

# Cylinder blast kills balloon vendor in city

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A balloon vendor was killed after a gas cylinder used for inflating balloons exploded in the capital's Banani area yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Lal Mia, 45, from Kalmakanda Upazila in Netrokona district. As the vendor was inflating balloons on Road 25/A at Banani, the gas cylinder blew up around 3:00pm with a loud bang, leaving him injured critically, said BM Farman Ali, officer-in-charge of Banani Police Station.

The victim was pronounced dead after he was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 4:30pm.

The incident took place when Lal Mia was delivering balloons at a birthday party thrown for a boy at a Banani house, said his nephew Shahjahan Mia.

Once a rickshaw puller, Lal Mia started his balloon business a year back. His wife and four children live in Netrokona.

# PM to open

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NID cards in the capital, then divisional cities, then district headquarters and lastly in upazila parishad areas," Azru said.

There are around 10 crore voters in the country and nine crore will get the new cards by December 2017. The new cards have better security measures against forgery.

"We are planning to take up a new project for preparing cards for the rest 1 crore voters and citizens who are not registered voters," said Arzu.

People will have to go to smart card distribution centres with their old cards. The EC officials then will collect biometric details, impression of 10 fingers and picture of their iris before giving them their smart new cards.

Encrypted data would be stored inside a chip in the cards.

The EC has already published advertisements in newspapers mentioning the names of smart card distribution centres in the capital.

People can get information about smart NID card distribution visiting <http://www.nidw.gov.bd/> or contacting EC call centre dialling 105 on their mobile phones.

# Where the dead

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hazard, but most importantly, they were taking up a large chunk of prime real-estate, so in 1902, the City and the County Board of Supervisors banned further burials in the city and forced larger cemeteries like Laurel Hill and Calvary Cemetery to move their residents outside the city. The fight to keep the dead in their original resting places lasted a few decades, but by 1942, only two cemeteries remained in San Francisco - The San Francisco National Cemetery and the Mission Dolores Cemetery. They are still around today, but neither is accepting new burials.

Over 150,000 dead bodies were moved from San Francisco to the small town of Colma, a small community established in 1892, when Archbishop Patrick Riordan decided to create a new necropolis in a valley five miles south of The City. The small field of potatoes that he blessed as the site of the new Catholic Cemetery would go on to become the world's only incorporated town where the dead outnumber the living.

Throughout its entire history, Colma has never had more living residents than dead. Today, it is home to around 1,800 living people and over 1.5 million dead sleeping the eternal slumber in one of its 17 massive cemeteries, fondly referred to by the locals as parks. Colma still serves as the burial ground of San Francisco so the number of "subterranean residents" is still growing at a rapid pace. It is estimated that around 75 dead bodies arrive in Colma every single day.

The extreme living-to-dead ratio has earned Colma a number of morbid nicknames, like "the City of the Silent", "the City of Souls", or "the City of the Dead", but the vastly outnumbered living population never let that bother them. They know that it's the dead that make their home unique, and even used a bit of graveyard humor when creating their official town slogan - "It's good to be alive in Colma".

Colma is an eternal home to many historical figures, from the legendary Wild West gambler and lawyer Levi Strauss or baseball pioneer Joe DiMaggio.

# China blocks tributary of Brahmaputra to build dam

## The move comes after India hints at scrapping Indus Water Treaty

PTI, Beijing

China has blocked a tributary of the Brahmaputra river in Tibet as part of the construction of its "most expensive" hydro project, which could cause concern in India as it may impact water flows into the lower riparian countries.

The Lhalo project on the Xiabuqu river, a tributary of the Yarlung Zangbo (the Tibetan name for Brahmaputra), in Xigaze in Tibet involves an investment of 4.95 billion yuan (\$740 million), Zhang Yunbao, head of the project's administration bureau was quoted as saying by Chinese state-run Xinhua news agency yesterday.

Xigaze also known as Shigatse is closely located to Sikkim. From Xigaze, the Brahmaputra flows into Arunachal Pradesh.

Terming it as the "most expensive project", the report said the project, whose construction began in June 2014, was scheduled to be completed in 2019.

It is not clear yet what impact the blockade of the river will have on the flow of water from the Brahmaputra into the lower riparian countries like India and Bangladesh as a result, it said.

Last year, China had operationalised the \$1.5 billion Zam Hydropower Station, the largest in Tibet, built on the Brahmaputra river, which has raised concerns in India.

