



KOLKATA FLYOVER COLLAPSE

No more survivors

Say rescue officials; death toll climbs to 25; 100 pulled alive from rubble; contractor sued

AFP, Kolkata

Rescue officials said yesterday there are no more survivors trapped under the rubble of a flyover that collapsed killing at least 25 people, as Indian police detained five construction company staff over the accident.

Emergency workers using specialist equipment have pulled nearly 100 people out alive from under the huge concrete slabs and metal girders that fell onto a busy street in the eastern city of Kolkata on Thursday, crushing cars and pedestrians. "The rescue operation is almost over as there are no more

survivors. We are trying to extricate a body from a truck buried under the wreckage," Anil Shekhawat, a spokesman for the National Disaster Response Force, told AFP.

"As of now 25 people have died."

Earlier police said the rescue operation would not stop until all the blocks of concrete and iron girders had been cleared, with hundreds of rescuers, including army personnel, working around the clock.

Police said they had detained five employees of IVRCL, the contractor behind the construction project, which has denied responsibility for the disaster in the capital of West Bengal state.

"Five people of the Hyderabad company have been SEE PAGE 11 COL 5



"Shame the rapist, not the victim" -- campaigners write on the back of a rickshaw at Nimtoli Gate in Old Dhaka yesterday. This was part of an initiative taken by a women's group called Meye to protest sexual assaults of women. The theme of the campaign was "Let our words colour rickshaws."

PHOTO: **ANISUR RAHMAN**

No headway in probe

CID team inspects scene of crime

STAR REPORT

A team from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday visited the spot in the Comilla Cantonment area where college student Sohagi Jahan Tonu was found murdered on March 20.

"We have been investigating how and in which condition the body of the girl

found. We have received necessary documents of the case, but we need more time to unearth the mystery," Assistant Police Superintendent of CID

Mojammel Haq told UNB. He also said, "We haven't got anything yet to make any comment on the progress of the case."

The team was led by the investigation officer of the case, CID Inspector Gazi Mohammad Ibrahim.

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Students take part in educational activities at a specialised school for mentally challenged children in Pabna. PHOTO: STAR

A little care making big difference

World Autism Awareness Day today

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

She has almost all the skills of a dancer. When she performs in a group on stage, she can hardly be distinguished from others. She gives her all in it.

was born with autism and could not move without the help of others for several years. But today, she has come a

long way and can entertain her audience with her dance moves.

She seems more confident after she started going to a specialised school for the mentally challenged children --Buddhi Protibondhi Bidyalay -- at Shalgaria Thirty-year-old Kohinur Akter Keya in Pabna town, says her mother Monjuara Parvin.

Though Kohinur's intellectual

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Girl 'raped' in running bus

The Tangail incident comes 2 days after alleged gang-rape of 2 sisters in Laxmipur STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female garment worker was raped in a running bus in Tangail yesterday. It

comes two days after two sisters, both in their teens, were allegedly gang-raped in Laxmipur on Tuesday, police said. The garment worker,

aged around 23, was returning from a relative's in Dhanbari upazila of Tangail to her place in Gazipur on a Binimoy Paribahan bus in the early morning, police said quoting the victim.

She was the only passenger in the bus that had four staff on board, including the driver, reports our Tangail correspondent.

Around 6:00am, when the bus was speeding through the Tangail-Mymensingh Road in Madhupur upazila, the transport workers locked the gate and windows.

They also tied her hands and legs and gagged her. Three of the bus staff then took turns to rape the SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

US, China agree to deter North Korea nuke tests

Pyongyang vows to pursue missile programme in defiance of powers

AGENCIES

China and the United States will work together to try to prevent further missile tests by North Korea, US President Barack Obama said.

In recent weeks, North Korea has carried out a hydrogen bomb test and repeatedly test-fired missiles. Obama met Chinese President Xi

Jinping on the sidelines of a nuclear summit in Washington on Thursday. But hours later, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the North appeared to have test-fired another missile. The latest test saw what appeared to be a ballistic missile land off the east coast of the Korean peninsula, Yonhap reported.

Barack Obama

Obama said he and Xi were seeking to agree "how we can discourage action like nuclear missile tests that escalate tensions and violate international obligations"

Xi, quoted by China's state news agency Xinhua, said it was critical all parties "fully and strictly" implemented newly-agreed sanctions. China is North Korea's closest ally and largest trading partner. Zheng Zeguang, China's assistant foreign minister, said the presidents

had a "candid and in-depth exchange of views on a variety of issues...and reached an important consensus". He called the meeting "positive, constructive and fruitful".

North Korea's nuclear test on 6 January and a satellite launch on 7 February were violations of existing UN sanctions.

