Three-wheelers going over an unmanned level crossing at Dapnajar of Basail in Tangail on Thursday. There is only a warning sign. There are about 20 such risky crossings between Joydevpur and Bangabandhu Bridge.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

Second innings ends

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"It's a painful and personal matter, so I won't be able to comment more or state any reason for it," he said.

Loved by millions across the cricket-obsessed nation for winning Pakistan its only World Cup in 1992, Khan's sporting prowess and rugged good looks also brought him international fame in a country lacking glamour.

He was considered his country's most eligible man until he suddenly announced his plans to marry shortly after launching a movement to topple the government in August 2014, which he called off in December after a Taliban attack on a school that killed 150 people.

Reham Khan, host of a local TV talk show, was widely criticised after she appeared at public meetings of Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaaf (PTI) party, with opponents accusing her of seeking to boost her own profile through her husband's fame.

She found particularly harsh reception in northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, governed by PTI.

She also sparked controversy after it emerged that she had not actually attended a college where she claimed to be a student on her website.

There had been reports Imran's family was unhappy with his choice of bride.

Imran has two sons from his previous marriage to British socialite Jemima Khan (nee Goldsmith).

Born in 1952 in Lahore into a comfortable family with origins in the Pashtun northwest, he was educated at Aitchison College, the Eton of Pakistan, boarding school in England, and then Oxford University.

He became one of the world's greatest ever all-rounders -- a fearsome fast bowler and dangerous batsman -- whose finest hour came at the 1992 World Cup, where at the age of 39 he led an inexperienced team to the title.

He married Jemima Goldsmith, the daughter of the French-British tycoon James, in 1995.

She converted to Islam and the couple moved in with his family in Lahore.

They divorced in 2004, allegedly over the difficulties Jemima faced in Pakistan, where she was hounded for her family's Jewish ancestry, and his obsession with politics.

Teachers, staff

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save our lives" written on his bare chest.

According to the federation, some 8,000 non-MPO schools, colleges, madrasas and vocational institutions have nearly 20 lakh students. About 1.2 lakh teachers and employees work for them. The institutions, mostly outside Dhaka, are at least 10 years old.

Set up on local initiatives, these institutions later had the government's approval and also fulfilled the criteria for getting the MPO facility, said Esharat.

"Some teachers and employees get a paltry salary while many others receive no payments. This has put them in difficultly. Even many are quitting jobs," he added.

The federation chief claimed that they have been pressing for the demand for over 10 years.

"When we waged a strong movement in 2013, the then education minister sought three months to make a declaration on the MPO. Nearly three years have gone by ever since and our fate has not changed."

A delegation of the teachers-employees federation met Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Thursday. The minister agreed to their demand, but told the federation leaders that there was no budgetary allocation for providing their institutions with the MPO facility, said Esharat.

"So, we started the hunger strike unto death today [yesterday]. We want to meet the prime minister."

On October 14, the federation submitted copies of an application to the district deputy commissioners seeking an appointment with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Esharat hoped the PM would pay heed to their demand.

Police at last

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him but he was not there.

"We are raiding different areas in the capital to arrest him."

Asked whether the boy has already fled the country as claimed in some media reports, the OC said he was not aware about it.

In a drunken state, 16-year-old Fareez, nephew of former Awami League lawmaker HBM Iqbal, was racing with another car on a Gulshan street when he rammed his SUV into two rickshaws, according to a police officer, who inspected the site immediately after the crash.

However, police played a dubious role in dealing with it and refrained from taking any legal action against the boy even days after the accident that created quite a stir on the social media.

On October 20 the High Court asked the police authorities to explain in two weeks why they should not be ordered to take legal action against Fareez. It also asked why departmental proceedings should not be taken against the officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station for not carrying out his duty in this matter.

"The case has been filed in line with the [HC] order," OC Sirajul told The Daily Star Islam last night.

Key powers seek

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"Some countries have tried to include a timetable for the departure of Bashar al-Assad in the statement (issued after the meeting) but with the efforts made, this part has been removed," Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian was quoted as saying in Vienna by Iranian news agencies.

US Secretary of State John Kerry acknowledged that he had "agreed to disagree" with his Iranian and Russian counterparts on the fate of the Syrian leader.

"The United States' position is that there is no way that President Assad can unite and govern Syria. And we believe that Syrians deserve a different choice," he said.

"But we can't allow that difference to get in the way of the possibility that diplomacy can end the killing and find the solution."

He said the participants had agreed to ask the UN to broker a peace deal between the regime and opposition to clear the way for a new constitution and UN-supervised elections.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov stressed that Assad's fate "needs to be decided by Syrians" through elections.

