

ZUBAIR'S DEATH IN UTTARA

Another accused remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Zubair

A Dhaka court yesterday placed one of the two accused on a two-day remand in a murder case centering the death of an O-level candidate.

The order came after police had sought a 10-day remand for Ismail Hossain, said Shahadat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Uttara East Police Station.

The body of Zubair, 16, was found in a pond at the capital's Uttara Sector-4, a day after he had gone missing on October 4.

Earlier, police caught Abuubaida, 46, who claimed to be an Algerian citizen and used to play football with children including Zubair.

Abuubaida informed police and the victim's family of the whereabouts of Zubair on October 5, saying that he had witnessed Zubair's drowning and had tried to save the boy.

The family filed the case against Abuubaida and Ismail on October 5.



A childhood meant to be enriched studying and playing is being spent driving a small pickup truck for hire on the roads of Chittagong city. With his feet just reaching the pedals, seven-year-old Sagor in this way is fulfilling the wishes of his father (wearing a white shirt) who is all too happy about it and apparently ignorant of the damage he is doing. The photo was taken at Sagorika area yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Hasina greets Malala, Kailash

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday congratulated Pakistani female education activist Malala Yousafzai and Indian child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi for jointly winning the Nobel Peace Prize.

In a message, the prime minister said fearless Malala, the youngest person to win a Nobel Prize, lit the light of education in the Taliban-dominated Swat valley in Pakistan risking her own life.

Sheikh Hasina also said Kailash Satyarthi had silently struggled for a long time to establish the rights of helpless children belonging to poor families.

She hoped that this achievement would encourage both of them to be more dedicated to establishing world peace.

"It would make the people of this subcontinent more courageous in establishing peace and justice by encountering militancy, terrorism and communalism," she added.

The prime minister wished long life, good health and continued success for Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi.

Three drown in Munshiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Three persons drowned in the Padma river in separate incidents in Louhajang upazila of Munshiganj yesterday.

Of them, Md Rahat, 23, of Dhaka's Bangshal area, drowned when he went down the river to swim in Dahori Nawpara around 5:00pm, said doctors at Louhajang Upazila Health Complex. Meanwhile, Hridoy, 10, and Suman, 8, who went to Shimulia to attend a wedding ceremony from Narayanganj, drowned while bathing.

Govt ready to face Ebola outbreak

BSS, Dhaka

The government has taken all out preparation to face the deadly Ebola virus in the country.

About the preparation, Director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) Prof Mahmudur Rahman said a total of 25 medical teams are working at 20 land ports, three international airports and two sea ports across the country.

"We have imparted training to some 3,000 doctors to face the Ebola virus," he added.

Replying to a query on primary symptom of the disease, Mahmudur Rahman said, Ebola is a viral illness of which the initial symptoms include a sudden fever, weakness, muscle pain and a sore throat.

Later stages include vomiting, diarrhoea and - in some cases - both internal and external bleeding, he said.

Besides, if any case of Ebola virus detected, then the

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Workforce at risk for use of toxic chemicals

Study reveals 21 people die every month

BSS, Dhaka

Rampant use of toxic chemicals at workplace is putting the large workforce of the country at risk, according to a recent survey that revealed that at least 21 people die every month from such chemicals.

"Indiscriminate use of chemicals at workplaces is a common phenomenon in our country. Hundreds of people die annually thanks to their hazardous jobs, particularly in ship-breaking, tannery and chemical industries," said Dr Shahriar Hossain, a national expert on chemical safety.

The survey was conducted by Bangladesh Occupational Safety, Health and

Environment Foundation (OSHE).

As per a report of International Labour Organization (ILO), about two million people die annually across the world due to chemical related diseases, while about 160 million people are affected by such diseases.

In one-third of these cases, the illness increases the number of accidents at work places, the report said.

Citing different studies in Bangladesh, Dr Shahriar said, "Around 85 percent of farmers are exposed to hazardous pesticides and other chemicals during their work, while more than 30 percent of them become seriously ill."

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Gandhi's economic ideals recalled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Small cottage industries promoted by today's economists were envisaged decades ago by Mahatma Gandhi, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

Gandhi believed that economic emancipation can be achieved through small and medium enterprises and rural village based economic activities, they added.

Like most of Gandhi's philosophies, his thoughts on economy have transcended the barriers of time, they said.

The discussion was organised by Gandhi Ashram Trust at Brac Centre Inn in the capital on the occasion of the International Day of Non-Violence, which is marked on October 2, when the 145th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed this year.

Addressing the event, Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, economist and distinguished fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue, said the economic principles propagated by Gandhi are returning to the modern books of economic theories.

Gandhi cherished hand woven clothes made from thread spun on a charka (spinning wheel powered by hand) as a symbol of local products, he explained.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said all disputes between India and Bangladesh can be resolved by following Gandhi's principles of non-violence.

