

# NEWS IN brief

## Senior Bangladeshis need no prior appointment for Indian visa

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The High Commission of India yesterday announced that the senior citizens from Bangladesh aged 65 years and above will not require prior appointment date/e-token to submit their tourist visa applications.

With effect from September 18, senior citizens can walk-in and submit their applications at any of the Indian Visa Application Centres in Bangladesh, said a

## One killed in launch collision

UNB, Keraniganj

An unidentified man was killed and five others injured when a launch slammed into another one at Sadarghat Launch Terminal in the capital yesterday.

Police said the accident occurred when Karnaphuli-9, from Barisal hit MV-Sreenagar-7, after it arrived at the terminal leaving six people injured. The injured were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the

## Sufia Rahman passes away

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Sufia Rahman; a novelist, teacher and social worker; died at a Dhaka hospital yesterday.

Wife of social scientist and writer Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley, she left behind her husband and two sons.

The eldest daughter of former civil servant Syed Shafiqullah of Rajbari, Sufia Rahman did her masters in English from Dhaka University in 1965.

## Child burnt in Ctg slum fire dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The six-year-old boy, who suffered burn injuries in a fire at Railway Slum in Kalshidighirpar area of Chittagong city on Sunday, died yesterday at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Sabbir was undergoing treatment at the hospital with 70 percent burn injuries, said police.

The fire originated from an electric short-circuit, damaged 77 shanties and 12 shops. A woman and her three-and-a-half-year-old daughter were also killed, said police. Sabbir's mother Shilpi Begum was injured

## Female doctor 'commits suicide' in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A female doctor allegedly committed suicide by jumping off the rooftop of an eight-storey building in Khulshi area of Chittagong city on Wednesday.

The deceased -- Shirin Fatema, 54, a medical officer of Bandar Hospital -- lived with her husband and a daughter in the building, said police.

Quoting family members, Nizam Uddin, officer-in-charge of Khulshi Police Station, said Shirin was mentally depressed.

## Senior govt officials to get training at Harvard Kennedy School

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The public administration ministry and Harvard Kennedy School have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide training for the senior officials of Bangladesh Civil Service.

Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, senior secretary of the ministry, and Debra Iles, senior associate dean, executive education, Harvard University, signed the MoU at the university, on Tuesday, said a press release.

Under this agreement, senior government officials will

## Obituary

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MA Abdullah, a senior pilot of the Mongla Port Authority,

died from chronic kidney diseases at Apollo Hospitals in Dhaka on September 10. He was 59.

Abdullah, a resident of Assurance City in Dhaka, left behind his wife and two sons. He was buried in his family graveyard in Satkhira.

Ariful Haque

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Ariful Haque, Naogaon correspondent of Boishakhi Television and Bangla daily Jai Jai Din, died due to brain cancer at his residence yesterday. He was 38.

He was an office secretary of Naogaon Press Club.

He left behind his wife and two daughters. He was buried in his family graveyard in Borokhol village of Naogaon.

## Container

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Fazley Ekram Chowdhury, president of Ship Handling and Terminal Operator Owners Association, said the congestion was common during Eid but the situation was still under control.

He, however, expressed concern as there are two more holidays till Saturday.

As of yesterday a total of 14 container-laden vessels were waiting at the outer anchorage to get berth at the port jetties.

Panama flagged Cala Pinguino arrived at the outer anchorage on September 11 and was waiting for the last five days to get berth.

