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The European Commission chief fears Brexit talks could open up splits in the bloc

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Apologise to nation, PM

MPs ask WB over Canada court's throwing of Padma graft attempt case; law minister says affected can seek redress in court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawmakers in parliament last night said the World Bank must apologise to Bangladesh and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for maligning the government by raising the false allegation of corruption conspiracy involving the Padma Bridge project.

They also called for actions against Nobel Laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus and others who were "behind the World Bank's cancellation of funding for the project".

Several MPs, including Health Minister Mohammed Nasim, demanded that Yunus, TIB and others who "sided with the World Bank" be summoned by the House Speaker for quizzing.

Ten lawmakers took part in the two and a half hours' discussion initiated by Jatiya Party MP Kazi Feroz Rashid.

"The World Bank must apologise to Bangladesh, the prime minister and the people who were accused in the case," said Law Minister Anisul Huq, urging the finance minister to issue a note of protest to the lender if it does not offer an apology.

Despite repeated attempts, WB's Dhaka office could not be reached for comment last night.

Citing the Canadian court's acquittal of the three accused in the case on February 10, Anisul said, "It [the case] was filed on the basis of fabricated stories and rumour. It

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A distant grandmother holds Rabbi at DMCH as relatives look for paediatric intensive care facility there. He was later taken to a private hospital as DMCH doesn't have any such facility. Rabbi died at the private hospital.

PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLAH

17 named for Ekushey Padak

UNB, Dhaka

Seventeen eminent personalities have been picked for this year's Ekushey Padak in recognition of their outstanding contributions to their respective fields.

The recipients are Language Movement veteran Prof Dr Sharifa Khatun (Language Movement); Shushama Das, music exponent Ustad Julhas Uddin Ahmed, celebrated flautist Ustad Azizul Islam and Rahmatullah Al Mahmud Selim (Music); Tanvir Mokammel (Film); Syed Abdullah Khalid (Sculpture); Sara Zaker (Drama); Abdul Momen and Swadesh Roy (Journalism); Syed Akram Hossain (Research); Emeritus Prof Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin (Education); Jamilur Reza Choudhury (Science and Technology); Prof Dr Mahmud Hasan (Social Service); Poet Omar Ali (post-humously) and Sukumar Barua (Language and Literature) and Shamim Ara Nipa (Dance).

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PM's India trip likely in April

Indian foreign secy visits Dhaka on Feb 23 to finalise schedule

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

After backpedalling for some time on a pending trip, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi appears ready to welcome his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina in New Delhi, most likely in April.

Indian Foreign Secretary Subramanyam Jaishankar will arrive in Dhaka on February 23 to finalise the trip, which was deferred twice as both parties reportedly failed to find a mutually agreeable date over the last couple of months.

Upon arrival, Subramanyam will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and hold meetings with government officials to finalise signing of over two dozen agreements, including those for using Chittagong and Mongla ports by India.

Hasina's New Delhi visit is unlikely to make any breakthrough in Teesta water-sharing treaty that has been kept on hold by India, sources said.

But security and defence cooperation is likely to top the agenda.

The trip, as seen by diplomatic circle, however, is very significant from Indian perspective with China making a

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17 deaths a day on roads this year

13 killed in latest highway accident in Narsingdi

M ABUL KALAM AZAD and MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

On an average, 17 people lost their lives every day on the country's roads and highways this year, according to Bangladesh

off, removing roadside bazaars and establishments, stopping the plying of unauthorised three-wheelers, enforcing speed limits and issuing driving licences and fitness certificates properly, among

YEAR	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	NUMBER OF DEATHS	NUMBER OF INJURED
2017 (Till Feb 11)	581	680	1,323
2016	4,312	6,055	16,000
2015	6,581	8,642	21,855

SOURCE: BANGLADESH PASSENGERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Passengers' Welfare Association.

Only yesterday, 22 people were killed in seven road crashes. Of them, 13 died in a single accident in Narsingdi.

At least 45 people have died in road crashes since Saturday night due mainly to reckless driving. And with steps to improve road safety going futile, experts fear more road fatalities in the coming days.

To stop the deaths on roads, they suggest taking run-down and unfit vehicles

other things.

Even though hundreds of vehicles hit the roads every week, the vital road safety issue remains largely ignored, experts said, adding that the issue has been discussed for years on different government forums but the situation remained unchanged, as those discussions were confined to "what to do and what not to do".

