



**Iyad Ameen Madani
OIC hails
Bangladesh's
development**

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Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Iyad Ameen Madani, has lauded the socio-economic development achieved by Bangladesh, and assured support for further cooperation in various fields. He appreciated Bangladesh for her constructive role in the OIC endeavours for peace and development in the Muslim world, when Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali held a meeting with him at the OIC

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This part of Dhanmondi Lake, which is meant for enhancing the beauty of the neighbourhood landscape in the capital, can be easily mistaken for a marsh growing algae, waterweeds, and other aquatic plants. The situation has resulted from the irresponsible acts of the residents who care little about throwing refuse into the water body and the sluggishness of the authorities who apparently stopped taking care of it. The photo was taken near Kalabagan playground on Tuesday.

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**GRAFT CASES
HC starts
hearing pleas
of Khaleda**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday started hearing two writ petitions that challenged the legality of the appointment of a trial court judge, who indicted BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia in two corruption cases. After concluding yesterday's proceedings, the HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque fixed today for resuming the hearing. The writ petitions were filed against the appointment of the judge of Special Judge's Court-3 of Dhaka, Bashudev Roy, who on March 19 framed charges against Khaleda and eight others in Zia Orphanage Trust and Zia Charitable Trust corruption cases. Referring to the Section 3 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1958, Khaleda's lawyer AJ

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**HC verdict on
uncontested
election today**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court will deliver a verdict today on two separate writ petitions, one challenging an RPO provision that allows uncontested election of parliament members and the other seeking inclusion "no vote" option in ballots. Article 19 of the Representation of the People Order (RPO) allows the Election Commission to declare a contender elected uncontested in a parliamentary constituency without voting. Exercising this authority, the EC declared 153 out of 300 candidates elected uncontested in the

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**Male dominance crippling
women UP representatives**

Victims tell seminar; N'ganj Mayor Ivy observes women MPs lack courage to speak for the female grassroots politicians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women parliamentarians fail to present the problems of grassroots female politicians as they remain busy in adulation of the party chief to ensure their nomination for the reserved seats, Narayanganj city Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy said yesterday. "I personally think that there should be no reserved seats. Women should get elected directly. The word 'reserved' is disrespectful for us," she said, adding that women who were elected to the reserved seats of parliament mostly did not have the courage to speak up their minds. Ivy, who won the mayoral poll in

2011 with huge local support, was addressing a seminar, "Empowerment of Elected Women Representatives: Capability Issues" in the capital's Cirdap auditorium, organised by Dhaka-based Democracywatch. Female union parishad (UP) members, who are elected to reserved seats, expressed the barriers they face in carrying out their duties as people's representatives. "There are nine male members and three female members in a union parishad. As a result, the male members exercise greater influence in the decision-making process," said UP member Shirin Akhter from

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**Govt obstructing
local bodies' dev**

Roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Political criminalisation and influence of government obstruct proper development of city corporations and municipalities, and halt establishing good governance there, viewed discussants at a roundtable yesterday. In most of the cases, the elected mayors are considered as titular because the cities are run by different syndicates formed under nexus of politicians, criminals and law enforcers, they said. They were addressing the roundtable titled "State of Cities: Re-thinking urban Governance in Narayanganj" organised by Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) at the Brac Centre Inn auditorium in the capital. Speaking as the chief guest, Narayanganj City Corporation Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy said the scenario of city corporations and municipalities would not be changed as long as "godfathers" of different cities were getting patronisation from the state. Former adviser to a caretaker government Hussain Zillur Rahman said the philosophy of autocratic rule is prevailing in the centre of the government, while another ruling

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**DANDY DYEING LOAN DEFAULT
Court to decide
on trial June 25**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court on June 25 will decide on what points the trial of the case filed against 11 directors of Dandy Dyeing Ltd, including BNP Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahman, will be started. After hearing on the case, Judge Md Rabiuzzaman of the Artha Rin Adalat-1 of Dhaka yesterday set the date for taking decision on trial against the defendants in the case. Tarique's younger brother Arafat Rahman Koko, Giasuddin Al-Mamun and his wife Shahina Yasmine, and Nasrin Iskander, wife of late Sayeed Iskander, and

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Dhaka North City Corporation brings down a signboard with English writing in the capital's Gulshan yesterday, in accordance with a High Court order that allows only the use of Bangla in all advertisements of electronic media, vehicles registration plates and hoardings of the country.

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**200 shops burnt to
ashes in N'ganj fire**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least 200 clothes shops and warehouses were gutted as a devastating fire swept through three tin-shed markets at Deobhog in Narayanganj city early yesterday. Five people also sustained minor injuries when they tried to douse the fire. The fire originated around 4:00am at Shuhrawardi Market and spread to the adjacent Bhuiyan and Rahmania markets, said Narayanganj fire officials. The extent of damage is around 100 crores, claimed former general secretary of Deobhog clothes manufacturer owners' association and the victims. Clothes and fabrics were stored in the warehouses for the upcoming Eid. Machinery and cash money were also burnt to ashes.

Victims claim that the damage is around 100 crore. Traders, who took loans, urged that their interests be waived and they get new loans.