The idea has been rejected by rebels who say a vote would be impossible in the current circumstances, with millions of Syrians displaced, cities standing in ruins and two-thirds of the country in the hands of jihadists and other armed groups.

Russia said Friday its airforce had hit 1,623 "terrorist targets" in Syria over the past month, including 51 training camps.

Lavrov criticised the US deployment of ground troops, saying any action should be done with the agreement of the Syrian regime.

"Russia has consistently advocated that the fight against terrorism be conducted on the basis of international law, which means that in the event of a military operation -- be it by the air force or ground forces and contingents -- there needs to be the consent of the concerned governments and the UN Security Council," he said.

As the major powers met in Vienna, at least 91 people, including 17 children, were killed yesterday in attacks on opposition strongholds in the north and outside Damascus, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Most died in government strikes on Douma, a town on the eastern edges of the capital, the Britain-based monitoring group said.

And underscoring the perils facing those fleeing the war, 26 migrants, including at least 17 children, drowned during the night making the perilous journey from Turkey to Greece as they made a desperate bid to reach Europe.

BNP brave

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"People join, people quit, but the party is not affected by it," he told reporters after offering prayers at the shrines of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) and Shah Poran (RA) in Sylhet yesterday.

Referring to Mobin's resignation, Fakhrul said, "He has not resigned. He has rather quit on health grounds."

He also said the decision on Mobin's resignation would be taken after party Chairperson Khaleda Zia's return from London.

Meanwhile, BNP national standing committee member Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star that Mobin "was not a well known political figure in the party."

"The party's grass-root leaders have no connection with him. Even activists in his own constituency in Sylhet do not know him well," he said.

He also said, "I think party leaders and activists will not talk much about his retirement from BNP."

Nazrul Islam Khan, another BNP standing committee member, echoed Mahbub's view.

Mobin abruptly resigned from the party on Wednesday. Later, he told reporters, "I am in doubt like many others as to how the present BNP can hold the ideals and the thoughts of constructive politics with which its founder late president Ziaur Rahman founded the party."

Leaders who share Mobin's views said the violence carried out by the BNP-led opposition early this year had tarnished the party's image seriously at home and abroad.

"We have been branded even a terrorist organisation for the violent activities," a BNP leader said, adding that BNP senior vice chairman Tarique Rahman was one of the masterminds to go for such activities.

Some party leaders, wishing anonymity, said Mobin's resignation might give a bad signal to the diplomatic community as he was well connected with them.

8 beds available

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she said, without going on any further.

At the hospital, there is a general ICU and a Special Care Baby Unit (SCABU) with 30 beds -- both of which are to provide treatment to older children.

The NICU, on the other hand, is for infants aged not more than one month. It requires sophisticated medical equipment as well as skilled doctors and trained nurses, said health experts.

According to hospital sources, the government-supported hospital has 630 beds at present with 40 percent of them available for the poor free of charge.

Tahmeed Ahmed, director of Centre for Nutrition and Food Security at icddr,b, said, "Newborns are diagnosed with some common deceases such as asphysia or breathing problem and sepsis, a kind of infection."

A significant number of infants die from these two deceases, he said.

Nazrul Islam, whose five-day-old nephew was undergoing treatment at the Shishu Hospital NICU, said that alongside insufficient beds, "the NICU unit also has other problems that need to be addressed."

He alleged that on the evening of October 18, right after he admitted his nephew, there was a blackout for about an hour at the NICU and the adjacent SCABU. In the face of protest from the attendants waiting outside, it was revealed later that the generator ran out of fuel.

Despite repeated requests from them, the staffs did not pay any heed to the matter, leading to a scuffle between some attendants and guards on the ground floor, he added.

Contacted, Manzoor Hussain, director of the Shishu Hospital, denied that there was any blackout at the hospital on October 18.

"During load-shedding we usually switch off the lights but keep necessary equipment running with the support of generator," he said.

It might have prompted the attendants to think there was no electricity, he added.

Manzoor, however, admitted that there was a crisis of beds at the NICU.

"It is a major problem at the hospital now," he said, adding that due to shortage of beds they could not admit many critically ill infants.

He also refuted that "recommendation from higher official helps get a bed sooner."

Two killed in Ukraine blasts

AFP, *Kiev*

Two civilians were killed and eight people injured in a series of explosions at a munitions depot in war-torn eastern Ukraine, Ukrainian military officials said yesterday.

