

## Three siblings injured in fire in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three siblings were injured in a fire at their house in Dakkhin Keraniganj, on the outskirts of the capital, yesterday.

Shahin, 26, son of Hossain Sheikh, and Shahin's two sisters--Taslima, 15, and Ayesha, 17--were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with 18, 22 and 3 percent burns respectively.

Abu Bakar Siddique, inspector of Dakkhin Keraniganj Police Station, said the fire might have broken out due to a gas explosion from a leak in the pipeline.

## Road crashes kill 3

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Three people died in road accidents in the country yesterday and Wednesday.

Our Narayanganj correspondent reports, Abdus Salam Majhi, 55, of Pirojpur died as a covered-van ran him over on Dhaka-Narayanganj old road in Masdair area of Narayanganj town on Wednesday.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, Abdul Jalil, 62, of Sarkerpara died when a truck hit him on Parbatipur-Saidpur highway in Parbatipur upazila yesterday.

A correspondent from Ctg adds an unidentified woman died as a bus ran her over at No-2 gate intersection of Chittagong city yesterday.

## Doa Mahfil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



A doa mahfil for Selina Islam, wife of former secretary late Md Nazrul Islam, will be held at their Uttara residence in the capital today.

Selina died at Combined Military Hospital on December 10, said a press release. Family, friends and well wishers of the deceased have been requested to attend the programme.

## Cold weather

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The number of patients suffering from cough, fever, asthma and other acute respiratory tract infections sharply increased at different hospitals, including Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, in the last couple of days.

In addition to people's sufferings, cultivation, especially potato, chilli and Irri-Boro, might be affected if the weather continues.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates a 12-storey building on the Bangladesh Television premises in Rampura of the capital yesterday on the occasion of the state-run TV channel's golden jubilee. PHOTO: PID

## Old spectres keep

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thousand people were critically injured or maimed in the crashes caused by these vehicles, mostly illegal.

The highest 64 accidents occurred in September, killing 52 and wounding 316, making it the most fatal month. March saw the lowest number of accidents--27, but February marked the lowest number of casualties--13 deaths and 66 injuries--in 28 accidents.

PWAB also identified a lack of pedestrian crossings and footbridges, separate lanes based on vehicle speeds, and awareness among pedestrians as other reasons.

"We urge the authorities to build zebra crossings and footbridges in the city, go tough on reckless driving and unlicensed drivers, and raise public awareness," said Mozammel Haque.

"We will place our recommendations at the forthcoming meeting of Jatiya Sarak Nirapatta Council."

In order to curb accidents, drivers should be trained through institutes, said Ilias Kanchan, a safe road activist and Chairman of Nirapad Sarak Chai.

"In most cases, novices learn driving from their seniors, but this is not the proper way," he said. "These drivers also get licences. The practice must stop."

Apart from the drivers, he said, those who are liable for faulty road construction and those who give fitness certificates to unfit vehicles must be brought to book.

Shafiqul Islam, deputy inspector general of police, Chittagong zone, told The Daily Star that their teams regularly counselled drivers on safe practices at different terminals.

Pointing out that transport workers make up a significant portion of the casualties, the official said, "By showing instances, we try to get the drivers understand how terribly a family suffers when a member is killed or injured in an accident."

Regarding reckless driving, he said, "There is no speedometer on our highways.... highway police cannot work properly for lacking logistics."

Chittagong city Mayor M Manjur Alam said there were six footbridges in the city but pedestrians were reluctant to use those. "People should use the prevailing facilities." He added, "If the traffic department (of police) provides us a list of spots that need zebra crossings, the city corporation will build them within a week."

## Patient beaten to death

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Police sent the body to Chittagong Medical College morgue for autopsy. The body bore injury marks on different parts including the face, head, ear, shoulder, hands and chest, the morgue sources said, adding that he was beaten and tortured before his death.

Nurul Alam, officer-in-charge of Double Mooring Police Station, said it was clear that the man was tortured to death.