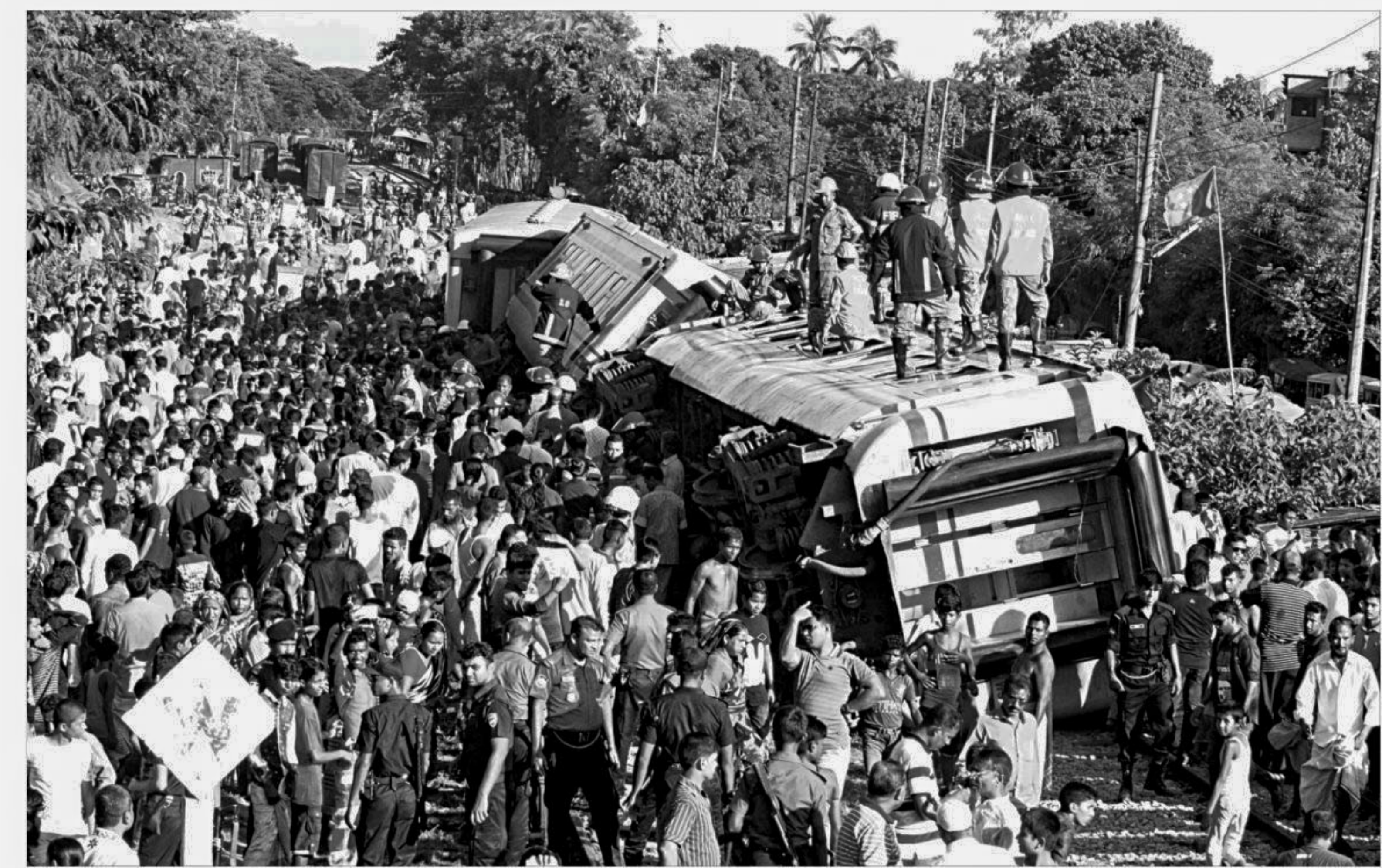
CPA Member (Admin and Planning) Md Zafar Alam said the 16 private inland container depots (ICD) and the importers could not take away the imported cargoes.

Saying that this is a common phenomenon during the Eid, the CPA member said there was no increase of vessel stay time at the port jetties since the CPA managed to unload and store the import containers timely.

He, however, opined that to avoid such a situation in future, alternative ways need to be developed.

The port users, however, feared that if the congestion cannot be cleared within a few days the situation will be worsened.

Shahed Sarwar, executive director of K Line Bangladesh Ltd, said the vessel stay time was yet to increase.



The derailed coaches of Mohanagar Godhuli near Pahartoli of Chittagong on Wednesday, snapping the Chittagong-Dhaka rail link. The train service resumed after 10 hours.

PHOTO: STAR

## Gas outage till Sept 20 in north-west region

UNB, Dhaka

Gas supply may remain completely or partially suspended in the north-western districts from September 15 to 20 as Gas Transmission Company Ltd (GTCL) has started pipeline cleaning in its transmission lines.

They have already started the works at the Ashuganj-Elega transmission line, GTCL Managing Director Mahbub Sarwar told the news agency.

Earlier, a statement of Titas Gas Company had said gas supply in Ghatal Cantonment, Gopalpur, Jamalpur, Sharishabari, Sherpur, Tarakandi and Kishoreganj would remain suspended from yesterday to September 20 for the works. It had also said the gas supply to Tangail, Mirzapur, Elega and Chandra might have

been disrupted for the same reason.

It said GTCL will carry out its cleaning works in the 115km Ashuganj-Elega gas transmission line on September 15-20.

