



## SECOND DAY OF 60-HOUR HARTAL

1) Shattered windshield of an ambulance that failed to escape the wrath of pickets in Banani of Bogra town during opposition's hartal yesterday. 2) State Minister for LGRD Jahangir Kabir Nanak visits injured Ekattor TV journalist Zakaria Biplob, who came under a bomb attack on Saturday, at Dhaka Combined Military Hospital (CMH). 3) A Bailey bridge on the Pirojpur-Nazirpur road in Pirojpur that was damaged by Jamaat-e-Islami and BNP activists on Sunday night to disrupt communications. 4) Police in riot gear stand guard before BNP's Naya Paltan office in the capital. 5) The ruling Awami League brings out an anti-hartal march blocking the way of vehicles in Mahakhali. 6) A deserted Shahbagh intersection around 2:00pm, which remains busy otherwise at the time. 7) An auto-rickshaw vandalised by pro-BNP Jubo Dal men in Shantinagar. 8) Fish sellers idle away at Motijheel bazar, which was short of both fish supply and buyers. 9) No shops opened at Dhaka New Market, which is usually swarmed with people every day.

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## Mahila Parishad concerned over Jamaat-Shibir violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad has expressed concern over the violence of Jamaat-e-Islami and Jamaat backed Islami Chhatra Shibir during hartal hours over the last two days.

The organisation, in a statement yesterday, also urged BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to drop Jamaat-Shibir from their alliance.

The parishad lambasted activities of Jamaat-Shibir including vandalising national property, blasting bombs in front media offices and slitting tendons of people.

## 2 held while stealing raw materials of medicine at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two members of clearing and forwarding agents were arrested while stealing raw materials of medicine from import cargo at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital on Sunday night.

They are Md Samad, 26, of Asia Treading Corporation and Momin Hossain Majumder, 40, of MEMI International.

Airport Armed Police Battalion (APBn) arrested them while stealing two cartons of DSM Niacin of Square Pharmaceuticals worth Tk 50 lakh, said Alamgir Hossain Shimul, senior ASP of APBn.

## Death Anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 24th death anniversary of Maj Dr Mahbubur Rahman. He died on this day in 1989 at Dhaka Combined Military Hospital while undergoing treatment.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held at his son Additional Deputy Inspector General Md Awrangajeb Mahbub's residence, said a press release.

## Obituary

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Alhaj Anowara Begum, wife of late Alhaj Abdul Chowdhury

of Utarail Chowdhury Bari in Shibchar of Madaripur, died at Winthrop University Hospital in New York, US, due to old age complications on Wednesday.

She was buried at Azimpur graveyard on Sunday. Anowara Begum's Qulkhani will be held at her Moghbazar residence in the capital on November 1 after Asr prayers and a special prayer will be held at her Madaripur home on November 6 after Zohr prayers.

## Driver, assistant held for attempted rape in bus

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The Savar police yesterday arrested a bus driver and his assistant on the charge of attempting to rape a female garment worker in the moving vehicle on the Dhaka-Aricha highway.

The driver, Shamim Hosen, 20, of Sherpur district, and his assistant Hanif Miah, 25, of Sirajganj district, were detained near Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC).

Police said the bus with all its windows shut was moving so slowly on the empty highway that it raised suspicion in Md Mosi-uddowla Reza, senior assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of Savar, who happened to be passing by. The police car chased down the bus near BPATC around 5:45am but one of the three attackers fled.

The victim took the bus, when the driver and two assistants were on board, at Savar bus stand around 5:30am, police said, quoting the woman, 22, who was heading for her workplace at Savar EPZ. The bus zoomed off the moment she got in.

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## Six Bangladeshis killed abroad

Four die in Kuwait road crash; two murdered in South Africa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four Bangladeshi workers were killed and nine others injured in a road accident in Kuwait while another two were stabbed to death by miscreants in South Africa on Saturday, confirmed Bangladesh officials yesterday.

The road accident occurred in Jahara province, around 150km away from Kuwait city, on Saturday morning when a truck hit a minibus carrying 26 Bangladeshis, leaving three dead on the spot and 10 others injured, KM Ali Reza, first secretary (labour) of Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait told The Daily Star over phone yesterday.

Another victim died in a hospital, he said.

