President, PM to visit UAE this month

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina are scheduled to visit the United Arab Emirates end of this month to attend separate events.

Foreign Ministry sources said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will pay a three-day bilateral visit to UAE on October 25-27 at the invitation of UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai Sheikh

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. President Abdul Hamid will be in Dubai from October 28 to attend the 10th World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) organised by the WIEF Foundation and Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Officials said Dhaka is expecting

the UAE to withdraw stringent restrictions on entry of Bangladeshis to the country and to resume recruiting workers by issuing work visas alongside visas for businessmen and tourists during the prime minister's They said hectic negotiations are

ongoing through diplomatic channels as the Gulf nation has now nearly stopped issuing Bangladeshis with any kind of entry permits since August 2012 for Dhaka's failure to address its security concerns over identification and use of fake documents and expired passports and visas.

The Prime Minister is expected to lead a high-power official and business delegation numbering around 100-members.

UAE is the second largest manpower destination for Bangladesh after the Saudi Arabia. It now hosts over 7 lakh Bangladeshis.

At Berlin Wall, Kerry warns of new East-West tensions

AFP, Berlin

US Secretary of State John Kerry visited remnants of the Berlin Wall yesterday and warned that East-West tensions again threaten freedom in Europe, 25 years after its collapse.

Speaking where the Cold War frontier once split the German city, Kerry said what was left of the Wall served as a reminder that freedoms "are still being threatened in too many parts of the world, and they are even being threatened right here in Europe".

"Russia's aggression in Ukraine needs to end," said Kerry, urging Moscow to honour all aspects of its ceasefire deal with Kiev to end the deadly insurgency by pro-Russian separatists in the east of the former Soviet state.

"We hope Russia -- with whom we do not seek conflict, with whom we would much rather be working together to deal with the problems of the world -- we hope that Russia will understand how seriously the world takes the efforts to cross the lines of sovereignty and independence of a

Kerry, who spent part of his childhood in divided Berlin as a diplomat's son, had earlier toured the Berlin Wall Memorial which features a 220-metre (720-foot) section of what was once a 150-kilometre (100mile) concrete cordon encircling West Berlin.

It is located at Bernauer Street, where the Wall sliced through an inner-city neighbourhood, separating families and friends from 1961 until 1989, and leaving house windows and doors bricked up and a local subway stop turned into a ghost

The street saw dramatic scenes as residents tried to flee the Soviet sector, sliding down ropes and jumping from windows into the rescue nets of West Berlin firefighters. Later dozens crawled through escape tunnels dug below the Wall and its adjoining

mine-littered and electrified "death Kerry said he felt deeply moved to return to Berlin decades on, and shortly before Germany on November 9 marks a quarter-century

since people power brought down the German part of the Iron Curtain. In a brief German-language

address to a press conference, he praised the allies' "long history of cooperation for freedom, peace and prosperity", then went on to recall the time when as a child he took a brief glimpse at life in the communist-ruled East.

"I was 12 years old at the time, very curious about East Berlin, and I exercised the privileges of a diplomatic passport to one day ride my bicycle through the checkpoint into East Berlin," he said.

"I felt the difference, I actually noticed it, and it frightened me enough that I turned back fairly quickly to come back into the American sector. It was a difference between hope and dispair, between light and darkness.

SI Anwar held

FROM PAGE 1 police station, was also transferred to the Detective Branch of DMP for "negligence in duty," police sources

"We are happy that the culprit has been arrested. We want justice," said Mostafa. Alam and Anwar came to know

each other two years ago, when Alam started working as a driver at Mohammadpur Police Station. Anwar was posted there at the time. Alam, 27, alleged the SI shot him because of personal enmity.

According him, the SI was having an extramarital affair with his wife, Shanta. The police officer got furious when Alam threatened him that he would disclose the matter to Anwar's wife.

Shanta left Alam about one and a half years ago. Since September this year, she had been living together with the SI in a house in Keraniganj. Anwar had rented the house identifying himself as a motor parts trader.

But when locals came to know his true identity and his extra marital affair with Alam's wife, they tried to settle the matter through arbitration. But their efforts failed, as neither Anwar nor Shanta showed up.

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police sources said Anwar had been going past few days.

"He [Anwar] was on duty in plainclothes also on the day of the shooting," said one of his colleagues, wishing not to be named.

He also said a police team led by another sub-inspector accompanied Anwar and his team that night. SAME OLD STORY

The gunfight theory that Anwar gave out to the media seems a cock-andbull story, at least the police action against the SI suggests so.

