

FOUNDATION PIT COLLAPSE

Mayors for clearing CR Dutta Road by Sunday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka's mayors yesterday asked National Bank Limited (NBL) to clear for traffic by Sunday CR Dutta Road, littered with a billboard and dirt from NBL's under-construction building's foundation pit, the walls of which collapsed multiple times since Wednesday.

"I do not want to know anything...It is your responsibility," Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon told NBL Managing Director Shamsul Huda Khan at the site in the afternoon, threatening to take "measures" otherwise.

Talking to journalists there in the morning, Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq accused the NBL authorities of not cooperating with him.

On Wednesday, the piling to protect the southern wall of the 50 feet pit, dug to construct four basement floors for the 12-storey NBL Twin Tower near the Sonargaon intersection, partially collapsed.

It caused a portion of the adjoining six-storey Sundarban Hotel's foundation soil, boundary wall, a stretch of footpath, some makeshift shops and an electric pole to cave in and damaged underground gas, water and sewer pipes while 50 guests were evacuated.

On Thursday night, the eastern and northern walls collapsed, taking down the entire length of the footpath, two billboards, one of which fell on the road; and a tree.

Panthapath Road's southern lane and CR Dutta Road have been closed to traffic and people.

City corporations' officials estimate around 1,000 truckloads of sand has been dumped to stabilise the hotel and adjoining area. NBL contractors say another 1,500 truckloads was being poured.



Six vehicles, including trucks and a bus, fell into the dry Isamoti River when a bailey bridge collapsed yesterday, halting vehicular movement on the Dinajpur-Gobindaganj highway. At least 25 people were injured, reports UNB.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

JATIYA PRESS CLUB

New, incumbent committees at loggerheads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Press Club is no longer quiet following an impromptu "election" of the managing committee Thursday.

The new management is likely to take over today with the incumbent terming it "illegal".

The 17-member new team comprising pro-Awami League and pro-BNP journalists was announced after an effort to form a committee on consensus failed. There has been a stalemate at the club for the last five months over formation of the new management.

The deadlock got a new twist when journalists leaning to two main political parties announced names of pro-government journalist Muhammad Shafiqur Rahman and pro-BNP journalist Quamrul Islam Chowdhury as president and general secretary respectively.

Only two of the incumbent managing committee office bearers attended the meeting while a small group of general members out of the total 1,000 were present, it was learnt.

The election to the Jatiya Press Club was supposed to be held on December 30. However, the pro-government forum was not interested in the election, as the pro-BNP-Jamaat journalists were in the top leadership positions of the club.

A statement sent by Syed Abdal Ahmed, general secretary of the present committee, on Thursday said the club's constitution had a provision of handing over charge to the elected committee through an election.

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Awareness to fight dangers of right-wing groups must

Leftist leaders tell int'l seminar about South Asia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

South Asian leftist leaders at an international seminar yesterday stressed launching a collective struggle to combat communalism in the region and make people aware of the dangers associated with the rise of right-wing groups.

The region's fundamentalists are politically becoming stronger under the pretext of aiding economic expansion and social development activities, they added.

"Fundamentalism and imperialism are not different. In fact, imperialists are spreading fundamentalism. These two evil forces turn a country backward after obstructing rise of progressive forces," said Sitaram Yechury, general secretary of Communist Party of India (Marxist).

The Workers Party of Bangladesh organised the seminar, "Combating Fundamentalism and Imperialism in South Asia", in the capital's Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh celebrating Comrade Amal Sen's birth centenary.

Sitaram, a Rajya Sabha member, said imperialist forces helped fundamentalism to emerge in Pakistan and some Middle Eastern and African countries. "In India and Bangladesh, fundamentalism still remains under control. The governments of these two nations should take people-friendly policies to destroy communalism," he suggested.

Without elaborating, he claimed that the

Bangladesh government had taken a proactive role against fundamentalism and that younger generations were benefiting from it.

Communist Party of India General Secretary S Sudhakar Reddy however said the right-wing powers were gaining grounds in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh and the governments were unable to bring a political solution to the menace.

"The misuse of religion by mainstream political parties to expand their vote banks has inadvertently strengthened terrorism and fundamentalism," he added.

Fundamentalist forces are targeting secular and progressive forces. "Fundamentalists have recently killed a communist leader in India and some secular bloggers in Bangladesh," he said.

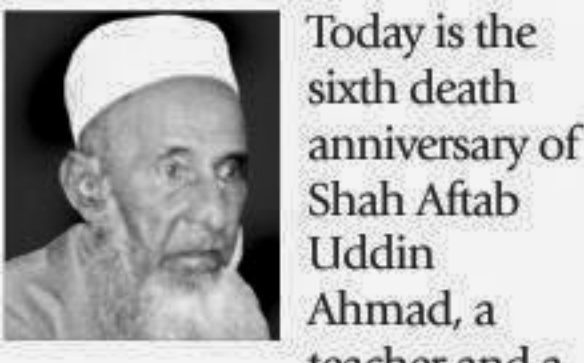
Communist Party of Pakistan Secretary General Imdad Qazi also alleged that fundamentalism was on the rise as secular political parties were betraying people to protect their vote bank and greed of achieving state power. The popular parties are ignoring religious extremism and terrorism, he said.

Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon said fundamentalists were becoming stronger using many tactics and the Bangladesh government was also foiling their attempts.

Prof Abul Barkat of Dhaka University's economics department in a keynote said at least 119 fundamentalist organisations were active in Bangladesh.

