Move to check accidents

Quader opens 4 road dividers on Bangabandhu Bridge approach road

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Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday inaugurated four road dividers on the western part of the approach road of Bangabandhu Bridge in Sirajganj.

This part of the approach road is one of the most accident prone areas in the country.

The four-lane road dividers, built after the model on Dhaka-Aricha highway, would significantly reduce accidents in this area, the minister told The Daily Star.

He said construction work of the dividers began in accordance with his directives after Eid-ul-Fitr and ended a couple of days ago to facilitate movement of passenger vehicles before and after Eid-ul-Azha. A total of eight crore taka has been spent over the construction job, he added.

The minister also inaugurated a bypass road near Kaliakor Bridge, an area often burdened with tailback, to facilitate smooth vehicular movements.

Earlier on Thursday, the road transport minister inaugurated another 500-meter long bypass road at Chandra Intersection to ease tailbacks in the area. People of at least 26 northern and south-western districts use this highway.

BNP to form

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different strategic issues, insiders say.

A draft proposal on formation of the think tank and its area of activities was placed before a meeting between senior leaders and the BNP chief at her Gulshan office on Sunday.

"We have decided in principle to form a think tank which will work for BNP making suggestions on various local and international issues," BNP standing committee member Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star.

He also said the chairperson would take a final decision on the formation of the think tank, its ways of work and other related issues.

Led by Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, a group of pro-BNP intellectuals and professionals have been working unofficially as the party's think tank since long.

Emajuddin and others in their latest advice convinced Khaleda to take part in the city corporation elections in Dhaka South, Dhaka North and Chittagong as an exit route from their three-month-long anti-government movement that started on January 6.

Khaleda on April 4 unofficially called off the BNP-led 20-party alliance's 92-day nonstop blockade and a series of hartals and decided to participate in the city polls held on April 28.

Senior leaders at Sunday's meeting told Khaleda that most of the political parties at home and abroad have their own think tanks, but BNP has no such body or a research cell.

In the draft proposal, it was mentioned that the think tank would consult with the party's secretary general, pick different contemporary political, social and international issues and come up with suggestions on those.

"The think tank will analyse those issues from different perspectives. Apart from national politics, it will also keep watch on regional and global politics relating to Bangladesh. It will determine BNP's possible stance on those issues in light of public interests," said a leader asking not to be named.

Apart from giving suggestions, it would also assist the party to take time befitting and realistic initiatives through research works, added the leader.

The think tank however will not be entitled to take any decision. They will just convey their advice to the BNP chief.

There would be sub-sections in the think tank for different sectors including education, economics, sports, ICT, agriculture, communications and diplomacy.

They will help BNP regarding the party's strategy on these sectors and what the party would do to develop these sectors if it goes to power.

Insiders say BNP will also bring amendment to its charter to materialise the idea and give it a strong base.

The party will also use different social media including Facebook and Twitter to attract the young generation. So far the party has no official Facebook page or Twitter account.

A dedicated group will be formed to work intensively on the social media, added insiders.

Balkans shut Europe's

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figures showed the European Union had received almost a quarter of a million asylum requests in the three months to June.

A record 473,887 refugees and migrants have crossed the Mediterranean to Europe so far this year, the International Organization for Migration said, most of them from countries at war such as Syria who are seeking a better, safer life.

With Europe's cherished borderless travel zone in tatters, the continent has been wrangling over how to handle the influx, with eastern states ruling out an EU quota plan for sharing out the burden.

After EU frontline state Hungary sealed off its southern border with Serbia earlier this week, thousands of migrants and refugees have now headed westwards, seeking to open up a new route westwards through Croatia and Slovenia into Austria.

But after two days in which they registered more than 13,000 Croatia yesterday said it had reached saturation point, closing seven of the eight crossings along its eastern border with Serbia.

"Our capacities to take in more are saturated," Interior Minister Ranko Ostojic told N1 television station.

As the crowds began making their way westwards, Slovenia announced it was suspending all Croatian rail links until late yesterday.

As the chaos spread, the UN's refugee agency (UNHCR) and the International Committee of the Red Cross issued separate pleas for the 28-member bloc to agree on a common policy for handling the situation and minimising the human misery.

