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A long, hard journey

Youth pays for master's by pulling rickshaw

HABIBUR RAHMAN with ANDREW EAGLE

Seventy-year-old day labourer Md Altaf Hossain from Nokathi village in Jhalakathi's Rajapur upazila has seven children, none of whom studied even as far as the Secondary School Certificate except one of his sons, Md Nasiruddin. Economic hardship made education elusive for the family but Nasiruddin, now 24, was determined. Unable to rely on financial support from home for his tertiary studies, Nasiruddin turned to pedal power.

"On the first day I rode rickshaw I was scared of being recognised by college classmates," he recalls, referring to the perceived indignity of the occupation. "I rode until 9 p.m. on that first day and earned Tk. 70. My first two passengers were women."

Even to hire a rickshaw was a challenge. It was after completing his Higher School Certificate equivalent alim exam at a madrasa in 2008 that Nasiruddin moved to Pirojpur town to enrol in Suhrawardi College. He was not well-known. He hadn't driven a rickshaw before. Rickshaw owners were cautious.

It took persistence before one agreed to entrust him with a vehicle. "On the third day I had an accident," he says. Fortunately he escaped serious injury.

He wasn't dissuaded. "After a few hours' morning study I'd set off on rickshaw around 10 a.m.," he says. "I rode until late afternoon which limited study time and besides, it's quite difficult to sit at a desk after rickshaw riding. But it was the only way."

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Md Nasiruddin is pulling his rickshaw carrying a passenger in Pirojpur town. With an honours degree in English, the 24-year-old youth from an impoverished family has taken up this job to pay for his master's. 'Nothing can stop me,' says Nasiruddin, with a conviction that deserves a bow. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

100MW more electricity from India

Bangladesh to give India 10GB internet bandwidth

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate supply of 100-megawatt power to Bangladesh from northeastern Indian state of Tripura's Palatana project on March 23.

The same day Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to provide 10 GB Internet bandwidth to India, Tripura Power and Communications Minister Manik Dey told reporters yesterday.

Bangladesh has allowed transit through its land overhead equipment from mainland India to the Palatana power project, a gesture which was highly appreciated by India. The move was reciprocated by India by agreeing to supply power to its neighbour from that plant.

Talking to the reporters in Agartala, capital city of Tripura, Manik Dey said there would not be any formal function to mark the occasion as the entire programme would be held through videoconferencing.

After the formal opening of international gateway of Internet, Tripura would be the third Indian state which is having such a gateway after Mumbai and Chennai. This will help all the north eastern states of India, he added.

Indian Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad laid the foundation stone of the project in Agartala on July 13, 2015 that aims at strengthening telecom services in the northeastern states.

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SC commutes JMB man's death penalty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A JMB operative's death sentence was yesterday commuted to jail until death in a case over the 2005 bomb attack on a Sylhet judge.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court delivered the verdict after hearing an appeal filed by Akhtaruzzaman, a member of the banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh.

Defence lawyer Delwar Hossain told The Daily Star that the SC commuted the capital punishment of his client, considering that he was only 19 when he committed the crime.

Akhtaruzzaman made the attack on the then Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal judge Biplob Goswami in front of his Kumarpara residence in

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US PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION BATTLE

Sanders' hope alive with surprise win

Clinton suffers loss in Michigan but wins big in Mississippi; Trump wins 3 more primaries

AFP, Washington

Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton suffered a surprise loss to challenger Bernie Sanders in a major state primary Tuesday, as billionaire Donald Trump notched a trio of easy victories in the Republican presidential nomination race.

The former secretary of state slumped to defeat in the industrial rust belt state of Michigan, where Sanders snagged 49.9 percent of the vote compared to Clinton's 48.2 percent with almost all precincts already reported.

"This has been a fantastic night in Michigan," Sanders said shortly before the race was called in his favor.

However, Clinton handily defeated her rival in the southern Gulf state of Mississippi, thanks to a strong turnout by African-Americans.

And despite the upset, Clinton received a psychological boost by passing the half-way point in the race to reach the 2,382 delegates needed to win the Democratic nomination.

Nevertheless, even with the delegate math in Clinton's favor, Sanders' strong showing will reinvigorate his campaign, and raised questions about her ability to win key industrial states in the general election, such as Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.



Sanders

Trump

UP ELECTIONS

JCD leader killed in Pirojpur

STAR REPORT

A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader was killed early yesterday allegedly by members of the ruling Awami League over a feud centring on the upcoming union parishad polls in Pirojpur.

The victim, Shamsul Haque Chhotto, 28, was organising secretary of the Nazirpur upazila unit of pro-BNP student body Chhatra Dal, reports our correspondent.

Shamsul, a nephew of Touhidul Islam, BNP-nominated chairman aspirant of Sheikh Matia Union under the upazila, came under attack at Raghunathpur around 8:30pm on Tuesday while he along with some of his friends were returning home from an election campaign.

With several stab injuries to the lower part of the body, he was rushed to a local hospital where he died four hours later, said police and family members.