Death anniversary

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Today is the sixth death anniversary of Shah Aftab Uddin Ahmad, a teacher and a litterateur, said a press release.

On the occasion, food will be distributed among the orphans of Shahbajpur Madrasa after Zohr prayers.

A Qurankhani and a doa mahfil will be held at his Shahbajpur residence in Sarail upazila of Brahmanbaria after Asr prayers and milad mahfils will be held at mosques.

Salahuddin denied bail

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make good his escape once the bail is granted.

The Investigation Officer P Lamare told the court that it would take another 3-4 days to complete the interrogation of Salahuddin Ahmed.

Ahmed's counsel SP Mahanta told the court that his client's primary physicians were in Singapore and hence a bail application had been made for availing treatment there.

Ahmed's wife Hasina Ahmed, besides other family members and friends, was present in the courtroom.

Ahmed was picked up by Meghalaya police from Golf Link area of the city on May 11 when he was found loitering there. He was arrested on May 12 for travelling without valid documents but was admitted to Shillong Civil Hospital and later shifted to North Eastern Indira Gandhi Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (Neigrhms) for treatment.

The chief judicial magistrate KML Nongbri had remanded him to 14 days judicial custody on May 27 when he was produced before it, a day after his discharge from Neigrhms.



Prof Abul Barkat of Dhaka University addresses a seminar "Combating Fundamentalism and Imperialism in South Asia" organised by the Workers Party of Bangladesh in the capital's Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh celebrating Comrade Amal Sen's birth centenary. On his left are Fazole Hossain Badsha, general secretary of WPB; Shyamal Roy, national secretary of All India Forward; Nalinda Jayatissa, member of International Department, JVP, Sri Lanka; and Rashed Khan Menon, president of WPB.

PHOTO: STAR

NEWS IN brief

Shibir leader arrested with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police arrested the general secretary of Chapainawabganj district unit Islami Chhatra Shibirin in Gomostapur upazila of the district on Thursday night.

Shahidul Islam Sohel, 26, is accused in several cases filed over subversive activities, said police. A pistol, two bullets, a magazine, four crude bombs and four jihadi books were also recovered from him, said police.

Teacher hurt in mugging incident dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A female school teacher died yesterday at Chittagong city hospital eight days after she was injured in a mugging incident.

Maiful Begum, 35, of Sandwip received head injury after she fell of a rickshaw when muggers on a battery-run rickshaw snatched her purse on May 22 in the city. She was a teacher of Lion Mostafizur Rahman Government Primary School in Sandwip.

Menstrual hygiene day observed

CITY DESK

Global Menstrual Hygiene Day 2015 was observed first time in the country on Thursday with a call to create awareness about menstrual hygiene management.

Water and Sanitation for Urban Poor (WSUP) Bangladesh and NGO Forum for Public Health organised a rally and a procession in the capital's Mirpur slum areas.

Speakers said about 0.8 million women in Dhaka city slums are facing poor menstrual hygiene management. The adolescent girls are the worst victims of it, they added. Principal of Pallabi Degree Collage Hosneara Begum and Project Manager of WSUP-NGO Forum M Nurun Nabi, among others, spoke at the rally.

21st BCS batch celebrates anniversary

CITY DESK

To mark its 12th anniversary, the 21st BCS batch organised a programme at the Biam auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, senior secretary to the public administration ministry, Showkot Ali Sadi, president of the forum, and Risayat Al Wasif, general secretary, were also present.

One rally but too

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The traffic jam was so severe that a photojournalist had to leave his motorbike at Farmgate and walk the distance to Karwan Bazar so as to cover an event at Sonargaon hotel.

Saiful Islam, official of a private organisation, said it took him more than an hour to travel to Farmgate from Shyamoli by car in the afternoon.

Shayera Moula passes

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breathing her last around 9:15pm.

The namaz-e-janaza was held last night. She will be laid to eternal rest in the Banani graveyard today.

Admitted on May 6 with septic abortion, septic shock, acute kidney infection and pneumonia, she was shifted to the intensive care unit on May 19 and had been on life support for the last couple of days.

She left behind her husband Hassan Salahuddin Amin, a sub-editor at The Daily Star's international desk, her parents, an elder brother and a host of relatives and well wishers.

She was appointed in 2003, initially penning her mind for the Rising Star, The Daily Star's weekly magazine for young people. She shifted to The Daily Star's editorial team in 2010.

In the meantime, Shayera completed honours in English literature and master's in development studies, both from Brac University.

She left The Daily Star in 2013, the year she married Hassan, going on to attain a second master's in journalism from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands this January.

Her last Facebook cover photo, updated on April 1, was of a picturesque greenery of the capital.

Her quote: "This in Dhaka is a rare sight. To have this view every day is a blessing!"

7th Death Anniversary of Brig. Sabihuddin Ahmed
 Founder, Chairman REB.

'For our Papa and Nana Bhai, thank you for showing us that there is always a right way to do things and demonstrating the true strength of will power.' From his family, we ask that you pray for his departed soul.

BNP wants PM, chief

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Ripon, the foreign affairs secretary of BNP, said the party had political and ideological differences with the governing party but they were ready to extend all-out cooperation to the AL-led administration to make its efforts successful.

"India's government generally engages political opponents when it needs to reach consensus on any issue with other countries; it's a spirit," he said. "This is the beauty of democracy."

Responding to a query, he said no meeting between Khaleda and Modi was scheduled yet.

Ripon also said, "BNP was never engaged in anti-India politics; it does not do that and never will in the future."

Plot for Sale

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