

Netherlands king lauds Dhaka's role in tackling natural disasters

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands has lauded Bangladesh's ability to combat cyclones and natural disasters, and said other developing countries could learn from the South Asian country.

He told Bangladesh Ambassador to the Netherlands Sheikh Mohammed Belal during the New Year reception hosted by the king at the Royal Palace on Wednesday, said a press release from the Bangladesh embassy in Hague.

Two found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the bodies of two men from the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Narar and Jatrabari yesterday.

Police found the decomposed body of Abdul Ajid, 30, in his house at a slum around 9:00am, said Sub-inspector Nayan Mia.

He had been living in the room alone since the beginning of the current month, he quoted the deceased's aunt Kusnaha as saying, who filed an unnatural death case in this regard.

In another incident, Abdur Rahman was found dead beneath Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover in Jatrabari around 8:00am, said Abani Sankar Kar, officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station. The body, which bore injury marks on the face, was sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College Morgue for an autopsy, he said.

Correction

The Daily Star ran an obituary of veteran civil servant M Faizur Razaque yesterday inadvertently mentioning that he had left behind a daughter and a son, instead of two daughters. We sincerely regret the error.

Bangladesh Nagorik Samaj brings out a procession in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday protesting the recent communal violence and attacks perpetrated on indigenous people in Rangamati and Rajshahi. Story on page 3.



PHOTO: STAR

Road accidents kill 7 4 die in Cox's Bazar alone

CITY DESK

Seven people were killed and 10 others injured in road accidents in Cox's Bazar, Gaibandha and Chittagong on Thursday and yesterday.

Our Cox's Bazar correspondent reports, four people, including a teacher and her daughter, were killed and five others injured in a head-on collision between a bus and a microbus on Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway at Boritolli in Chakaria upazila yesterday, said police.

Among the deceased, Tahera Begum, 58, headmistress of Cox's Bazar Model High School; Tazmia Ismail, 23, her daughter; Kohinoor Aktar, 18, their domestic, were passengers of the microbus, while Joynal Abedin, was its driver.

Our Gaibandha correspondent reports, two persons were killed and five others injured as an ambulance carrying them was hit by an oncoming truck on Rangpur-Bogra highway at Chapriganj early yesterday.

The deceased were Mahin, 8, son of Liakat Hasan of Rangpur, and Mohesh Lal, 30, of Bogra.

Injured Abdul Awal Sarker, 40, the ambulance driver; Masuma Begum, 37, Mahmud Ali, 34, Sahadat Hossain, 25, and Tuhim, 25, were taken to Bogra Medical College Hospital.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong adds, Ismail Hossain, 40, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver, was killed as a covered van rammed his vehicle on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Baraiar Haat in Mirsarai on Thursday night.

Mamata invites singer

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because of her open criticism of its leadership.

On January 5, Dhaka invited Mamata to visit Bangladesh on February 19-21 to attend the International Mother Language Day programmes. Officials at the WB government said the CM had accepted the invitation instantly.

Quoting TMC sources, the Anandabazar Patrika said the party's leadership had been convinced by Suman's stand against the "communal forces", as the ruling party in the state itself was at serious loggerheads with that at the Centre.

Suman, a popular singer, has been critical of the BJP and morally backing the TMC. Mamata is perhaps convinced that the time has come to bridge the gap with him, said the report.

Spokesman

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they owned the BNP's Nayapaltn headquarters and Khaleda's Gulshan office. "I can go to the Nayapaltn office. Wait, why lose patience?" he replied to a query.

Qamrul held another press conference on January 9 and announced to re-establish the "mainstream BNP" following the ideology of party founder Ziaur Rahman.

The BNP has long been alleging that the government was trying to split the party.

Dhaka round of math festival held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka regional round of National Mathematics Festival 2015 was held at Residential Model College in the capital yesterday.

A total of 166 students were selected to compete in the final round of the event to be held on February 6-7 on the St Joseph Higher Secondary School campus. The students would compete with winners from 23 other regions of the country.

Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee has organised the competition. A total of 2,800 students from 154 schools of Dhaka, Narayanganj, Munshiganj, and Manikganj participated in yesterday's competition.

President of the committee Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury and Deputy Managing Director of Dutch Bangla Bank Limited Saidul Hasan, were, among others, present at the programme.

At the inaugural session, Jamilur Reza Choudhury said Bangladeshi students' fear of math has reduced.

The competition is supported by DBBL and coordinated by Bangla daily Prothom Alo.

Winners of the festival will compete in the upcoming 56th International Mathematical Olympiad in Thailand.

NEWSIN brief

Woman 'kills' mother-in-law

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A woman allegedly killed her mother-in-law by hitting her in the head with the handle of an axe in their house over a family feud at Uttar Mowchak in Gazipur's Kaliakoir on Thursday night.

The victim is Parvin Aktar, 50, wife of late Subur Uddin of the area. Police arrested her daughter-in-law Rozina Akter.

Several months ago, Parvez married Rozina, a garment worker, with his mother disagreeing with him, said Saiful Islam, sub-inspector of Mowchak Police Outpost under Kaliakoir Police Station. Following an altercation over the issue, Rozina attacked her mother-in-law, the SI quoted neighbours as saying.

Hadi convenor of 31st BCS assoc

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdullah AL Hadi and Iftekhar Alam Bhuiyan have been made convenor and member secretary respectively of the 31st Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) All Carders Association.



Hadi Iftekhar

Other members are Shifat Sonia, Saiful Islam Joy and Rafiqul Alam Doel, said a press release yesterday.

Car stolen in capital's Mirpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Miscrants stole a private firm official's car which was parked in the capital's Mirpur-6 area yesterday.

The car driver, Mohammad Arif, parked the car, with plate number Dhaka Metro Ga-14-3668, near the central mosque in Mirpur-6 and went to a kitchen market for shopping.

However, when he returned the car was nowhere to be found, said Sub-Inspector Shahinul Islam of Pallabi Police Station. The white Toyota LX Corolla's chassis number is CC 111-5016539 and engine number is 4E-1811514.

Anarchy, terrorism

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Ulipur upazila was provided Tk 50,000 and of injured Anwar Hossain, of Madankhali village in Rangpur's Pirganj upazila Tk 10,000.

Five passengers were killed and over 15 others injured as alleged blockaders hurled a "petrol bomb" at a bus in Jaygirhat of Mithapukur early Wednesday amidst the BNP-led 20-party alliance's ongoing blockade.

On families of the remaining victims, Rangpur Superintendent of Police Abdur Razzak said they had not shown up despite being invited.

At the event at Jaygirhat Palli Bidyut office, Rapid Action Battalion Director General Benazir Ahmed said "a quarter" declared war against the country for "its petty interests".

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Tender Name	Education Materials
Price of Tender Document	Tk.1000.00 (One thousand) only
Name and address of the Office(s) Selling Tender Document	BRAC Accounts Department (8th floor) BRAC Centre, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212
Date and Time for Selling Tender Document	20 January 2015 to 04 February 2015 Between 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Place of Pre-Tender Meeting	BRAC Staff Canteen (4th Floor) BRAC Centre
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