

## Withdraw reservations about CEDAW articles

Mahila Parishad urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad yesterday submitted a list, containing signatures of 78,501 women, to the prime minister demanding the withdrawal of reservations about two articles of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). PM's personal secretary-2 Namita Halder, received the list from Jona Goswami, director advocacy, and Khodeja Akter Nazma, programme coordinator, of the parishad, said a press release.

Referring to government's reservations about articles 2 and 16.1 of CEDAW, the parishad said such reservations are incompatible with the object and purpose of the convention and are impermissible under international law.

It also demanded that the government take initiatives to arrange direct election to the seats reserved for women in the parliament and increase the seats to one-third.

The parishad urged the government to place a bill in this regard in the coming parliamentary session.

## Road crashes kill four, injure 24

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Countrywide road accidents killed three people and injured 25 others yesterday and Monday.

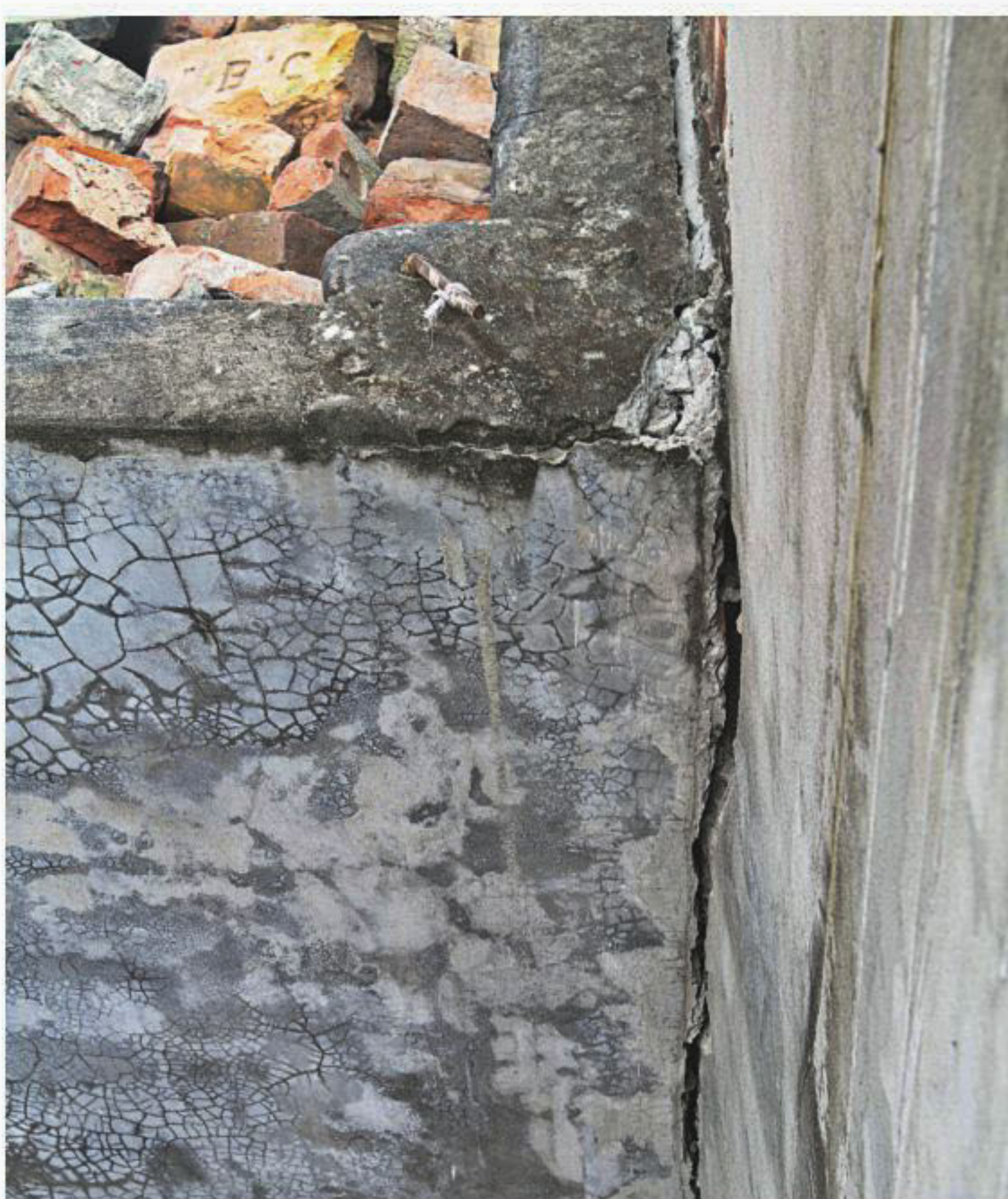
Our Brahmanbaria correspondent reports, a person died when a bus hit him while he was walking along the Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Bahadurpur village under Ashuganj upazila on Monday.