"The common enemies of both countries -- poverty, bigotry, extremism and terrorism -- should be resisted through following Gandhi's teachings," he added.

Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Pankaj Saran said although Gandhi was born in India, he is a universal leader.

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JCD LEADER MURDER BNP postpones today's hartal in Mirsarai

One accused arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Mirsarai upazila unit of BNP yesterday postponed its dawn-to-dusk hartal in the upazila of Chittagong for today.

Earlier on Friday, the unit called the shutdown protesting the murder of local pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader Adil on Thursday.

The decision to postpone the strike came at a meeting of the upazila unit following an assurance from the administration to arrest all the criminals immediately, said Nurul Amin, convener of Mirsarai BNP.

Meanwhile, police early yesterday arrested one of the 16 accused mentioned in the first information

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With an 11-day ban starting October 5 on catching hilsa in place marking the breeding season, this fisherman makes the most of his idle time repairing nets in Kauwar Char in the remote corner of Patuakhali district yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

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Road crashes kill 7

CITY DESK

Seven people were killed and 21 others injured in separate road accidents across the country yesterday and Friday.

BSS from Dhaka reports, two persons were killed and another was injured in separate road crashes in the capital in last two days.

In Shah Ali area, an unidentified man, aged about 55, died on the spot when a speeding vehicle hit him while he was crossing the road in Garaichand Bari area around 5:00am yesterday.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy. A case was filed.

In Tikatuli, a motorcyclist was killed while his co-rider was injured when a bus hit the vehicle on Hanif Flyover on Friday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Iftekhar Uddin Babu, 41, son of late Gias Uddin. The injured is Nazrul Islam, 40.

Our Benapole correspondent reports, two persons were killed when a goods-laden truck rammed a motorbike carrying them in Ulashi on Nabharan-Satkhira Road in Sharsha upazila on Friday night.

The dead were identified as Ripon Hossain, 26, and Mehedi Hasan, 28, of Daulatpur village in Benapole Port thana.

Our Manikganj correspondent adds, 15

passengers of a Paturia-bound bus of Jatriseba Paribahan were injured when the vehicle veered out of control and fell into a roadside ditch at Jagir of Manikganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

Twelve of the injured were admitted to Manikganj Sadar Hospital.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent adds, a person was killed when a bus hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw from behind at Shagpur bus stand on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Shuhagpur in Ashuganj upazila yesterday.

The victim was identified as Gulap Mia, 48, of Borotolla village in the upazila.

UNB from Natore reports, five constables of Boraigram Police Station were injured as their pick-up overturned after being hit by a bus of Shyamoli Paribahan at Rajapur in Boraigram upazila yesterday.

The injured, Ahsan, Alamgir, Aminul, Obaidul and Razu, were admitted to different hospitals.

UNB from Rajshahi reports, a couple was killed as a Dhaka-bound bus rammed a motorcycle carrying them at Belpukur in Puthia upazila yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Shaheen, 26, son of Abdur Rahim, a resident of Binodpur area in Rajshahi city.

Police recovered the bodies and sent those to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsies.

Ensure education for all challenged people

Urge speakers

BSS, Rangpur

Talent of people with physical disabilities, vision impairment and autistic children should be flourished in a congenial atmosphere for turning them into human resources, stressed speakers at an Eid-reunion ceremony in Rangpur.

They said that the physically challenged children must not be treated or considered as a burden of the society and urged for proper education and healthcare for them.

The Rangpur Vision Impaired and Autistic School authorities arranged the ceremony for the vision impaired and autistic students and their parents on the school premises in the city on Friday evening, a press release said.

With President of the Advisory Council of the school Manjur Hossain Chanchal in the chair, noted social worker Kefatun Nesa attended the ceremony as the chief guest.

Executives of 'Dristi Sangstha' Amjad Hossain, Sadhon Roy and Sajjad Kabir also spoke.

After the discussion session, artists of 'Swabdik Sangskritik Academy' staged a drama 'Dristi' directed by Farhan Shahin Nayan.

The speakers said the physically challenged children must be treated as an integral part of the society as many of them have been proving their ability and talent in education, sports and other extra curricular activities like others.

They put special emphasis on establishing more educational institutions for physically challenged children to

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OBITUARY



M. Moyeedul Islam (1922-2014)

M. Moyeedul Islam, Chairman of United Insurance Company Limited and Vice President of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh died on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 2.40 p.m. at the city's Birdem Hospital from old age complications. He was 92. (Inna Lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un). He is survived by his wife and a son and a host of relatives and well wishers.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at The Birdem Complex, Shahbagh at 11 a.m. on Sunday October 12, 2014.

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