In a drive to arrest the accused, police found the centre locked. All the staff and the director Jahangir Alam Joni, who runs the centre, are on the run, the OC said.

## Heart diseases now a plague

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Bangladesh.

Dr Ashok said although India is called the capital of the world's heart disease, he was more worried about Bangladesh as the situation seems worse here. He attributes the situation to bad food habits.

"In Bangladesh, food is too rich and oily, unfortunately even the food cooked at home," Dr Ashok said and suggested a change in the eating system.

"People's daily diet consists of meat, fried food and polao; sometimes these food are even eaten three times a day -- for breakfast, lunch and dinner."

He advised all, including those who think themselves to be healthy, to follow three rules: do regular exercise for forty minutes, avoid all oily food and give up smoking.

Dr Ashok suggested enacting laws against trans fat, which is used in making many food items such as cakes and biscuits, but is very harmful to health.

"Awareness about healthy food and lifestyle has to start at school. You cannot change habits when you are old."

Dr Seth has pioneered numerous angioplasty techniques for India and the Asia-Pacific region. His expertise, skills and pioneering efforts in teaching and training people in angioplasty have won him respect and accolades from all over the world.

He was recently honoured for his contribution to the development of a medicated biodegradable stent and the art of implanting it in blocked arteries to open them up.

After an artery opens in eight months, such stents take two to three years to dissolve, Seth said.

Earlier, the stents were made of metal, and heart patients had to continue medication for thinning blood.

"This advanced science will soon be introduced in Bangladesh," Dr Seth said, and stressed prevention of such diseases as treatments are not affordable for all.



Last moment preparations going on for Dhaka International Trade Fair in the capital's Agargaon yesterday with the month-long fair scheduled to start on January 1, 2015. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

## NEWSIN brief

### Missing youth found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the decomposed body of a youth from a ditch at the capital's Madartek last evening, a week after he had gone missing.

Kazi Shakil, 24, of the area, was wearing a pair of pants and a jacket. His father Samir Uddin identified the body.

Samir filed a murder case accusing some persons with whom Shakil had feud, said Sabujbagh police Inspector Abu Bakkar Miah. Police, however, could not confirm whether it was a murder.

### 90,000 Yaba tablets seized in Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh Navy seized 90,000 Yaba tablets worth Tk 4.5 crore from a boat at the outer anchorage of Chittagong Port yesterday.

While patrolling the area navy ship "Nirbhik" chased the wooden boat finding its movement suspicious at 12:45am, officials of Narcotics Control Department quoted the navy personnel as saying.

Four to five men of the boat jumped off it and swam away. Later, navy personnel found the Yaba pills in the boat.

### Auto-rickshaw driver beaten by extortionists dies at DMCH

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

An auto-rickshaw driver, who was beaten allegedly over illegal toll refusal on Wednesday, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Family members said Belayet Hossain, 42, of Pirojpur used to run the three-wheeler on Haziganj-Shibu Market route. As he refused to give illegal tolls demanded by a criminal gang, he was beaten up.

However, police said Belayet was beaten following a dispute over the vehicle's ownership.



#### Conference

Bangladesh Statistical Association will organise a conference on "Current trends and future challenges in Statistics: Big data, Venue: Planning Commission, Sger-e-Bangla Nagar,

Time: 10:00am

#### Discussion

Bangabandhu Academy will organise a discussion on Current politics, Venue: Diploma Engineers Auditorium, Time: 11:00am

### Mymensingh

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On December 17, police detained six people including Tanu's wife and sister-in-law, who gave information leading to the arrest. Mymensingh Superintendent of Police Moinul Haque said at a press conference at his office yesterday.

Rafiqul neither returned the money, lent some one year back, nor gave any interest, he quoted the accused as saying.

Police recovered the weapon used in the murder from Bhaluka, he added. Earlier, bloodstained clothes and some looted items were seized from Tanu's in-law's house in Netrakona.

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