# Crack in Building Workers of 2 RMG factories skip work

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipui

Workers of two sweater factories abstained from work yesterday after a crack was found in the building at Tongi in Gazipur.

They noticed the crack on a wall on the top floor of the seven-storey building, which housed Fame and SF sweater factories at Darail Thursday afternoon and informed the authorities, but in vain. A group of workers of Fame went to their workplaces

around 7:30am yesterday and came down immediately refusing to join work. But they stayed there for around three hours. However, the workers alleged that the authorities of the factory had tried to force them to join the work before they

left the factory around noon. Tongi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abul Kalam Azad

said the workers abstained from joining work in panic following the crack.

The authorities have been asked to open the factories after having the crack examined by engineers, he said.

PLAN TO TRAVEL ILLEGALLY TO MALAYSIA

### Police detain 23 jobseekers, arrest six brokers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police detained 23 Malaysian jobseekers and arrested six brokers planning to illegally send the 23 over the Bay after raiding a house in Chittagong's Khatiber Hat on a tip-off around 1:30am yesterday.

A case was filed with Panchlaish Police Station against the six -- Md Ismail, 24, Md Yunus, 46, and Md Achan, 30, of Banshkhali; Md Mobarak Hossain, 26, and Md Nurnabi, 23, of Cox's Bazar; and Md Mohsin, 40, of Chandgaon.

One of the 23, hailing from Kishoreganj, Tangail, Narsingdi, Munshiganj and Sirajganj districts, told The Daily Star that the brokers had assured that no papers were needed and had asked them to pay Tk 1.80 lakh after reaching Malaysia.

# Bureaucratic red tape

FROM PAGE 5 officials on condition of anonymity.

"But the files only moved from one desk to another in the ministries of health and public administration for

the last two years," they said. For creation of any post, the hospital administration has to write to the Directorate

General of Health Services (DGHS) first. The DGHS then sends the files to the health

ministry from where it goes to the public administration and then to the finance ministry and finally to a committee of secretaries for approval, said a joint secretary of the health ministry.

Within these offices the files have to cross a number of tiers, where the files are verified and provided

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The concerned file that is currently at the public administration ministry passed four bureaucratic tiers at the health ministry alone, taking up around one year.

Akhtari Mamtaj, a deputy secretary at the public administration ministry, said the ministry officials would visit the hospital now and then send the file to the finance ministry for approval. "The process will con-

tinue for some more months," said a public administration ministry official. The hospital sources said

they usually get about 50 to 80 patients needing emergency response every day. While these patients are

deprived of the timely treatment, the documents to solve the issue remain tied in red tape.

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Discussants at a seminar, "Narcotics in Today's Youth", jointly organised by The Daily Star and American Alumni Association in Azimur Rahman Conference Hall of The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

# Sylhet cop closed over

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and violence.

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He stated that it was the second time Mazharul extorted from him with claims that two arrest warrants over drugs and explosives possession cases filed with Demra and Gulshan

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should take note of the

danger signal ahead," she

Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury

said the "key players of the

political spectrum" should

play a "historic role" to solve

the present political dead-

Eminent journalist

"We hope that the major

Dialogue way out

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According to the con-

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police had been issued against him, he said. Mazharul assured of not

arresting Shaokat if he paid up, added Nur. On November 5, he had

allegedly extorted Tk 50,000 after demanding Tk 1 lakh

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November 10 passed a

bill on the amendment

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did not find any difference

between the present

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from Shaokat claiming that a Dinajpur arrest warrant over a women repression case had been issued against him, he said. Mazharul could not be

contacted on his phone despite repeated attempts.

### Jamaat calls

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was found dead with bullet wounds in the head by the road in Sitakunda's Ponthichila on November 20 after allegedly being picked up by detectives three days ago.

After the recovery, Jamaat and its student wing, Islami Chhatra Shibir, activists torched three vehicles and vandalised seven others on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway and Sitakunda municipality area.

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violence against women and children are continually taking place, said advocate Maksuda Akter Laily of the parishad. She urged the govern-

ment to step forward to ensure women's rights as it is a key aspect of development. She demanded that mar-

riage registration should be made mandatory for Hindus. Ayesha Khanam and

Maleka Banu, president and general secretary of the parishad, were also present at the event.

