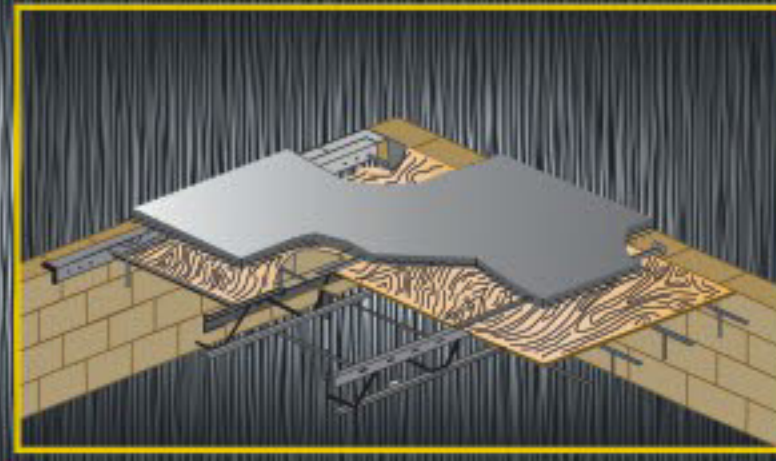


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AREA-BASED ADMISSION

# Pvt schools too to keep 40pc quota

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The education ministry yesterday decided to reserve 40 percent quota for local admission seekers at private schools across the country, as part of a plan to introduce area-based admission.

The decision comes a day after ministry officials announced that the government was mulling over to provide local students with the same benefit for admission into public secondary schools.

Education Secretary Nazrul Islam Khan said the decision, taken at a meeting at the ministry, would be executed in the upcoming academic year so that local students get priority.

"Initially, there might be some problems but the entire admission process will improve significantly once the system starts functioning in full-swing," he told The Daily Star.

Heads of some renowned private schools in the capital attended the meeting, on incorporating the quota system into the admission policy, with officials of the ministry and Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education.

# 2 'outlaws' killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Two outlaws were killed and three others and a Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) official wounded in a shootout in a shoal area in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The dead -- Akber Hossain Member, 45, and Monu Miah, 35, -- were members of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Red Flag) and listed criminals, Rab sources said.

Acting on a tip off, the elite force raided a house at Moisha village where the outlaws were staying, said Muhammad Mohiuddin Faruki, commander of crime prevention company (CPC)-3 of Rab-12.

Sensing their presence, the criminals opened fire on the Rab members, who also retaliated.

Faruki said the two outlaws were killed on the spot during the gunfight around 3:15am.

A bullet hit Rab official Monirul Islam, 34, a sub-inspector of CPC-3, in the throat. He was first taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later shifted to the Combined Military Hospital, Faruki added.

Wounded outlaws Chan Miah, 35, of Kakua Belda vil

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A badly rutted stretch of Golakandail bridge on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway has iron bars sticking out in places. *Bottom*, an unfit bus, with many dents and a panel of its body missing, carrying passengers in the capital's Rampura and a locally-made, illegal three-wheeler plying the Dhaka-Sylhet highway. All the photos, taken yesterday, demonstrate the abysmal condition of our highways and vehicles plying them with the National Road Safety Day being observed today. Related photo on Page 2.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



# 'Unfit vehicles are mobile bombs'

They raise fatality figures, says an expert

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Taking unfit vehicles off the roads is crucial to improving road safety as more people get killed in crashes involving such vehicles, experts say.

Many of these vehicles have fitness certificates even though they are unfit while some don't have the document at all or have expired papers or are entirely illegal.

The head-on collision of two buses at Mulibari on the west of Bangabandhu Bridge on July 19 this year is an example of how deadly an unfit bus can be. Eighteen lives were lost and 40 passengers were injured, some of them critically.

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The buses were similar in size but only three people died in one bus while the rest of the fatalities were on the other bus, which was unfit.

Like many other buses, the structure of the worse off bus had been modified to increase the number of seats.

All the seats of the bus came off their mountings and were thrown to the front of the bus, proving that the seats were improperly fixed, said Prof Shamsul Hoque, an expert, who inspected the buses at the scene.

He said the total death could have been much less, may be six to seven, had the

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TANGAIL BY-POLLS

# HC clears Kader's nomination

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the Election Commission to accept nomination



paper of Krishak Sramik Janata League President Kader Siddique, allowing him to contest the Tangail-4 by-polls scheduled to be held on November 10.

The HC move came eight days after the EC cancelled Siddique's nomination paper on October 13 on charges of loan default.

The HC bench of Justice Miftahuddin Choudhury and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo yesterday passed the order after hearing a petition filed by Siddique challenging legality of the EC's decision.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told reporters that the government would appeal to the Supreme Court against the verdict.

The EC scrapped Siddique's nomination paper following information provided by the Credit Information Bureau of Bangladesh Bank that his firm Sonar Bangla Engineering defaulted on a

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**PRAYER TIMING**

OCTOBER 22				
Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-50	12-45	4-00	5-36
JAMAAT	5-25	1-15	4-15	5-39
7-45				
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION				

# MOBILE SIM CARD Biometric registration launched

UNB, Dhaka

Prime minister's ICT Adviser Sajeb Wazed Joy yesterday launched the test operation of biometric registration system of mobile phone SIM cards.

He started off the system by registering his SIM card of Teletalk, state-run mobile phone operator, at the secretariat.

Md Faizur Rahman Chowdhury, secretary of Post and Telecommunication Division; and Teletalk Managing Director Gias

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# RMG can create 54 lakh new jobs

This could be the case if Bangladesh could capture 20pc of China's share, says WB study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's garment exports would more than double if the country could capture 20 percent of China's share in a year, as China has been shifting its manufacturing base to other sectors, according to a World Bank study.

China has been shifting from garments to other sectors due to a shortage of skilled workers and higher costs of production. As a result, an opportunity has been created for Bangladesh as the country is also a strong player in the global apparel trade.

Capturing 20 percent of China's apparel business will help Bangladesh fetch an

additional \$29 billion in garment exports a year and will create 5.4 million new jobs and 13.5 million indirect jobs, the study added.

In 2014-15, Bangladesh's total export stood at \$31.2 billion, with apparel contributing \$25.5 billion.

"There is ample room to expand the RMG sector and to diversify into other export sectors," according to the study.

Bangladesh's exports have doubled their world market share between 1995 and 2012, largely due to the strong export performance of the apparel sector, said the study.

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# Two Chinese diplomats shot dead in Philippines

AFP, Manila

China's consul general in the Philippines' second biggest city was wounded and two of his staff members were killed yesterday during a lunchtime gun attack at a restaurant, police said.

Two other Chinese at the lunch, a consular officer and her husband, were arrested on suspicion of involvement in the shootings, national police spokesman Wilben Mayor told AFP.

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# GULSHAN CAR CRASH Cops wait for HC order copy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police are yet to receive the High Court directives to take legal actions against a teenage drunk driver who ploughed through rickshaws injuring four people in Gulshan last week.

"We will take all necessary steps as soon as we formally receive the directives," Deputy Commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Muntasirul Islam told The Daily Star yesterday.

He said he got to know about the HC directives from the media.

"The directives will have

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# Monk seeks 8 months to walk to court

BBC ONLINE

An Indian monk from the Jain religion has said he needs eight months to answer a court summons, as he will have to walk in accordance with his faith.

The court in Ahmedabad, 2,200km from Kolkata where the monk is now, rejected the request and told him to appear next month.

The monk says he cannot use a vehicle as he has renounced the world.

He is charged with

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