The SI claimed police had information that some muggers were gathering at Taltola to carry out mugging. As he and his team reached the area, the muggers started firing on them, prompting police to retaliate.

At one stage, the criminals started falling back and police found injured Alam lying on the ground, he said. He claimed police recovered an

illegal firearm and three bullets from Alam's possession. The SI later filed an arms case against Alam. Anwar, however, admitted that he

knew Alam and his wife, as Alam used to drive a car of Mohammadpur Police Station. Police gave him the job to use

him as a source to nab other muggers, he claimed. But Alam said he was picked up

by Anwar from Mohammadpur Krishi Market area on Sunday night. The SI and his men then blindfolded and tied him up, before forcing out on duty in plainclothes for the him in a microbus. Around an hour later they stopped somewhere.

"Your days are over. Tell me if you want to eat anything for one last time," Alam quoted the SI as telling him before shooting.

Confusion over Latif's

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Kalihati two days after he was removed from the cabinet on October 12 for his comments. It asked him to explain in seven days why he wouldn't be expelled from the party.

Though the notice was sent on October 14, it was received by the caretaker of Latif's house a day after. Latif is currently in Kolkata of India.

On Tuesday, AL deputy office secretary Mrinal Kanti Das told The Daily Star that they had not received Latif's reply. When this correspondent con-

tacted him again yesterday, he said he did not know anything about this matter. However, AL sources said a close associate of Latif personally went to the residence of Ashraf, also the

letter. The Daily Star is withholding the identity of the associate upon his

LGRD minister, and delivered the

request. In the letter, Latif said the AL proclamation allows him to comment on

anything, according to sources. Now the AL Central Working

Committee at a meeting tomorrow will finally decide on Latif Siddique's membership in the party. Several party sources, however,

on Latif, hinting that he might be expelled permanently from the party. If this happens, Latif will be the first AL central committee member to

said that the AL is likely to go "tough"

lose his party membership since Sheikh Hasina took up the reins of the AL in 1981. A similar situation emerged when Latif on October 11 claimed that he

had tendered his resignation as the

posts, telecommunications and ICT

minister to the Prime Minister's

Office (PMO) from Dallas on October 6, but the PMO never confirmed this. Eventually he was sacked from the cabinet on October 12 and from the AL Presidium, highest policy-making

forum of the party, the same day. At a programme in the USA on September 28, Latif made derogatory remarks on hajj, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and Tablighi Jamaat, triggering a whirlwind of criticisms at home and abroad.

Road safety steps

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The councils and committee have not even held meetings on a regular basis.

The NRSC didn't sit in more than two years, though the council is supposed to hold a meeting every three months.

The Cabinet Committee on Road Safety, set up last year, sat the last time in February and the Road Transport Advisory Council in April, said sources at the road transport

and bridges ministry. Since its inception in 1995, the NRSC has formulated six road safety action plans between 1997 and 2011. In the latest plan, it has identified nine sectors that are to be improved

for ensuring road safety. They include road engineering, traffic legislation, traffic law enforcement, driver training and tests, vehicle safety, education and publicity, and medical services.

The NRSC also drew up a detailed plan and course of action, and specified responsibilities of different government bodies. But none of those have been implemented.

In many cases, small initiatives were taken to implement some of the council's decisions. But those have not made it to the final stage, said Hasib Mohammed Ahsan, former director of Accident Research Institute at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology NRSC member and film star Ilias

Kanchan, told The Daily Star, "We took many good decisions. But those were not implemented due to lack of sincerity of implementing agencies, and bureaucratic tangles." Requesting anonymity, a top

leader of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity said these committees hold discussions and make some decisions, none of which are implemented.

Contacted, Roads Division Secretary MAN Siddique, however, said, "We are working sincerely to

ensure road safety. The number of deaths in road accidents dropped by around 50 percent last year compared to that in 2008. It is the outcome of our coordinated efforts."

"We are committed to reducing by half the present rate of road accident

fatality by 2021." Hasib said the decisions and plans on road safety remain largely unimplemented for lack of accountability of the government agencies concerned.

"In the past, we made several recommendations for road safety. The policymakers took the proposals into consideration. But the implementing agencies did not complete the tasks," he added.

Around 3,000 people are killed in road accidents across the country every year, according to police records.

But the World Bank puts the figure at 12,000 and the World Health Organisation at 18,000, according to a 2011 report of the Buet's research institute.