But China has been maintaining that it has taken into consideration India's concerns and allays apprehensions of restricting the flow of water, saying its dams are not designed to hold water.

The outline of China's 12th Five Year Plan indicates that three more hydropower projects on the mainstream of the Brahmaputra river in Tibet Autonomous Region have been approved for implementation.

In March, Union minister of state for water resources Sanwar Lal Jat said in a statement that India had expressed its concerns to China about the likely impact of the dams.

While there is no water treaty between the countries, India and China established an Expert Level Mechanism (ELM) on trans-border rivers and in October 2013 the two governments signed a memorandum of understanding on strengthening cooperation on trans-border rivers under which Beijing provides data to India on the water flows.

The blockade of the Brahmaputra river tributary comes at a time when India's reported decision to suspend talks with Pakistan under Indus Water Treaty as part of its efforts to hit back at Pakistan in the aftermath of the Uri attack.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang gave a guarded reply when asked on September 27 about India's reported move.

# London's Tower Bridge closes

until New Year

AFP, London

London's iconic Tower Bridge closed to vehicles for three months on Saturday for its first major maintenance works in nearly half a century.

The 122-year-old drawbridge by the Tower of London -- whose roadway leaves are lifted to allow tall ships on the River Thames to pass through -- carries 21,000 vehicles and some 40,000 people per day.

"This heavy use has had an effect on timber decking of the bridge, which was last refurbished in 1970," said a statement from the City of London Corporation, which owns the Victorian Gothic landmark.

"To ensure that the bridge continues to serve as a vital river crossing we need to undertake the essential maintenance works."

It will be closed to road traffic until December 30.

The bridge's leaves will continue to operate as normal for river traffic. It lifts on average 800 to 900 times a year, a major tourist attraction that can be viewed from a glass walkway above.

# Criminals stab

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Police recovered the body and sent Parul to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where she allegedly told them that three to four people stormed the flat around 11:20pm and attacked.

Officer-in-Charge Anisur Rahman of Jatrabari Police Station said Parul's husband Mintu lives abroad and that they were from Chaddagram of Comilla.

He said they would send the body of Shilpi to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue and that their investigation was on.

# Man sent

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Shukkur, the arrestee, and store owner Abul Hossain. Police are yet to arrest Abul.

TSI Uttam said he rescued Shakil and brought him to the police station after locals tipped him off about a boy being beaten up by two adult males at a scrap store near Rafiqul Iron Store on Mongla Traders Mosque Road.

The perpetrators were holding the boy on allegation of stealing, Uttam said, adding that the boy, however, refuted the allegation and said he found two small pieces of iron rods on the road and went to the scrap store to sell those.

Shakil is in good health now and the police are trying to apprehend the second accused in the case, said Lutfar Rahman, officer-in-charge of Mongla Police Station.

# Bangladesh, US

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Ahsan will lead the Bangladesh side during the daylong dialogue starting at 9:00am at State Guesthouse Meghna.

Senior military officials of armed forces division, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and civil officials from different ministries will attend it.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Security and Security Assistance of the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs William GP Monahan will lead the US side. Senior officials from US Department of State, US Defence, Homeland Security, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs and others will also join.

The US side expects to know the development made following US proposals on countering violent extremism. The proposals were placed before Bangladesh after the killing of US embassy's locally-hired staff Xulhaz Mannan on April 25.

Diplomatic sources said Bangladesh and the US will discuss ways to further strengthen security cooperation between the two countries with specific focus on mechanisms to counter extremism and terrorism in a better way.

The US has planned for extensive engagement with Asian countries, including Bangladesh, for global security against terrorism and secured navigation to protect the world trade process.

Dhaka and Washington currently have three structured forum for dialogue. They are: US-Bangladesh Dialogue on Security Issues, Bangladesh-US Partnership Dialogue and US-Bangladesh Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (Ticfa).

The first security dialogue was held in Dhaka on April 19, 2012, second in Washington in April, 2013, third round on April 22, 2014 in Dhaka and the fourth dialogue in Washington on September 11, 2015.

# Tanners delaying

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Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

A total of 155 tanneries have been allocated plots on 199.40 acres of land in Savar. Besides, the CETP has been set up on 17 acres.

According to the expert, only 10 factories are now tanning leather at the industrial estate.

Speaking at the programme as the chief guest, Environment Minister Anwar Hossain Manju said he had the power to shut the tanneries in Hazaribagh as they pollute the environment.

"However, I've some limitations. I've been asked by the prime minister to go slow on the issue and not to shut the tanneries," he told the function.