The deceased was Sadek Mia, 60, of the village.

Our Natore correspondent reports, three people died and four others were injured when an oil-laden truck collided head-on with a battery-run auto-rickshaw on Natore-Rajshahi highway in Ramaigasi area of Natore Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased were Janab Ali, 40, of the area, Rafiqul Islam, 42, of Dayarampur village and Tanzila Khatun, 10.

Our Barisal correspondent adds, 20 people were injured when a bus plunged into a roadside ditch as the driver lost his control over the vehicle in Dudhal Mou area under Gournadi upazila of Barisal yesterday.



**Anti-clockwise from top, the grey building was erected illegally between two others without leaving any space around, in Old Dhaka's Siddique Bazar area, and several cracks developed in its walls which were detected on Monday after a chunk of plaster fell off. One of those cracks in an outer wall of the four-storey structure. Residents of the three adjacent buildings evacuating with their belongings yesterday due to safety concerns. Twelve families used to reside in those, which might collapse anytime now.**

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



## Rajuk evacuates three buildings with cracks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) yesterday evacuated around 15 families from three buildings in Siddique Bazar of Old Dhaka after cracks appeared on their walls.

All the three—two are tin-roof and one is a four-storey building—were sealed off with the help of local police and fire fighters, said Rajuk Executive Magistrate Shahidul Islam.

The team also evacuated printing workers from the first four floors of an adjoining under-construction seven-storey building for safety concern, he said.

He said the pillars and beams of the ground floor of the four-storey building also got misplaced.

Din Islam, a ground floor resident of the four-storey house, said around 11:30pm on Monday, a big chunk of plaster fell on him and his son, and later, he informed other residents.

Residents of the area said the cracks surfaced in the three buildings because of the unplanned construction of the adjoining seven-storey building that housed eight printing presses.

They said one Ibrahim Khalil Prince bought the property of the seven-storey building a year ago, and back then it was a two-storey building.

But less than a year, Prince added five more floors, they added.

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## AL LEADER MURDER IN CAPITAL

# Case filed after three days

None arrested yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police filed a murder case yesterday afternoon, three days after a ward level leader of the ruling Awami League Jahangir was shot dead by some unidentified assailants in the capital's Agargaon.

The law enforcers suspect involvement of the victim's brother-in-law Mintu in the murder. None was arrested till last evening.

Jahangir Alam, 45, was one of the president candidates of ward no-28 unit of AL, said Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police.

Sub-inspector Durul Huda lodged the case against some unidentified people.

Biplob Kumar Sarker, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Tejgaon Division), said police themselves filed the case as the family was delaying to do so.

Biplob said they were concentrating on several issues including the suspected rivalry over lease of the Eid cattle market at Agargaon and dispute over the ownership of Jahangir's missing father-in-law's properties, which were under the victim's supervision.

Mintu, one of the top terrors in Tejgaon and Mohammadpur and Jahangir's brother-in-law, is also a charge sheeted accused in

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## Fire razes warehouse in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A massive fire ripped through a warehouse in the capital's Swarighat last night, destroying almost all of the stored chemicals and edible oil.

Five of the fire fighters working on the site suffered minor injuries from smoke and chemical inhalation, and took treatment in hospital, said fire officials.