The deceased are Israfil Hossain, son of Haji Shamsuddin of Bhanga upazlia in Faridpur; Shawkat Sheikh, son of Jabbar Sheikh of Rajoir upazlia of Madaripur; Nasir Uddin, son of Lihas Uddin and Nazir

Ahmed, son of Nur Ahmed under Singair upazlia of Manikganj.

Seriously injured five victims -- Anwarul Sheikh, son of Abul Hossain of Faridpur; Abdur Razzak, son of Rajob Ali, and Dewan Ali, son of Farash Uddin of Mankiganj; Babul Hossain, son of Sadekur Rahman of Chandpur; and Abdus Salam, son of Jamir Talukder of Madaripur--were admitted to the intensive care unit of a hospital at Jahara province in Kuwait.

Among the five, the condition of Anwarul Sheikh and Dewan Ali was stated to be critical as they received head injuries in the accident, said the Bangladeshi official.

Four others -- Siraj Uddin, son of Abdur Rahman Munshi of Faridpur; Belal, son of Shahjahan of Comilla; Hannan, son of Sajal Fakir, and Abdur Rahman, son of Waej Uddin

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## MISAPPROPRIATING JAMALPUR MUNICIPALITY FUNDS ACC okays charge sheet against accountant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday approved the charge sheet against Mohammad Jalal Uddin, accountant of Jamalpur municipality, for misappropriating municipality funds.

Jalal, now suspended, misappropriated Tk 39,656 between October 2005 and October 2006 from the municipality's bank account, said an ACC official quoting the charge sheet.

The ACC lodged a case against Jalal in January last in this connection.

After investigation into the matter, the commission found that the accused had misappropriated the money that was for the Emergency Disaster Rehabilitation Project.

Jalal had collected the amount through cheques issued by contractors of the project and instead of depositing it in a municipality bank account, he misappropriated the money.

## Children

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the spirit of the Liberation War at Suhrawardy Udyan, where the Pakistani occupation forces surrendered on December 16, 1971.

On Friday, the BNP chairperson told the Suhrawardy Udyan rally that they would be able to free all "illegally imprisoned political leaders" if they could oust the administration. Many of the imprisoned politicians are Jamaat-e-Islami leaders convicted or under trial over war crimes charges.

In a symbolic manner, six AMS leaders donated blood drawn by a doctor and dissolved it in water with which the altar was wiped down.

AMS President Humayun Kabir, General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam Nayan, Maj (ret'd) A Hafizuddin, and journalist Jayanta Acharya, among others, spoke at the event.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Fire fighters contend with the fire on a bus set alight before the Birdem hospital in the capital allegedly by opposition activists yesterday, the second day of the 60-hour countrywide hartal enforced by the BNP-led 18-party alliance.

## N'ganj city's land use pattern changing fast

Says study; blames unplanned industrialisation, city corporation's lack of financial autonomy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Narayanganj city's land use pattern is changing fast due to unplanned industrialisation coupled with a new city corporation having no financial autonomy and constrained by the central government's bureaucracy, says a study.

The urbanisation rate is 3.5 percent in Narayanganj city while the national rate is 1.47 percent, says the study "State of Cities 2012-13: Re-thinking Urban Governance in Narayanganj".

Prepared by Institute of Governance Studies, Brac University, the study was mailed to journalists yesterday.

In just under a decade, from 2005 to 2013, the number of knitwear industries in the country increased from 700 to 1,906, 55 percent of which are located in Narayanganj district, it says.

But the industry owners did not provide residential facilities for the around seven lakh workers. As a result, the workers resorted to converting the city's agricultural land and open spaces to slum areas, where

every 100 square feet is occupied by four to five people, it adds.

In 1978, over 28 percent of the district was agricultural land. But the figure stood at only 3 percent in 2012, says the study.

With financial autonomy, the city government could have made their own long-term plans. But now it cannot function properly due to "limited governance" or interference by the central government, said Prof Dr Ferdous Jahan who led the research team.

The report suggested Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC) develop a long-term masterplan focusing more on economic development and to use the residents' expectations as the legitimacy factor in negotiations with the central government.

The report also said, since its revenue collection mechanism is yet to develop, the NCC failed in levying targeted revenue for its 2012-13 fiscal budget, where NCC was allotted Tk 25 crore against a proposal for Tk 201.64 crore.

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