The shifting of factories is a job of the industries ministry, the minister added.

He expressed frustration that he needs to consult foreign experts about different issues instead of local experts.

About saving rivers, Manju said: "We all have been fighting for saving the Buriganga, the Turag, the Balu and the Shitalakkhya, but many of us don't know how many other rivers are dying across the country. We should also look at those small rivers."

He blasted bureaucracy for causing problems to people. For example, he said, the Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha has been "breaking the necks of people".

"One day the common people will start a

war against the bureaucracy," the minister warned.

Sanjay Kumar Talukdar, technical expert and consultant of Bangladesh Tanners Association, claimed not all the information provided by the CETP consultant was correct.

Both the CETP modules were not ready for operation, he said, adding that the plant was not ready to treat the salt used in tanneries. Besides, the sludge power generation system was not fully functional yet.

There were many errors in the layout design of the CETP. The pipes used in the plant were not strong enough to withstand the load of effluent and water, Sanjay claimed.

However, his claims were denied by CETP consultant Delwar.

Raisul Alam Mandal, director general of the Department of Environment, said it was high time now that the tanners shifted to Savar as the process had already taken long time.

"Please collect your [tanners] certificates from the Department of Environment soon and start operations in Savar," Raisul called upon factory owners.

Abul Kalam Azad, president of Bangladesh Tannery Workers Association, urged the project authorities to build dormitories and hospitals for tannery workers inside the industrial estate.

The discussion was moderated by Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bela.

# Gathering dust

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their implementation. Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal is likely to sit today to review the progress of the projects and decide on their fate.

Most of these projects were taken up during the Awami League's 2009-2014 tenure, except for two taken up by the 2007-2008 caretaker government and one by the BNP-led coalition government during its 2001-2006 regime.

Of the stalled projects, 11 are of the power division, five of the railways ministry, three each of road transport, industries, home and LGRD ministries.

The Ministry of Railways took up a Tk 1,106 crore project in July 2012 to construct third and fourth dual-gauge line on Dhaka-Tongi route and a dual-gauge double line on Tongi-Joydebpur route. But it could not start the project due to complexities in land acquisition. Only the consulting firm submitted reports on design and tendering service.

The same happened to the Tk 678 crore project for the reconstruction of Kulaura-Shahbazpur rail line.

The ministry has been able to invite tender for 70 metre-gauge diesel electric locomotives since June 2012. The cost of the project is Tk 1,946 crore.

Tk 2,040 crore Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport project, known as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), from Airport to Gazipur had seen only 4.1 percent progress in terms of financial expenditure since December 2012. A process is on to evaluate bidders, according to a report of the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) under the planning ministry.

Taken up in January and June 2013, the Tk 2,427 crore National Power Transmission Network Development Project and Tk 1,860 crore construction of new 132/33kv and 33/11kv sub-station project of the power division saw 7.8 and 15.7 percent progress, the report said. Both the projects are supposed to be completed in June next year.

The Local Government Division took up a Tk 4,491 crore project in January 2014 to supply water to Chittagong Wasa from the Karnaphuli river (second phase). The project was supposed to be done by December 2016. But only 6.3 percent work has so far been completed, the report added.

IMED officials said these projects were affecting other development projects in the ADP and those should either be scrapped or implemented fast.

# Tigers back on song

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players like Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Shakib Al Hasan, Tamim and Musfiqur Rahim brought about a new philosophy which would see the team rank among some of the best in the world.

Following sordid performances in the first two games and an edgy start in the third and final game, the Tigers bounced back, showed their true colours and gained much-needed confidence ahead of the England series as they gave the series a happy ending under the lights at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

There was an untoward incident as a fan invaded the pitch from the gallery and evaded the security as he sought a hug from Bangladesh captain Mashrafe during the 29th over of the Afghanistan innings.

When Shafiqul Islam took a return catch from Dawlat Zadran to finish the Afghanistan chase for 138 runs, there were no marked celebrations from the Tigers, which was anticipated considering the fact that it was a milestone victory.

However, the home team simply outclassed their opponents, who will be ruining their efforts in the fielding department, as an aggressive display from both Tamim and Sabbir Rahman -- who was the new man to be handed the bat in the number three position -- was brilliantly assisted by the bowling, especially left-arm spinner Mosharraf

Hossain's, who celebrated his return to international cricket after eight years by taking three wickets for 24 in his eight overs.