Since then, the UN and Washington passed further sanctions on SEE PAGE 11 COL 5



the West Indies players danced into their hotel after defeating India in the World T20 semifinal in Mumbai on Thursday.

Caribbean revelry amid Indian gloom

AGENCIES, Mumbai

Xi Jinping

If there is one team in the word that knows how to party, it is the West Indies. After beating India by seven wickets in a thrilling ICC World Twenty20 semifinal in Mumbai on Thursday night, a jubilant Caribbean team returned to their hotel in upbeat mood.

Dwayne Bravo and Darren Sammy broke into song and dance to mark their momentous win after getting off the team bus. The duo did the 'Champion' jig -- made popular by Bravo's chartbuster with the same title.

The 'Champion' jig has become a West Indian trademark in this ICC World T20. A wicket, a 50 or a victory is invariably SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

BANGLADESHIS BEING TRAFFICKED

Number rising in Mumbai brothels

Says charity

REUTERS, Mumbai

The number of women being trafficked from Bangladesh into Mumbai brothels is rising as part of greater migration from India's eastern neighbour, and police and social groups need to do more to rescue and repatriate them, a charity said on Thursday.

The number of Bengali-speaking commercial sex workers in the city's main red-light district of Kamathipura is at a record high, according to data compiled by Prerana, a nonprofit focused on trafficking and sex workers.

The total includes some women from the eastern state of West Bengal.

"The increased numbers dovetail with increased migration from Bangladesh, and migrants are particularly vulnerable to traffickers," said Priti Patkar, co-founder of Prerana.

ise of a job or a better life," she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. Of the 213 children of sex workers enrolled at Prerana's

"They're so desperate, they are easily lured by the prom-

night care centre in Kamathipura from 2010-15, 128 had a Bengali-speaking mother, the data showed. Similar increases have been seen in other parts of the city, Patkar said. There were about a dozen each from the states of Uttar

Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

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Greed knows no bound

lobsters destroyed A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

2,000kg jelly-filled

Coast guards yesterday destroyed around 2,000kg of lobsters worth about Tk 10 lakh in Chandpur as those were found injected with jelly.

Lt Enayetullah, station commander of Chandpur SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

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Target heaven

Father of 35 aims to have 100 children



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Jan Mohammad, a doctor from Pakistan, is on a mission to produce 100 offspring, an achievement that he believes will earn him a place in heaven.

The 43-year-old already has 35 children from three wives, and is now ready to marry a fourth woman to speed up the process.

"I want to have 100 children, as the prophet had said that those who increase the number of followers (of Islam) will never go to hell," he said, speaking to Pakistan newspaper DAWN, from his hometown of Quetta, in Pakistan. "With the grace of God, my

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ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন

৮১, গুলশান এভিনিউ, নগর ভবন, ঢাকা

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন আপনার শিশুকে টিকা দিন

দেয়াল লিখন, নিয়ন সাইন, আলোকিত শপ সাইন, গাছে ব্যানার, ফেষ্ট্রন, লিফলেট লাগানো ও কাঁচে বিজ্ঞাপন প্রদর্শন ইত্যাদি বন্ধকরণ সংক্রান্ত জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল বাড়ির মালিক, ব্যাংক-বীমা, হোটেল-রেষ্টুরেন্ট, কোচিং সেন্টার, মার্কেটসহ অন্যান্য বাণিজ্যিক প্রতিষ্ঠান এর স্বত্বাধিকারীকে বিনীত অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন এলাকায় বিদ্যমান সকল প্রকার অননুমোদিত/অনুমোদনের চেয়ে বৃহৎ আকৃতির দেয়াল লিখন, নিয়ন সাইন, আলোকিত শপ সাইন, গাছে লাগানো ব্যানার, ফেষ্টুন, লিফলেট ও ভবনের কাঁচে প্রদর্শিত বিজ্ঞাপন ব্যবহার আগামী ০৭/০৪/২০১৬ তারিখের মধ্যে পুরোপুরি বন্ধ করতে হবে/অপসারণ করে নিতে হবে। অন্যথায় স্থানীয় সরকার (সিটি কর্পোরেশন) আইন, ২০০৯ এর ৯২ ধারার পঞ্চম তফসিলের ৩ ও ৪৩ নম্বর ক্রমিকে সংজ্ঞায়িত এবং ৯৩ ধারায় স্পেশাল মেট্রোপলিটন ম্যাজিস্ট্রেটের কোর্টে মামলা রুজু করা এবং হোল্ডিং এর গ্যাস/বিদ্যুৎ বিচ্ছিন্ন করাসহ অন্যান্য আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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