"The countries affected must work together closely instead of closing their borders like they are doing at the moment," ICRC President Peter Maurer told German weekly Der Spiegel.

And UNHCR spokesman Adrian Edwards warned that time was running out, saying recent events in Hungary and elsewhere "demonstrated the chaos and confusion being caused by the absence of a coherent and united response to Europe's refugee situation."

Two key EU meetings due to take place next week are "crucially important" for reaching some form of agreement, he said.

"These occasions may be the last opportunity for a positive, united and coherent European response to this crisis. Time is running out."

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier yesterday said that EU members reluctant to accept migrant quotas may have to be outvoted and overruled in the 28-member bloc.

"It just cannot be that Germany, Austria, Sweden and Italy carry the burden alone," he said. "That's not how European solidarity works.

As Germany has opened its gates, Hungary has done the opposite, sparking a wave of anger as it sealed off its southern border with Serbia and announcing plans for a similar fence along its frontier with Romania.

And on Friday, its hawkish premier Viktor Orban said hundreds of troops had begun work on a 41-kilometre (25.5-mile) section of the 330-kilometre border along its frontier with Croatia to keep migrants out.

"There will be no sandhill or molehill to hide behind, we will defend our borders," he told Hungarian public radio.

However, hundreds of migrants crossed into Hungary from Croatia yesterday, handed over by bus under the watch of Hungarian security forces sworn to keep them out.

Police and soldiers rushed to take position as a convoy of more than 10 Croatian buses offloaded hundreds of migrants who had crossed in the past two days into EU-member state Croatia from Serbia after Hungary blocked their path into the European Union with a metal fence on its border with Serbia.

Soldiers maneuvered two Humvees mounted with machine guns to block their route. But minutes later, the migrants were directed to board Hungarian buses bound for an unknown destination. A police statement said they would be registered, without giving details.

Risks not addressed

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health personnel, availability of essential drugs, early diagnosis and treatment of the NCDs and level of immunisation were also included as factors.

These factors were divided into 51 indicators to measure Bangladesh's performance in preventing and controlling the NCDs.

The country earned "highly adequate" only in one indicator -- the hepatitis B vaccination programme. It was put in the "adequate" category in 12 indicators, "inadequate" in 19 and "no activity" in as many indicators.

The scorecard was developed in line with a 2011 UN political declaration that committed countries to taking actions that would help them prevent and control the NCDs.

In South Asia, Bangladesh and India scored moderately well in the areas of planning and leadership, while Pakistan scored very low.

Bangladesh scored less than India in reducing the risk factors. However, all three countries fared poorly in research and surveillance.

Talking to The Daily Star, Dr Aliya Naheed, interim head of the chronic non-communicable disease unit at the International Centre For Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b), said: "Bangladesh has done quite well in terms of combating communicable diseases, but now it is the non-communicable diseases that are emerging as great health challenges."

Prevention and early diagnosis and treatment are key to combating the NCDs, but Bangladesh is poorly equipped in this regard, she said.

Little physical activity and unhealthy diet are becoming very common among the urbanites, noted the physician. "Our laws and policies must address the emerging threats."

"In Bangladesh, over 60 percent of healthcare expenses come out of individuals' own pockets. If strategic policies are not implemented, things would get even worse in future.

"The number of trained personnel at the secondary and tertiary healthcare services is also not sufficient for systematic risk assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of NCD," Dr Aliya added.

The report suggested that Bangladesh introduce on a priority basis a system for NCD surveillance, ensure availability of key essential drugs for the NCDs in primary healthcare centres and formulate policies to reduce intake of salt, high content sugar beverages, trans-fats and check marketing of unhealthy foods meant for children.

Other countries covered by the report include Chile, England, USA, Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, China, Mexico, Panama, Peru, South Africa, Tunisia, Honduras and Kenya.

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kilometres across 204 countries in eight years' period, says their website www.globaladventure. com.bd.

Enam Ul Haque, founder of Bangladesh Bird Club, was present as the chief gust at the briefing organised by Pathfinder Adventure Club, Bangladesh.

UGC officer

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Nazim, personal officer of the comptroller, replaces the fake answer sheet submitted in the hall with the original one prepared by the syndicate.