The blazes were put off after a one hour of efforts from 9:40pm, but there was still a huge amount of smoke billowing from smoldering objects till filing of this report at 12:30am today.

The massive fire was seen from places even 2km away, said witnesses, and nine units of fire fighters battled it.

Masudur Rahman, a deputy assistant director of the Dhaka fire service office, said they did not find the cause of the fire at the one-storey tin-roof warehouse immediately.

Neither the owner nor the workers of the warehouse was available, he added.

## NEWS IN brief

### Cancellation of broadcast policy demanded at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable at Rajshahi University yesterday demanded immediate cancellation of the National Broadcast Policy-2014 terming it a "black law" for the media.

With an evil motive, the government is trying to establish an absolute control over the media, they told the discussion at Rabindra Arts Building, organised by Rajshahi University Lekhok Forum, a platform of writers from RU teachers and students.

Prof Mahfuzur Rahman Akhanda, president of the forum; Prof Rafiqul Alam, former vice chancellor of Islamic University, Kushtia; and RU teachers Prof Shamsul Alam Sarkar and Prof M Azhar Ali addressed the discussion.

### JU admission test begins Sept 13, forms available from Aug 17

JU CORRESPONDENT

Admission test of Jahangirnagar University (JU) for 2014-15 session will be held from September 13 to 25 and forms will be available from August 17 to 31.

Applicants are asked to apply through Tele-talk mobile phone service operator.

The SMS sending procedure is: JU>first three characters of HSC board>HSC roll>HSC year>first three characters of SSC board>SSC roll>SSC year>desired unit keywords>quota keyword (if any) and sent to 16222.

Details of the test and registration procedures will be given on JU website and published on different newspapers soon.

### Two including Indian national held with 1,200 Yaba pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhanmondi police arrested two persons, including an Indian national, in the capital and recovered 1,200 Yaba pills from them yesterday.

On information, police arrested Shawkat Hayat Khan, 50, of Sylhet, with 400 Yaba pills before Labaid Hospital at Dhanmondi and later arrested Indian citizen Abdur Razzak, 41, in Al Faruque hotel near Kamalapur Railway Station.

The duo used to smuggle the contraband pills from India through Myanmar, said police.

### Bring back fugitive killers of Bangabandhu: JU BCL

JU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League of Jahangirnagar University unit yesterday demanded immediate steps to bring back fugitive killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from abroad and execute capital punishment.

In a human-chain before Amar Ekushey premises, they also demanded execution of all the killers of Bangabandhu during this AL government tenure.

Mahmudur Rahman Jony, the unit president, and Razib Ahmed, secretary, spoke at the programme.

## TRAFFICKING OF MISSING CHILDREN

# Trans-border effort must for prevention

Workshop told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An integrated and technology-based trans-border approach is necessary to protect missing children from being trafficked and abused, said participants of a national consultation workshop yesterday.

The workshop was held at a hotel in the capital to discuss and share ideas on Plan International Bangladesh's "Missing Child Alert (MCA) Project".

Plan International Bangladesh and South Asia Initiative to End violence Against Children, Bangladesh chapter jointly organised the workshop with the theme "Every missing child could be a living story of modern slavery".

Ashish Damle, the regional project manager, introduced the three-year project, which will be implemented simultaneously in Bangladesh, Nepal and India.

He explained that most missing children in Bangladesh and Nepal end up being trafficked to India where they often become victims of sexual exploitation, worst forms of child labour, and organ selling.

Sometimes children are trafficked to other countries like the Middle-Eastern ones through India, he added.

Damle told The Daily Star that the data on missing children and the number of children trafficked each year from Bangladesh and India was unreliable.

"Last year, 760 children of Bangladeshi origin were rescued from Mumbai, New Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Bangalore," he said, adding that other Indian cities might also have children trafficked from Bangladesh.

The project with its technology-based uniform case management approach, wherein data of both missing and rescued children would be uploaded, would help identify, trace, rescue, repatriate and rehabilitate missing children,

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