Meanwhile, Ilias Kanchan, also chairman of Nirapad Sarak Chai, called for formation of a highpowered committee headed by the prime minister for ensuring road safety in the country. The committee would coordinate

the activities of the ministries concerned, Ilias said at a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar after the citizens' platform brought out a procession from Kakrail intersection around 11:00am. Nirapad Sarak Chai, which has

been campaigning for road safety over the last two decades, demanded that the government recognise October 22 as the National Road Safety Day.

Obaidul Quader, who was present on the occasion, told reporters later that his ministry has identified 144 accident-prone spots across the country and started fixing those.

appeal hearing on Dec 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court has fixed December 2 for hearing the appeals filed by convicted war criminal Ghulam Azam and the government challenging the verdict that awarded the former Jamaat ameer 90 years of jail for his wartime offences. Yesterday, a five-member bench of

the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain set the date after hearing arguments from Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and Azam's counsel Khandaker Mahbub Hossain On August 5 last year, Azam, 92, lodged an appeal with the apex court

seeking an overturn of his conviction and 90 years of imprisonment pronounced by The International Crimes Tribunal-1 on July 15 that year for masterminding crimes against humanity and genocide during the Liberation War in 1971.

The tribunal said Azam had committed the crimes through his party Jamaat-e-Islami and its wings.

In the verdict, it said Azam deserved capital punishment, but was given jail terms due to his old age and poor health. On the other hand, the govern-

ment on August 12 last year submitted an appeal to the apex court, asking for death penalty for Azam and a ban on the anti-liberation political party Jamaat. During yesterday's proceedings, defence lawyer Mahbub Hossain

prayed to the SC to start hearing the appeals in the first phase of next year, saying it was not urgent to hear the appeals since Azam was in custody. However, the attorney general said the apex court might hear the appeals

State minister

soon as these had already been

enlisted in the hearing list.

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government to prosecute the responsible Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) men, the minister told reporters at his secretariat office that the accident had happened when Rab was conducting a raid to arrest a notorious criminal. The fact is a member of a Rab team

raiding Limon's village in Jhalakathi shot him point-blank in his left leg above the knee on March 23, 2011 taking him for a criminal. Four days later, the injured leg of

the college student at the time had to be amputated to save his life. Sultana Kamal, executive director of rights body Ain O Salish Kendra, said, "Had it been an accident Rab would not have filed four false cases against Limon, which proved that the

shooting incident was intentional.

Responsible Rab men should be

tried." HRW on Tuesday said Bangladesh government should prosecute the Rab members responsible for the attack on Limon, which caused him to lose a leg.

The authorities have finally dropped politically-motivated charges against Limon, but have not taken any action against his attackers said the New York-based rights body in a report posted on its website.

It also urged the government to order an independent investigation into the incident.

Ghulam Azam | Gunshots fired inside FROM PAGE 1 don't really know," Liberal Party

City

reports that more gunmen were involved. Heavily armed officers backed by armored vehicles sealed off the building.

There was no immediate word on the gunman's motivation, but the attack came a day after an alleged Islamist drove over and killed another soldier in what authorities branded a terrorist attack. Authorities had raised the security

threat level from low to medium after the car attack, which came as Canadian jets were to join the US-led air armada bombarding Islamist militants in Iraq. Prime Minister Stephen Harper

warned that "facts are still being gathered" but nevertheless "condemned this despicable attack." "One shooting victim succumbed

to injuries. He was a member of the Canadian forces. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones," the Ottawa Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police said. "One male suspect has also been confirmed as deceased," they said, in

a joint statement, calling on witnesses to come forward and for residents to stay clear of Ottawa's downtown area. Later, a police spokesman said two people received "minor injuries" in

the incident, but refused to say whether more gunmen could be at large or what might have triggered the "We're still investigating the active

operation. We're in the process right now," he said. Lawmakers, staff and reporters

evacuated from the building spoke of intense gunfire in the historic building on Parliament Hill. Video footage posted online by the

Globe and Mail newspaper showed

police ducking for cover as they advanced along a stone hallway, loud gunfire echoing among parliament's stone columns. A member of parliament, Maurice Vellacott, told AFP that House of Commons security had told one of

his aides that the suspect had been killed inside parliament. "I literally had just taken off my jacket to go into caucus. I hear this 'pop, pop, pop,' possibly 10 shots,

member John McKay told reporters outside.

"Suddenly the security guards come rushing down the hallways and usher us all out to the back of the parliament buildings," he said, as lawmakers, staff and reporters scurried from the area.