Rab also seized prepared answer sheets of the assistant judge recruitment test from Omar's house.

Rab officials said the syndicate took from each candidate Tk 15 lakh for the medical college admission test, Tk 6 lakh for the Bangladesh Krishi Bank officer recruitment test and Tk 10 lakh for the assistant judge recruitment exam.

Contacted, UGC officials declined to talk about the issue.

However, one official said they had heard about Siraj's involvement in illegal activities but could not believe that.

Meanwhile, a mobile court sentenced four persons to one year in jail each for impersonating other candidates in the recruitment test of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank yesterday.

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establishment in Samtah town, 7km away from the Yemen border, the press release said.

The mortar shells were fired reportedly from Yemen where Houthi rebels are fighting a Saudi-led coalition airstrike.

The press release said the Bangladesh Consulate General in Jeddah was closely monitoring the situation. The consulate general would also coordinate with the employers to send back the mortal remains. It may also arrange burial of the deceased in line with the desire of the family members of the victims and try to realise due compensation.

Representative of consulate general was on the way to visit the area of incident to get the details and would visit the hospital to ensure proper treatment of the injured.

Earlier, two other Bangladeshis were killed in Saudi Arabia's border city of Najran in mortar shell attacks launched by the Houthi rebels on May 5 and 6 this year.

3-wheeler ban

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AKM Ehsan Ullah, superintendent of police in Magura, claimed that police kept a constant vigil on Dhaka-Jessore highway to check the plying of such vehicles.

In Pabna, unauthorised vehicles are seen plying the Kashinathpur-Pabna-Dashuria highway although there are two police checkpoints at Monoharpur and Atmail.

Pabna SP Alamgir Kabir admitted that they relaxed the embargo considering public sufferings ahead of Eid.

Three-wheeler operators in Natore say they face no obstacles from law enforcers to operate on Bogra-Natore highway.

In Jhenidah, drivers claim that they pay police Tk 100 a month for each three-wheeler auto-rickshaws to travel from the town to Garaganj of Kushtia.

Refuting the allegation, Jhenidah Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Hasan Hafizur Rahman said they were keeping vigil so that the vehicles could not operate on highways.

In Rangpur, a large number of three-wheelers are seen plying Rangpur-Kurigram and Rangpur-Dinajpur highways.

"We have no alternative but to operate the vehicles for a living. If police stop us, we pay them money," claimed a battery-run easy-bike driver who makes regular trips to Medical intersection from Modern intersection on Rangpur-Dinajpur highway.

Abdul Quader Jilani, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station in Rangpur, also refuted the allegation.

Seeking anonymity, an SP told The Daily Star that politicians often lobby for releasing the vehicles after their seizure.

"They [politicians] even come down heavily on us if we do not comply with their requests," he said.

The government imposed the ban on three-wheeler auto-rickshaws, autotempos and all non-motorised vehicles on 22 national highways on August 1.

On September 15, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader at a press conference said the ban would be enforced strictly.

Contacted, Obaidul Quader said there was a High Court directive to take the unauthorised and slow-moving vehicles off the highways, and it was the responsibility of all concerned to implement it.

Law enforcers have been asked not to comply with the politicians' requests to release seized vehicles, he said.

"We all will have to work together to implement the ban on these vehicles on the highways to save lives," he added.A

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around 7.30pm that two NSU students, one a female and another a male, locked themselves up from inside and that they were not responding for long.

Rushing to the house in Block D, police knocked on the door. As there was no reply, they broke the lock and entered the flat, the SI said.

The students committed suicide, the SI suspected, adding that police could not unearth the reason behind it however.

Quoting a neighbour of the building, Nazrul said Hridoy along with some fellow students lived in the rented flat and Nira went there at times to meet with Hridoy.

He said the incident might take place anytime between 1.30pm and 7.30pm as Hridoy did not answer to any of the phone calls by his relatives during that time.

He also said Hridoy, whose father is a conductor, was from Jamalpur and Hira, whose father is abroad, was from Narayngani.

Robbers loot Tk 21 lakh

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Shahidul Islam -- inside.