Md Ali, owner of Ali Fashions, said his goods around Tk 2.5 crore were gutted and now he is feeling helpless as he has a Tk 10 lakh loan. The victim traders, who took loans from banks and NGOs, urged that their interests be waived and they get new loans. Fire fighters from Dhaka and Narayanganj extinguished the blaze after three hours of frantic efforts. The fire might have been originated from a mosquito coil, iron or cigarette butt, officials added. Narayanganj deputy commissioner and the district police super visited the spot. A seven-member probe body, headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner (general) Md Mahmudur Rahman Habib, was formed and asked to submit its report within seven days.

**Child killed,
parents hurt
in Gazipur fire**

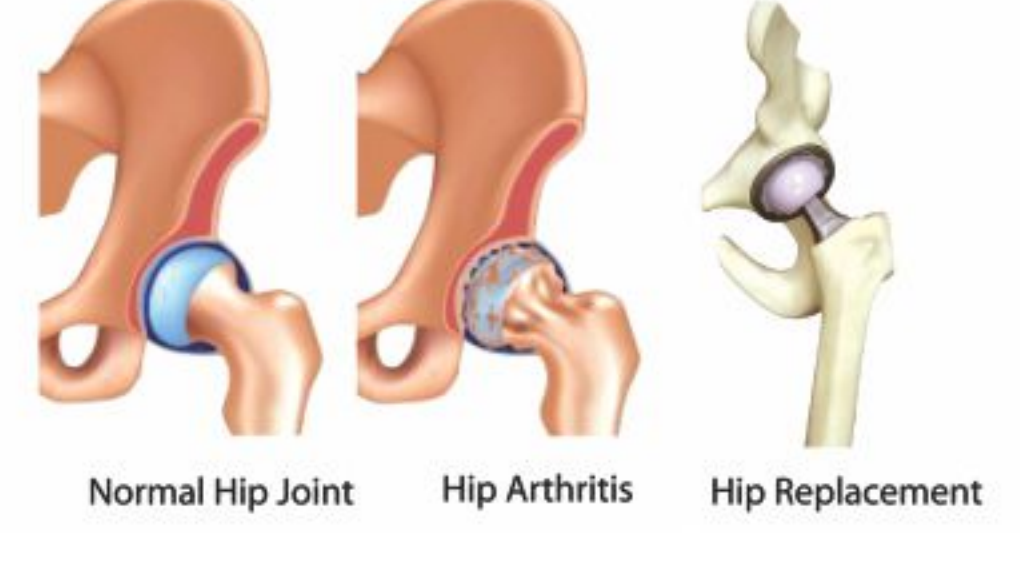
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A six-month-old child was killed and his parents were seriously injured in a fire in their house at Chhoydana in Gazipur city early yesterday. The fire originated from a mosquito coil when the victims were asleep around 4:00am, local Ward Councillor Mohammad Ali told The Daily Star. With 60 percent burns, Fahim Hossain, succumbed to his injuries at the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, DMCH sources said. His father Jewel Mia, 35, a garment worker; and mother Munni, 25, are now undergoing treatment at the DMCH. They hail from Nandail upazila of Mymensingh district.

To Know is to Prevent

Hip Replacement Surgery allows you to feel younger and back to being active!

A school teacher in Sylhet, Nasrin Sultana, 54, spends up to 5 to 7 hours a day on her feet. Despite the long hours, Nasrin says that she still loves her job of being a school teacher, even after doing it for 23 years. Nasrin has a full schedule, even when not at work. As a mother of teenage twins, she is always on the go; she further volunteers at the local Ladies Club teaching the underprivileged slum children. Nasrin developed osteoarthritis in her right hip as a result of a childhood illness that led to a temporary loss of blood supply to the hip (also known as avascular necrosis, AVN). Eventually, Nasrin says, "I started waking up with a little bit of pain. That pain would turn into a great deal of pain after I put in 7 to 8 hours on my feet at work." Nasrin addressed her pain with pain killer pills; but with minimal temporary relief her hip pain again started impacting her activities. "One day as I was at school walking through the corridor, I was limping really badly and I just felt like my students were looking at me and thinking, what is wrong with her? Why is she limping? The pain was so bad and unbearable; I just knew I had to do something about this."



She came to Dhaka and consulted an Orthopaedic Surgeon in an International Standard Tertiary Care Hospital. After thorough investigation and detailed examination, the Surgeon told her there really wasn't any other option for her at that point other than having the Hip Replacement Surgery. Nasrin had her concerns; "Am I ever going to be the same again? Am I going to be able to walk without a limp?" The Orthopaedic Surgeon explained to her about Hip Replacement Surgery which involves removing a diseased hip joint and replacing it with an artificial joint, called prosthesis, which are biocompatible, meaning they are designed to be accepted by patient's body. Nasrin's surgery went well. All the fears she had about the surgery and its related infection risks were dissolved once she witnessed the infection control

practices of the hospital and excellent team work between Surgeons and Anaesthesia Doctors. The Physiotherapists of the hospital helped her long way at her rehab exercises and she started recovering well.



Today, when people ask Nasrin about her Hip Replacement Surgery, she's happy to share her experience with them; "The decision to have the surgery has changed my life. Now I'm able to do almost all sorts of physical activity and I'm not in pain anymore. It's wonderful and I wish I had done the surgery a long time ago."

The successful outcome of a Hip Replacement Surgery depends on patient's age, weight, activity level and other factors. There is no need to continue suffering in pain not being able to walk, taking pills and injections and delaying to have the Hip Replacement Surgery. Meet an experienced and skilled Orthopaedic Surgeon in an International Standard Hospital to know about Hip Replacement Surgery.



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