However the game was built upon Bangladesh's batting, which found its feet despite an early hiccup before the middle-order stuttered to deny the side from crossing the 300-mark.

After Soumya Sarker continued his poor form -- giving his wicket away to a bad shot -- Tamim and Sabbir took charge as they put on a 140-run partnership to give the team a good platform.

Mahmudullah Riyad came to their rescue at the death with a cameo of 32 off 22, ensuring that Afghanistan would have to chase their highest-ever ODI total to secure a win.

Tamim was lucky to still be at the crease as he was dropped while batting on one by Afghan skipper Stanikzai. That second life proved to be vital as the southpaw made the most of his reprieve, hitting shots all over the field on his way to a run-a-ball 118. The seventh ton from Tamim also sets him apart as the Bangladesh batsman with the highest number of centuries.

A win always acts as a tonic, and if that win is a convincing one like yesterday's the impact is all the more telling. However, this series has shown that there is scope for improvement and the Tigers will need to be more consistent to repeat the result against England.

# Good news

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Subsequently, 48 floating latrines have been installed in Ghagatia, in a pilot project implemented by the upazila and union-level administrations.

Naturally, the almost one hundred families that call Ghagatia home are thrilled. "The floating latrines can help us to live hygienically for the first time," says Makkul Miah. Speaking with locals, The Daily Star heard how most adults and children are using the new latrines, though some children still choose open spaces.

To encourage full utilisation, Talut plans to follow up with an awareness campaign, with the help of the union council, says Ranajit Chowdhury, Fatehpur Union's chairman.

The local assistant engineer of Public Health Engineering Department Md. Abul Kashem, is upbeat about the floating latrine's potential. "We have struggled to solve the sanitation problem over the years," he says, "Projects like the construction of 407 washroom blocks in the district's primary school have offered some success. But the floating latrine is a valuable initiative to combat the problem yet further, and we are considering rolling out the plan to other areas."

The deputy commissioner of Sunamganj Sheikh Rafiqul Islam is similarly supportive. "The floating latrine is a splendid innovation by a local administrator," he says, "We are hoping to submit the project to an innovation fund which can help us eradicate unhygienic sanitation in haor areas right across the district."

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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### ফেরীঘাট ইজারা কোটেশন আহ্বান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

#### (৪র্থ আহ্বান)

সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তরের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং ইজারাদার/ইজারাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে স্ব-স্ব লাইসেন্স-এর ক্ষমতা/অভিজ্ঞতা অনুযায়ী সীলমোহরকৃত খামে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১-তে কোটেশন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

০১।	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	:	০৩/বাসবি/২০১৬-২০১৭ (৪র্থ আহ্বান)।
০২।	ইজারার বিবরণ	:	২০১৬-২০১৭ অর্থ বৎসরে সড়ক বিভাগ, বাগেরহাটের অধীন সাইনবোর্ড-মোড়েলগঞ্জ-রায়েন্দা-শরণখোলা-বঙ্গী সড়কের ১৭তম কিঃমিঃ-এ মোড়েলগঞ্জ ফেরীঘাটের জন্য ইজারাদার নিয়োগ।
০৩।	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	:	১ (এক) বৎসর (৩৬৫ দিন)।
০৪।	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য	:	টাকা ৫০০০.০০ (টাকা পাঁচ হাজার) মাত্র।
০৫।	বায়নার টাকার পরিমাণ	:	উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাকে ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে।
০৬।	ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	১৮-১০-২০১৬খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকাল ৫ঃ০০ পর্যন্ত।
০৭।	মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	১৯-১০-২০১৬খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২ঃ৩০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত।
০৮।	ইজারা ডাকে অংশগ্রহণের যোগ্যতা	:	ভাটি ও আয়তর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারি/বেসরকারি/স্বায়ত্তশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার।
০৯।	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন ক্রয়ের জন্য পাওয়া যাবে	:	বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, খুলনা বিভাগ, খুলনা/তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, খুলনা সড়ক সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, বয়রা, খুলনা/তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, খুলনা ফেরী সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, বয়রা, খুলনা/জেলা প্রশাসক, বাগেরহাট/পুলিশ সুপার, বাগেরহাট/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, খুলনা/সাতক্ষীরা/বাগেরহাট/ফেরী বিভাগ, শিরোমনি, খুলনা/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, প্রানিং বিভাগ-১, সড়ক ভবন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা/উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ-১/২/১ম সারি কারখানা উপ-বিভাগ, বাগেরহাট।
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