They tied the guards with rope and cut the vault in the same manner. Later, the robbers fled with the money, said the police official.

"None is arrested but we have detained Biswajit and Shahidul for interrogation," he added.

Mahmud, sub-inspector of the police station, said the closed-circuit cameras inside the bank were broken. They seized a piece of rope and two gas cylinders at the scene, believed to have been used in the robbery.

A double-barrel gun was at the bank but the criminals did not take it.

Among the Ansar members, Biswajit had a mark of injury on his chest, added the police official.

Branch Manager Narayan Chandra Pal said Tk 2,108,000 was missing from the bank.

Wadud Ali Munshi, deputy general manager of Agrani Bank (Jessore region), said they had informed the matter to their higher authorities and started their own investigation.

The Ansar members reportedly told local journalists that the criminals had held them at gunpoint during the robbery. They had heard voices of other "robbers" standing outside.

Kawsar Ali, owner of a building near the bank branch, said one of his tenants called him over the phone early yesterday, hearing noise nearby. Kawsar felt suspicious and called police immediately.

Later, police rushed to the spot and saw the guards who were tied up, he added.

Visiting the scene, Anisur Rahman, superintendent of police in Jessore, said the robbery was pre-planned, and police along with other law enforcement agencies were investigating the incident.

Netaji files made public

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relation between Indian and my country, it is not possible to tell everything in a too open and undiplomatic manner. Further, as I have not been in India, it is impossible for me to take sides with one side only and against the government."

In a previous correspondence, dated November 1, 1949, Abegg had once against written to Sarat Chandra Bose and asked, "Any news from Mr Subhas Chandra Bose? United Press reported that he was in Peking."

On August 20, 1965, a weekly secret survey of the Netaji Research Bureau by state intelligence officers intercepted communication between Sisir Kumar Bose (Netaji's nephew) and Tatsuo Hayashida, the Japanese author of the book, "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: His great struggle and martyrdom".

In it, Sisir Kumar Bose writes that Dr Satya Narayan Sinha, a member of the parliament and former Indian Foreign Service officer had said the erstwhile Formosa government, had documents that created doubts regarding Netaji's death.

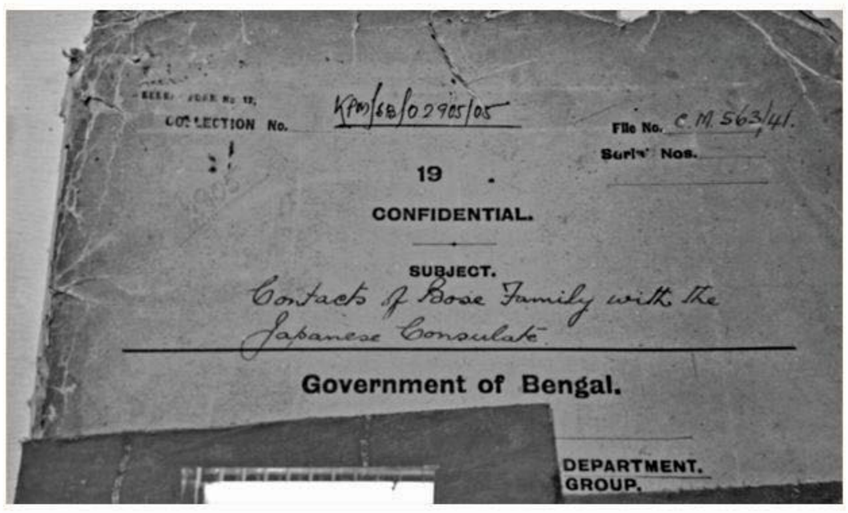
"Dr Sinha visited Formosa in November-December last year and made enquiries regarding the air crash. A number of Chinese nationals were produced before him by the present government there and who made statements to him which are at complete variance with statements made by Japanese friends before the Netaji Enquiry Committee.

Dr Sinha has written further that the present government in Formosa have documents in their possession showing that an air crash of the same description occurred in October 1944, but no such air crash took place in August 1945. It is reported that the Formosa Government will publish these documents if requested to do so by the Government of India," reads the letter.