A fire caused a series of ammunition explosions on Thursday evening at military depots close to the government-held city of Svatove, about 60 kilometres from rebel-controlled territory in the eastern Lugansk region, military spokesman Oleksandr Motuzyanyk told AFP.

The fire was still raging yesterday morning with security forces and rescue workers on high alert, he added.

"According to the latest information, two civilians were killed and another eight people were injured," in the blasts, regional military spokesman Ruslan Tkachuk told AFP by phone, adding that four of those wounded were soldiers.

Officials said the area had been cordoned off and roads leading to the city were closed. Soldiers had also been evacuated from their base, as well as civilians living nearby.

Soviet-era military warehouses usually contain large amounts of weapons and ammunition that sometimes are stored in poor conditions.

According to the local media, the Svatove location contains nearly 3,500 tons of ammunition, including Grad, Hurricane and Smerch missile systems.

Beijing pledges

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"Not only China, the whole region will not develop without peace and stability here [in South Asian countries]. This is the fundamental element ...," she said.

Yanqi said the bilateral exchanges between China and South Asian countries have increased significantly.

She said trade between China and South Asian countries was over $100 billion and Chinese investment in those countries stood at $7.2 billion last year.

"We have announced a series of initiatives of our cooperation towards South Asian countries. In 2019, our bilateral trade will be close to $150 billion. That is our common goal," she added

On the huge trade gap between China and Bangladesh, she said China has a large economy and it was necessary for them to adopt some measures and try to minimise the trade imbalance with its friends, like Bangladesh and Nepal.

"We also find it very necessary to support and facilitate Bangladeshi companies to represent in China, either through exhibitions or campaign programmes," Yanqi added.

China wants to see Bangladesh and Nepal more "integrated" in the regional cooperation mechanism, she said, mentioning BCIM [Bangladesh–China–India–Myanmar], in which Bangladesh is an important part.

On many Chinese companies building bridges and roads, she said this was not only development work, it was the "linkage of hearts".

"We have common history and values. So we have to help each other and develop together," she said.

Welcoming the young Bangladeshis to study in China, the official said China would continue to provide scholarships for Bangladeshi students and would increase 100 more scholarships to Bangladeshi students.

Currently, China provides more than 800 scholarships to Bangladeshi students.

China would send teachers to Bangladesh to teach Chinese language there, which would help boost exchange programmes.

On China's "One Road One Belt" initiative, Yanqi said this was an important initiative and Bangladesh and Nepal could support and participate in building the road. "We have to help each other ..."

Stressing on people-to-people contact, she said, "From the ancient times, we are friendly to each other. We will keep it, as people-to-people contact is the foundation of our bilateral relationship."

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4	33562 Mathbaria Upazila	**CCRIP/IFAD/PIROJ/UNR/2015/W-14** Improvement of Mirukhali UP-Jawtala Bazar via Vagiratpur Bazar from Ch. 5425m to 7577m including 18m RCC Girder Bridge and 5 Nos Box Culvert (ID No. 579583011) under upazila Mathbaria, dist: Pirojpur	01.00pm 29.11.2015	12.45pm 30.11.2015	01.45pm 30.11.2015

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০১।	বাস্তবায়নকারী সংস্থা	ঃ	গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার, পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়, বন অধিদপ্তর, ময়মনসিংহ বন বিভাগ, ময়মনসিংহ।
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০৩।	দরপত্রের কাজের বিবরণ	ঃ	(ক) মধুটিলা ইকো-পার্ক, নালিতাবাড়ী, শেরপুর এর প্রবেশ গেইট, সাব-গেইট ও পার্কিং এলাকা ইজারা। (খ) মধুটিলা ইকো-পার্ক, নালিতাবাড়ী, শেরপুর এর ওয়াচ টাওয়ার, পাবলিক টয়লেট, শিশুপার্কের প্রবেশ গেইট, লেকে বোট ও নৌকা চালানো, লেকে হুইলের সাহায্যে মৎস্য শিকার ইজারা। (গ) মধুটিলা ইকো-পার্ক, নালিতাবাড়ী, শেরপুর এর ক্যান্টিন ইজারা।
০৪।	ইজারার মেয়াদ	ঃ	কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের তারিখ থেকে ০১ (এক) বছর।
০৫।	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	ঃ	(ক) বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, ময়মনসিংহ বন বিভাগ। (খ) রেঞ্জ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, মধুটিলা রেঞ্জ। (গ) শেরপুর সামাজিক বনায়ন নার্সারী ও প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, শেরপুর।
০৬।	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১১/১১/২০১৫ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
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