tk. 50,000/-	02	Plastic bags	As per schedule		
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10	Tender document seller's designation, address, date & time	(a) Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Logistics and Procurement), Rajarbagh Police Lines, Dhaka. (b) Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Finance & Budget), DMP HQ, Ramna, Dhaka. (c) Office of the S.P (Admin. & Telecom), Rajarbagh, Dhaka. Tender documents will be available for sell from the date of publishing of concern advertisement in the newspaper up to 26/08/2013 at 5.00pm.										
11	Receiving tender document	(a) Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Logistics and Procurement), Rajarbagh Police Lines, Dhaka. (b) Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Finance & Budget), DMP HQ, Ramna, Dhaka. (c) Office of the S.P (Admin. & Telecom), Rajarbagh, Dhaka.										
12	Address of tender opening	Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner (Logistics and Procurement), Rajarbagh Police Lines, Dhaka.										
13	Last date & time for tender documents selling	26/08/2013 up to 5.00pm.										
14	Last date & time of tender submitting	27/08/2013 at 12.00 noon.										
15	Tender opening date & time	27/08/2013 at 12.30pm (in front of the tenderer, if present).										
16	Special instruction	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject the tender.										
17	Description of goods	Auction of rejected gunny bags (small)= 98,877pcs & plastic bags= 7,203pcs.										

Note: 1. All the activities of this tender will run according to "The Public Procurement Rules, 2008".
 2. This tender notice will be available in Bangladesh Police website (www.police.gov.bd).

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S. Korean bid wins contract to build Myanmar airport

AFP, Yangon
 Myanmar has picked South Korea's state-run airport operator to build a new international hub near its main city, as the once-isolated nation sees booming tourist and business visitor numbers.

A consortium led by the Incheon International Airport Corp (IICAC) was chosen as the preferred bidder to construct the Hanthawaddy International Airport as a second hub for the country's commercial centre Yangon, Myanmar's Department of Civil Aviation said.

The final contract for the \$1.1 billion project will be signed at the end of this year, Seoul's transport ministry said in a statement on Sunday confirming the successful bid.

Row over death figure

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 brother was informed around 6:00am on May 6 about the madrasa teacher's death by an unknown policeman, who claimed to have recovered the body from Motijheel.

Saidul Bari's cousin Ananya Sultana said in an interview published in the report that the teenager, heavily injured, was brought to Islami Bank Hospital around 7:00pm on May 5.

Nannu was found injured around 6:00am on May 6 by some people, who later hospitalised him. He succumbed to his injuries on May 11, his brother Hafez Md Hafizul Haq told Odhikar.

Furthermore, the report quoted family members of Monowar Siddiki, 28, an imam from Comilla, as saying he had been missing since the Hefajat held a rally at Shapla Chattar on May 5. He joined the rally and contacted his family members around 5:00pm the last time.

In addition, the report said Sekandar, an assistant at Dhaka Medical College morgue, notified Odhikar that a post-mortem was carried out on the 16 bodies on May 6. Of them, two were policemen, two BGB personnel, and 11 others were civilians.

The report did not say whether the 11 victims were Hefajat men.

The information ministry in a letter, dated July 10, to Odhikar Director Nasiruddin Elan asked for the list of the 61 people and their names, addresses and family details.

In a reply to the ministry on July 17, Nasiruddin Elan refused to give the information, citing inadequate victim protection laws.

The NGO urged the government to "form a neutral Investigation Commission headed by a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, after having discussion with human rights organisations, which are working to prepare the list of the deceased persons."

The organisation would "submit its in-depth fact finding mission report, including the detailed list of the deceased to the impartial, independent Investigation Commission".

Taskin Fahmina, senior researcher and programme coordinator of Odhikar, told this correspondent that it is a practice of human rights organisations not to disclose information on the victims to the state, if the state itself is an oppressor or violator of human rights, or if there is a concern regarding the security of the victims.

"If they feared for the security of the victims and witnesses, they should have approached the matter through the court instead of addressing it in a letter to the information ministry," Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Nijera Kori, told The Daily Star that a human rights organisation can withhold information if they feel that it will jeopardise the lives of their clients.

The noted rights activist added, "The government's record has not always been clear regarding the protection of victims or witnesses"