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Six killed as lorry collides with train

Lorry driver tries to cross tracks defying signals; all the dead are train passengers, 15 hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Defying signals, a lorry drove onto the rail tracks and collided with a passenger train inside Kamalapur Railway Station's container depot yesterday, leaving at least six people killed and 15 others injured.

Two died on the spot and four, including a woman, at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. All were passengers of the train, coming to the capital from Narayanganj, said police and locals.

Law enforcers were still searching for the lorry driver, suspected to be the main culprit behind the accident.

An official of NS Cargo Ltd that owns the lorry said they lost contacts with driver Rahmat and his helper Ripon soon after the incident.

As the train was approaching the Inland Container Depot at the station around 12:45pm, the lorry driver hurriedly tried to cross the railway line ignoring warnings, said Nizam, a depot labourer who witnessed the incident.

But the lorry failed to cross the line and the train rammed its rear. On impact, the vehicle spun and crashed onto the train's first compartment, he said.

The train dragged the lorry for around 50 yards.

Rail communications between Dhaka and Narayanganj remained suspended till 7:00pm following the accident.

The lorry was moving towards the west side of the depot from the east. Both gates on the railway line inside the depot

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A train approaching Kamalapur Railway Station T-bones a lorry crossing the rail lines at the Inland Container Depot yesterday. The impact sent the lorry into a spin and caused it to crash into the first carriage of the train. The accident left six people dead.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Over 200 held as 20-party enforces hartal

STAR REPORT

The countrywide daylong hartal, enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance in protest against the "foiling" of its Gazipur rally and demanding the release of its arrested leaders, was marked by incidents of vandalism, explosions, and sporadic clashes yesterday.

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Hartal violence takes schoolteacher's life

Housewife injured in bomb explosion

STAR REPORT

Schoolteacher Shamsun Nahar Jharna bade farewell to her old school just the day before yesterday for a greater cause.

After serving as a senior teacher in the capital's Tawheed Laboratory School at Agargaon since 2002, she was about to join a school in one of the remotest areas in Ramgati of Laxmipur, to teach underprivileged children there.

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Shamsun Nahar

Eyes on 5 priority areas

China identifies them for investment in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

China has identified commerce, agriculture, industrial development, energy, and infrastructure development sectors of Bangladesh for its high priority investment and support.

It also promised to stand by Bangladesh during its "emergency needs".

It assured Bangladesh of assisting in the construction of the Dhaka-Cox's

Bazar broad-gauge rail lines, setting up of a coal-based power plant and a rice research centre, and exploration of oil and natural gas.

The assurances came during the three-day visit of Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Wang left Dhaka for Beijing yesterday.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali briefed the



Wang Yi

media at the conference room of the foreign ministry yesterday about the outcome of Wang's visit.

He said China assured Bangladesh of handing over a high-yield rice variety and its technology so that Bangladesh could grow more rice and be self-reliant on food.

It also wants to assist in defence,

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Wrapped in a shawl, BNP Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi sits in front of the collapsible gate of the party's head office at Nayapaltan during the dawn-to-dusk nationwide hartal yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

First 'digital university' in the offing

Cabinet decides to set it up in Gazipur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is going to get its first "digital university" at Kaliakair of Gazipur to help improve the standard of information and communication technology education in the country.

A weekly cabinet meeting held at the secretariat with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair approved the proposal yesterday for setting up the public university beside the Hi-tech Park in the district.

The cabinet approved in principle the draft of "Digital University, Bangladesh Act, 2014" which proposed establishing the university to be named after the Father of the Nation

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