The files reveal sustained surveillance of Netaji's family and the activities of the Netaji Research Bureau in Kolkata. In particular, letters written to and from two addresses -- 1, Woodburn Park, Calcutta, the residence of Netaji and his family and 38/2 Elgin Road Netaji Bhawan -- were intercepted at the Elgin Road Post Office and forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch, CID Calcutta.

Yesterday, the files were handed over to the descendants of Netaji by Kolkata Police Commissioner SK Purkayastha at the Kolkata Police Museum.

Mamata tweeted, "Today is a historic day. Our government has made all Netaji files public. People have the right to know about the brave son of India."



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But state government officials maintained that the files released yesterday constituted only a small fraction of the existing surveillance records on Netaji and his family and the key to his disappearance lay in the files with the union government.

Afterwards, Netaji's family members urged the union government to follow the West Bengal government's example and declassify these files.

"The more important files that can unravel the mystery behind his disappearance are with the central government departments and the mystery can be solved only if those files are declassified," Netaji's grand-nephew and family spokesperson Chandra Kumar Bose told the media here after the release.

People start

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fear the traffic congestion at the capital's exit points and also on the highways could become an issue later.

Eid will be celebrated on September 25 and the vacation in government and private offices will begin from September 24. Eid home rush is expected to gain greater momentum from Wednesday.

Advance tickets of private bus operators have already been "sold out".

"For the last several days, I have been trying to buy a ticket to Jhenidah. I went to several bus counters but every time I was told that there was no ticket," Assaduzaman, a private service holder, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Long queues and a huge crowd of ticket-seekers were seen at Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday morning.

Though the counters opened at 9:00am, many started to join the lines from early yesterday.

Many alleged that the railway authorities were not releasing "sufficient" tickets and "some people" were getting tickets without even standing in queues.

"Some police and other government officials are getting tickets without standing in the lines like us," said Shanaur Akter, who wanted to go to Chittagong. Other passengers echoed her.

The railway authorities denied the allegation.

"Many passengers who are standing at the end of the lines may not get tickets," Railways Acting Secretary Firoz Salahuddin told reporters.

Tickets for only September 23 were sold yesterday. Tickets for September 24 will be available today, the last day of advance train ticket sale.

Advance bus tickets of state-run Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) are available.

জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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২। অধিকতর যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে যে কোনো শর্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।

৩। উপরোক্ত পদের জন্য প্রার্থীদের নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস হতে প্রাপ্তব্য নির্ধারিত ফর্মে ১০(দশ) কপি দরখাস্ত, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সকল সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি প্রতি সেটের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতঃ রেজিস্ট্রারের অনুকূলে অগ্রণী ব্যাংকের যে কোনো শাখা হতে জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখার উপর ইস্যুকৃত ৬০০/- (ছয়শত) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (ফেরৎযোগ্য নহে) অথবা অগ্রণী ব্যাংকের বিবিধ জমা রশিদের মাধ্যমে ৬০০/- (ছয়শত) টাকা অগ্রণী ব্যাংক জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ক্যাম্পাস শাখার সিডি-৬৮ নং হিসাবে জমা দিয়ে উক্ত জমা রশিদ এবং ২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবিসহ দরখাস্ত আগামী ১৫-১০-২০১৫ তারিখের মধ্যে রেজিস্ট্রার বরাবর পৌছাতে হবে।

৪। রেজিস্ট্রার বরাবর ৬ (ছয়) টাকা মূল্যের ডাকটিকেটসহ নিজের নাম, ঠিকানা লিখিত ১০"×৪" সাইজের খাম পাঠিয়ে উপরোক্ত পদের জন্য আবেদন ফরম (অফিস বন্ধের দিন ব্যতিত অন্যান্য দিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময় সকাল ৭-৩০ ঘটিকা হতে দুপুর ২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত) রেজিস্ট্রার অফিস থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েব সাইট www.juniv.edu থেকেও নির্ধারিত ফরম ডাউনলোড করে আবেদন করা যাবে।

৫। চাকুরিরত প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই স্ব-স্ব কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।

৬। নির্ধারিত তারিখের পর প্রাপ্ত ও অসম্পূর্ণ দরখাস্ত সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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