Pirojpur Superintendent of Police Walid

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Magical total solar eclipse

AFP, Ternate

A total solar eclipse swept across the vast Indonesian archipelago yesterday, marked by ecstatic sky gazers cheering the spectacle, devout Muslims kneeling in prayer and tribespeople performing rituals.

The moon began to move between the Earth and sun at 6:19 am (2319 GMT Tuesday), and about an hour later a total eclipse became visible in western parts of the country.

The sun then went entirely dark in a broad arc right across the world's biggest archipelago nation, which straddles three time zones, before the eclipse swept out across the Pacific Ocean.

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This bus of Ajmeri Glory Paribahan rammed through the median strip, hit a utility pole, inset, and drove onto a footpath along the Bir Uttam Shamsul Alam Road near Kakrail Intersection in the capital yesterday afternoon. A rickshaw-puller and two school teachers were injured in the incident. The policemen at the scene said the driver lost control over the vehicle as its brakes failed.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন

সময়মত পৌরকার পরিশোধ করুন
আপনার শিক্তে টিকা দিন

সম্মানিত হোল্ডিং মালিক/দখলদার কর্তৃক ইমারতের বহির্ভাগে পরিষ্কার-পরিচ্ছন্নসহ
হোয়াইট ওয়াশকরণ (চুনকাম/ওয়েদারকোট) সম্পর্কিত

গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বিভিন্ন ঋতু ও আবহাওয়ার পরিবর্তনের ফলে ইমারতের বহির্ভাগের দেয়ালের উপর এর প্রভাব লক্ষ্য করা যায়। ইমারতের বহির্ভাগ হোয়াইট ওয়াশ না করলে বর্ষা-মৌসুমে বৃষ্টির পানি ও শীত মৌসুমে কুয়াশা শোষণের ফলে দেয়াল স্ফাতস্বাভে হয়, বিভিন্ন রকম শ্যাওলা ও আগাছা উৎপন্ন হয়, ভবনের স্থায়িত্ব কমে যায়, শারীরিক বিভিন্ন রোগের প্রাদুর্ভাব দেখা দেয়, দৃষ্টি দূষণ ও দুর্গন্ধ ছড়ায়, ভূমিকম্পনীয় ঝুঁকি বেশি থাকে, কনক্রিটের লবনাক্ততা বৃদ্ধি পায় ও কার্যক্ষমতা হ্রাস পায়, তাপমাত্রা শোষণের ফলে গরমের সময় বেশি গরম ও শীতের সময় বেশি শীত অনুভব হয়, রেডিয়েশনের উদ্ভব হয় এবং সর্বোপরি শহরের সৌন্দর্য নষ্ট হয়। ফলে যে সকল ইমারত অস্বাস্থ্যকর বা ক্ষতিকর অবস্থায় রয়েছে, সেগুলোকে দ্রুত পরিষ্কার-পরিচ্ছন্ন করাসহ প্রয়োজনীয় সংস্কার/মেরামতকরতঃ বহির্দেয়ালে রং (চুনকাম/ওয়েদারকোট) করা অত্যাৱশ্যক।

এ সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে স্থানীয় সরকার (সিটি কর্পোরেশন) আইন, ২০০৯ এর তৃতীয় তফসিলের ১.৩ উপ-অনুচ্ছেদে বর্ণিত রয়েছে যে, উল্লেখিত মেয়াদের মধ্যে কর্পোরেশনের নির্দেশনা অনুযায়ী প্রয়োজনীয় কার্য সম্পন্ন করা না হইলে, কর্পোরেশন উক্ত ইমারত বা জায়গার মালিক বা দখলদারের খরচে প্রয়োজনীয় কার্য সম্পন্ন করিতে পারিবে, এবং ইহাতে কর্পোরেশনের যে খরচ হইবে, তাহা এই আইনের অধীনে উক্ত মালিক বা দখলদারের উপর আরোপিত কর হিসাবে গণ্য হইবে এবং পঞ্চম তফসিলের ৫৪ উপ-অনুচ্ছেদে বর্ণিত রয়েছে যে, কর্পোরেশন কর্তৃক নির্দেশিত হওয়া সন্তো কোন দালান চুনকাম বা মেরামত করিতে বার্ষিক হলে স্থানীয় সরকার (সিটি কর্পোরেশন) আইন, ২০০৯ এর ৯৩ ধারা মোতাবেক দন্ডনীয় অপরাধে অভিযুক্ত হবে।

উপর্যুক্ত বিষয়গুলো সার্বিক বিবেচনায় ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন এলাকায় ইমারতগুলোকে আগামী ০৩ (তিন) মাসের মধ্যে পরিষ্কার-পরিচ্ছন্ন করাসহ প্রয়োজনীয় সংস্কার/মেরামতকরতঃ বহির্দেয়ালে রং (চুনকাম/ওয়েদারকোট) করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। অন্যথায় সংশ্লিষ্টদের বিরুদ্ধে বর্ণিত আইনের আওতায় ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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