Meanwhile, the Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited, which is responsible for gas distribution in the north-western districts, said for the GTCL works, disruption may take place in gas supply to the areas in Sirajganj, Ullapara, Shahjadpur, Bera, Santhia, Pabna, Ishwardi, Bogra and Rajshahi.

Earlier, the GTCL conducted similar works in its two pipelines -- 60km Bakhrabad-Siddhirganj line and 61km Ashuganj-Siddhirganj pipeline -- from August 25 to September 1 and during the period consumers in Dhaka city, Narayanganj and its adjoining areas experienced low pressure problem in their gas supply.

## Less staff but no laxity

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treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

His wife Abida Sultana said they found no negligence in treatment during the Eid holidays. There were fewer doctors, which was not a problem as nurses were available, she said.

The DMCH officials said in the three days of Eid vacation, around 3,600 patients took services from the emergency department. Apart from that, 900 patients were admitted to the hospital from the emergency department.

The Daily Star correspondents during their visits to the DMCH, Nitor, Mitford Hospital and the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Hospital found overall satisfactory responses from the patients during the Eid vacation.

There were some allegations too.

Fatima Akhter, 35, who went to the BSMMU at 11:30am yesterday, the first office day after the vacation, said she saw the doctor who suggested tests of ultrasonography, blood and urine.

"I went to the counter to order for tests

around noon, but the personnel said they do not collect blood and urine samples after noon and suggested me to give samples on Saturday."

Fatima said delayed diagnosis means delayed treatment, and moreover she will have to travel from Wari to the hospital again.

A nurse at the BSMMU said many indoor patients left for Eid-ul-Azha. Though most doctors were on leave during the vacation, there were no problems, she said.

Dr Samiul Islam Sadi, director (hospitals) of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), said since the Eid-ul-Fitr this year, the health ministry has been keeping a control room open allowing people to call if there are any medical emergencies.

Also, during the Eid vacation, the DGHS monitors the hospitals in Dhaka and the districts to prevent medical negligence, he said.

"We tried to adjust the leaves of the doctors and staff, and have made it a strict rule that no doctor shows any excuses in the cases of emergency," Dr Samiul said.

## Dhaka-Ctg rail link restored after 10hrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rail communications between Chittagong and the rest of the country became normal early yesterday, around 10 hours after an inter-city train derailed on Dhaka-Chittagong route near Pahartoli Railway Station on Wednesday afternoon.

Four coaches of Mohanagar Godhuli, that left Chittagong Railway Station at 3:00pm on that day, derailed near Pahartoli about 20 minutes after departure, snapping the rail link, said railway sources.

About four to five people were injured during the derailment while hustling down from the train, said Ranjit Kumar Barua, officer-in-charge of Pahartoli Police Station.

The train service resumed around 1:40am yesterday, said Firoz Iftekhar, divisional transportation officer (DIO) of railway.

However, around noon on Wednesday, a locomotive and two containers of a freight train derailed near Faujdarhat Railway Station in Sitakunda, railway sources added.

Following the derailment, train communications through the up-line remained stopped, but trains plied using the down-line of the Dhaka-Chittagong route, they added.

The railway authorities formed two probe committees to investigate the incidents and asked them to submit reports within three days, said Md Abdul Hai, general manager of railway (east zone).

One, headed by Mia Jahan, chief operating superintendent of railway (east zone), was formed in connection with the Pahartoli train accident while the other, headed by Chittagong DIO Firoz Iftekhar, to probe the freight derailment.

Actions would be taken if negligence is found, Abdul Hai said.

## Sri Lanka to lift

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taken the decision on his own, which is now being withdrawn, he said.

Diplomatic sources in Dhaka and Colombo confirmed that Colombo assured to scrap the decision as the move widely seen as potentially damaging to the island's tourism industry, which is recovering from 37 years of ethnic conflict.

They said an official notice is expected to be issued soon.

There was no comment available from the Bangladesh government side.

In an abrupt move, Sri Lanka stopped issuing visa on arrival for Bangladeshis on September 7 without informing the Bangladeshi government.

Visa on arrival facilities between the two countries began in 1980 following a bilateral agreement.

Expressing dissatisfaction over Sri Lanka's "unilateral" decision to stop issuing of "visa on-arrival" facility for Bangladeshis, Dhaka has asked for a clarification from Colombo for reason behind the action.

Bangladesh has also retaliated by stopping similar facilities for Sri Lankan nationals last week.

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