Around 8:00am yesterday, 13 people

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Toddler survives crash only to pass away hours later

Joins mother killed earlier

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and WASIM BIN HABIB

Little Rabbi was in the warmth of his mother's lap when their microbus collided with a bus in Belabo upazila of Narsingdi yesterday morning.

His mother, Sharmin Akhter, 20, succumbed to her injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 1:50pm.

One-and-a-half-year-old Tasfir Alam Rabbi suffered head injuries but was alive at the time casting a ray of hope. Relatives began thinking about who would take

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“As he [Rabbi] survived such a horrific accident, we hoped that he might make it. We started arranging money for his treatment, but he died...”

MOHAMMAD RUBEL
A FRIEND OF RABBI'S FATHER NUR ALAM



FALGUN FEST AT DU How it all began

BISHAKHA DEVNATH

What was an impromptu celebration of Pahela Falgun in 1991 tied a group of students from Dhaka University's Faculty of Fine Arts forever, with affection and a memory that transformed into a bigger event.

Years later when the day is celebrated far and wide across the country with much festivity, they meet and revisit the past to their pleasant surprise.

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One last day to battle through

NAIMUL KARIM from Hyderabad

Imagining the prospect of drawing a Test against India in their own den can give any of Bangladesh's cricket fans, be it an abject flatterer or a perennial critic, the jitters.

And it will not be an exaggeration to state that the emotion among the players is not too different. If anything, they will probably be feeling twice the heat when they embark upon the final day of Bangladesh's inaugural Test series against India in front of an expected 20,000 home supporters on a track that has begun to assist the likes of Ravichandran Aswin and Ravindra Jadeja.

However, the challenge for Bangladesh today is likely to be more mental

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Bangladesh skipper Mushfiqur Rahim once again proved his pure class by scoring a century under acute pressure on the fourth day of the one-off Test against India at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

আমরা শোকাহত

মোসাম্মত হাসনা আবেদীন

আমরা অত্যন্ত দুঃখের সাথে জানাচ্ছি যে, আমেরিকান ইন্টারন্যাশনাল ইউনিভার্সিটি বাংলাদেশ (এ.আই.ইউ.বি)- এর প্রতিষ্ঠাতা চেয়ারম্যান মরহুম ডাঃ আনোয়ারুল আবেদীনের সর্ধর্মিণী মোসাম্মত হাসনা আবেদীন গত শনিবার ১১ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১৭ ভোর রাতে ব্যাংককের বামরুশ্রাদ্দ হাসপাতালে ইন্তেকাল করেছেন (ইম্মালিল্লাহে... রাজিউন)। মৃত্যুকালে তাঁর বয়স হয়েছিল ৭৩ বছর। তিনি এ.আই.ইউ.বি ট্রাস্টি বোর্ডের প্রতিষ্ঠাতা সদস্য এবং প্রাক্তন চেয়ারম্যান হিসেবে দায়িত্ব পালন করেন। মৃত্যুকালে তিনি দুই পুত্র, এক কন্যা, পুত্রবধু ও জামাতাসহ নাতি-নাতনী এবং অসংখ্য শুনগ্রাহী ও শুভাকাঙ্ক্ষী রেখে গেছেন।

রবিবার, ১২ ফেব্রুয়ারি বাদ যোহর মরহুমার নামাজে জানাজা গুলশান আজাদ মসজিদে অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে। অতঃপর তাঁকে বাদ আছর এ.আই.ইউ.বি'র শ্রীপুরস্থ পারিবারিক কবরস্থানে তাঁর মরহুম স্বামীর কবরের পাশে চিরনিদ্রায় শায়িত করা হয়েছে।

মোসাম্মত হাসনা আবেদীনের কুলখানি আগামী মঙ্গলবার, ১৪ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১৭ বাদ মাগরিব ওস্তা ডিওএইচএস কমিউনিটি সেন্টার, বনানী ঢাকায় অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সকল আত্মীয়স্বজন ও শুভাকাঙ্ক্ষীগণকে কুলখানি ও দোয়া মাহফিলে যোগদান করার জন্য বিনীত অনুরোধ করা হলো।

আমরা শোকসন্তপ্ত এ.আই.ইউ.বি. পরিবারের সকল সদস্যবৃন্দ মরহুমার রুহের মাগফেরাত কামনা করছি। আল্লাহ সুবহানআ তা'আলা তাঁকে জান্নাত নসিব করুন। আমিন।

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