# try which I do not want," said the former dictator.

Youth hurt in bomb FROM PAGE 5 with a brick at Chatbari of

China Garden around

Ershad says about joining

"Do not threaten us. There is a saying 'tit-for-tat' and we

activists are ready to sacrifice their lives for the sake of the

he told a meeting Jatiya Jubo Sanghati organised before JP

central office in the capital's Kakrail in honour of the new

JP would shun the election if all the political parties do not

because he did not want to be used as a ladder for someone

Yesterday he said he unilaterally took the decision

Lambasting the incumbent Awami League-led govern-

Pointing to the BNP-led opposition's overwhelming criti-

"You too will have to join the election. There is no alter-

native, otherwise a military coup will take place in the coun-

you (opposition) criticising me...what is wrong with it?"

ment, he said there was no alternative to the decision to get

"I am a soldier, chief of soldiers, I do not fear anybody,"

general election

country's people.

ministers from JP.

else's ascent to power.

rid of the present misrule.

contest it.

2:00pm, he said. Shafiq said two local BNP leaders whom he used to know, named Monir and Aziz, asked him to carry the

He did not know what was in it, he added. Doctors said 12 percent

of his body was burnt in the explosion and there were yellowish marks in the body. Both of his hands and

legs, face, throat and eyes sustained burns.

Shafiq claimed that he was a worker of a local garment factory. OC Selimuzzaman said

police found no trace of an

explosion in China Garden There is a BNP leader named Monir in the area and police are trying to

detain him, he said, adding that they were not sure if this Monir was the one Shafiq was talking about. Police are yet to know

whether there is another leader named Aziz, he said.

# Teachers' rep to senate

Student Union (Jucsu) elections. They said as MPhil and

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PhD students could not reside in the university dormitories, they could not contest in Jucsu elections. The teachers have expressed their solidarity with the demonstrators.

Meanwhile, Prof Kamrul Ahsan, member secretary of Shikkhak-Shikkharthi-

Oikya Forum, alleged that although the VC was on sick leave for three days, he took classes at private universities during that time.

He further said the VC's

leave ended on Friday but he did not come to the university yesterday. The VC did not pick up

his phone despite repeated attempts to contact him for comments.

#### Ershad's decision betrayal to nation

: Says Kazi Zafar STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party (JP) Presidium Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said he had : Member Kazi Zafar Ahmad decided to participate in the next parliamentary poll as he ; yesterday said by joining the · poll-time government, JP chief HM Ershad took a clear · stance against the people which was tantamount to "betraying the nation".

He also urged JP leaders and activists to take a stance against JP leaders loyal to the incumbent government.

"Hussein Muhammad Ershad repeatedly stated in the last couple of months that : Ershad, keeping most of the · Jatiya Party leaders in the · dark, put some opportunist,

: confused leaders greedy for ministerships into the . Awami League's so-called allparty government," he said. "Chairman Ershad pre-· sented Jatiya Party before the

: nation as a trai-· tor...Thousands of Jatiya cism at his decision, Ershad said, "What is my fault, why are Party leaders and activists were humiliated and made to feel hopeless by the inci-

· dent," he said. Currently undergoing treatment in a city hospital, Zafar said after recovering he would provide further directives through a press confer-

Meanwhile, Sunil Shuvo Roy, Ershad's political secretary and a JP presidium member, told The Daily Star that they will discuss the matter raised by Zafar today at the party forum.

#### Road crashes FROM PAGE 3

was killed when an oncoming goods-laden truck hit the vehicle on Khochabari-Begunbari road at Daulatpur village in Sadar upazila on Friday night. The deceased was Atul

Chandra, 40, of Purba Begunbari village.

A case was filed.

#### Karmokarta-Karmochari Justice Masud

FROM PAGE 5 He is survived by his wife, one

son, two daughters and three grandchildren. His elder daughter Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury is a judge of Bangladesh Supreme Court.

The Election Commission expressed deep shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members in a statement yesterday.

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