Witnesses at the scene said they saw a man armed with a rifle running into parliament after shooting a guard at the war memorial.

Passers-by told reporters that a bearded man had gunned down the soldier and hijacked a passing vehicle to take him the short distance to Parliament Hill. Police raced to seal off the parlia-

ment building and Harper's office,

pushing reporters and bystanders back and blocking roads. Harper -- who was attending a meeting with lawmakers in parliament at the time -- left the area of the

shooting and was "safe," his spokesman Jason MacDonald said. After the incident, much of downtown Ottawa remained on lockdown and heavily armed officers from Ottawa Police and the Mounties

continued to patrol the area. In Canada's southern neighbor the United States, President Barack Obama condemned the attack as "outrageous" after talking by telephone with Harper, the White House said. An official said US and Canadian air defenses were on alert.

The US embassy in Ottawa was placed on lockdown. The incident came a day after 25-

year-old Martin Couture-Rouleau ran over a soldier, killing him before being shot dead by police as he emerged from his wrecked car wielding a knife. The government branded this a

terrorist attack by a suspected Islamist, amid reports that Couture-Rouleau was a supporter of the socalled Islamic State. If the driver's alleged jihadist sym-

pathies are confirmed, it would be Canada's first-ever Islamist attack, although authorities have warned they are tracking 90 suspected extremists already in the country.

Man faked

FROM PAGE 16 engaging in an elaborate fraud in which he targeted an elderly neighbour's life savings over a three year period.

The 47-year-old, who had been living off benefits at his home in south Wales in UK, also sought to avoid trial by admitting himself to hospital several times and even went to the length of being hooked up to an oxygen tank.

The police officer investigating the case described it as the most calculated, long-term deception of a vulnerable, elderly neighbour that he had ever seen. "He had constantly avoided court

for two years, costing police, the NHS and the court system thousands of pounds," said DC Harry Paul. During the scam, the father of three from Maes y Gollen, Sketty, Swansea,

was said to have systematically fun-

nelled £41,570 out of the bank account

of Ivor Richards, which Knight used to pay for holidays and to buy a caravan in Dorset. "Unfortunately Mr Richards had no family and Knight took it upon himself

to start caring for him," said Detective

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Constable Harry Paul, who added that Knight then drained the pensioner's accounts. Knight's wife, Helen, claimed that

down a garage door. The court also heard that he claimed that the injury had caused him to have seizures which left him comatose. But he was captured on CCTV at the Severn bridge toll on the M4 as he travelled back from the south coast and was

after police traced the use of the family's loyalty card. Investigators had tried to bring him court at least twice but each time he

also filmed in Tesco stores across Britain

admitted himself to hospital, claiming his condition had worsened. Knight was informed that he would stand trial with or without him being present and finally appeared in court in

a wheelchair and wearing a neck brace. The judge, Paul Thomas, said aspects of the case were unique in his experience and a strong message needed to be sent out to anyone adopting similar tactics.

Reckless driving

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Meanwhile, the district administration yesterday confirmed the deaths of three more people in the accident, taking the death toll to 36 in one of the deadliest road crashes in the country's recent history.

"A mistake was made while preparing the list of the dead," the DC told reporters. The probe report will be sent to the ministry concerned soon, he added.

Each of the victims' families will be handed over a compensation of Tk 1 lakh within a day or two, said Mashiur. On Monday afternoon, the Rajshahi-bound Keya

local bus collided head-on on the Bonpara-Hatikamrul highway, causing the casualties. The government launched the probe into the incident and directed the committee to submit its report by three to four

Paribahan bus and Gurudaspur-bound Othoi Paribahan

Reckless driving and risky overtaking manoeuvres by drivers go on unabated on the highways, thanks to lax enforcement of traffic rules. A total of 49,847 road crashes occurred in the country in last 15 years, killing 42,526 people and injuring around 39,000, said a report of Accident Research Institute at

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. The

report was prepared on the basis of police records. The

actual number is presumed to be much higher as many

accidents remain unreported. The government, however, insisted that they are taking measures to cut down the number of accidents.

Canada raises 'terrorism' alert after soldier killed AFP, Ottawa

days.

Canada raised its national "terrorism" alert on Tuesday, officials said, after a soldier run over by a suspected jihadist died in hospital.

The alert level was raised from low to medium after authorities said a man they believed to be "radicalized" struck two officers with his car Monday, but authorities said the heightened alert was not "the result of a specific threat."



বাংলা একাডেমি

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she had to care for him after he snapped his neck falling backwards as he pulled