

NEWS IN brief

Mijarul Quayes hospitalised in Brazil

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh Ambassador to Brazil Mohamed Mijarul Quayes has been hospitalised with respiratory problems and other complications, said an official at the foreign ministry.
Quayes, who had also served as a foreign secretary in the ministry during 2009-12, has been kept at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of a hospital in Brasilia.

Mahbubul joins AERE as DG

CITY DESK
Mahbubul Hoq, chief scientific officer, has joined as director general of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment in Savar.
After completing masters in applied physics and electronics at Dhaka University, Mahbubul joined Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission as scientific officer in 1985, said a press release yesterday.

Bobby's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Today is the 23rd death anniversary of renowned journalist Anwarul Islam Bobby, who played an important role in founding different newspapers.
Bobby, the first Bangalee who became secretary general of All Pakistan Newspapers Society before the Liberation War 1971, passed away on this day in Dubai on his way to London for treatment of Leukaemia in 1994, said a press release.
Bobby, former founding editor of The Daily Life of Chittagong, medical journal The Pulse, and now defunct The Morning Sun, started his journalism career with the former Pakistan Observer. He was also one of the founders of The Bangladesh Times, said the release.

Fisherman beaten to death in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal
A fisherman was beaten to death by rivals in the Kalabodr river in Mehendiganj upazila of Barisal.
Alom Rari and Salam Rari hit Khon Mia, 22, son of Bacchu Mia of Sreepur village in Mehendiganj upazila, with a stick following an altercation.
Khokon was declared dead at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

Body found in septic tank, six held

A CORRESPONDENT, Khulna
Police recovered the body of a man from a septic tank of a house near his father-in-law's house at Janata Market in Tilok Bazar at Rupsha upazila in Khulna yesterday.
Khairul Islam Porag, 26, son of Latiful Sarder of south Khajadanga village, went missing since he went to his father-in-law's house, said police quoting his cousins. Khairul was carrying Tk 2 lakh with which he was supposed to buy poultry feed from Khulna.
Police arrested six persons including his wife and mother-in-law. Police sent the body with head injuries to Khulna Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Road crashes kill two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur
An elderly man was killed in a road accident in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur yesterday.
Foyzar Rahman, 70, of village Khairpara in Parbatipur upazila, died as a truck rammed the three-wheeler he was in.
Aher Ali, 60, village Boldia under Birganj upazila of Dinajpur, died as a battery-run three-wheeler turned turtle at Jharbari village in Birganj upazila of Dinajpur yesterday.

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The High Commission of Canada in Dhaka will be holding a sale of surplus asset items at 5, Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 09:00-12:00 hrs. Items for sale will include Household furniture, Electronics, Appliances etc. The following guidelines are applicable for the sale:
■ All sales are on a cash only basis
■ A deposit (refundable) of BDT 5,000 (Taka Five Thousand) is required at the time of participation
■ Items will be sold through silent bidding on an "as is" basis
■ Registration of bidders will be on February 17, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon throughout the auction
■ Any form of Photo ID (Voter ID/Passport/Driving licenses; original along with a copy) is a must for the registration
■ Successful bidders will be notified by February 19, 2017 and has to move items by February 20, 2017
■ Successful bidders must pay for & take their items on the prescribed date and time. Failure to do so will cause the deposit forfeited and the item will be offered to the next highest bidder
■ Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be refunded on or before February 27, 2017 during office hour
The High Commission reserves the right to accept/reject any tender offer(s).
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Invitation to Bid (ITB) For Supply of 300 Android Tablets

International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites bids from qualified firms for the supply of 300 Android Tablets. The solicitation documents are available at the below link reference: "Supply of 300 Android Tablets" under Procurement Opportunities: www.ilo.org/dhaka
Bid submission deadline is 8 March 2017 by 4:00 PM (Dhaka time)



Participants at a roundtable styled "Present Water Supply Situation in LICs of Dhaka City" organised by WaterAid at the Capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

PADMA BRIDGE 40pc work completed

Quader tells parliament
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 40 percent work of the Padma Bridge project has been completed as of January 2017, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader told the parliament yesterday.
In reply to lawmakers' queries, Quader said the progress of construction works in the multipurpose bridge is satisfactory.
In reply to another query, the minister informed the House that a total of 566 bridges are now highly risky on highways.

In a scripted answer, Quader said the government has taken various measures to re-construct the bridges.
Responding to another query, Quader said it is expected that Bhutan would ratify the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal Motor Vehicles Agreement soon.

Bangladesh, India and Nepal have already ratified it, he added.
Quader said the BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement was signed in Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan in 2015, for ensuring road connectivity among the four countries as part of growing sub-regional cooperation.

He also informed MPs that the number of registered motor vehicles in the country is some 29 lakh with over 17 lakh motorcycles.

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SUNDAY'S MICROBUS-BUS COLLISION

Mother, son in critical state

SHAHEEN MOLLAH
A woman and her 10-year-old son who survived a head-on collision between a bus and a microbus in Narsingdi's Darikhali on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Sunday are still in critical condition at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Maruf, the boy, had suffered multiple injuries, including those to his head, and remained unconscious till filing of this report yesterday evening.

With similar injuries and both legs broken, his mother Feroza Begum, 35, had not recognised relatives after intermittently regaining consciousness.

Maruf's father Kutubuddin, a rickshaw puller, is struggling hard to bear the treatment expenses, already having taken Tk 20,000 in loans from relatives.

He is searching for more from neighbours in Keraniganj. Maruf's uncle Rafique Sheikh told The Daily Star.

The 13 persons killed and four injured were inside the microbus. Residents of the Kamrangir Char Flour Factory area, most are victims of river erosion in Kishoreganj's Nikli village.

Kutubuddin and Feroza had moved to Dhaka 15 years back and mother and son were going to the village for, what had turned into over the years, an annual get-together centring a fair, he said.

Maruf had taken Tk 2,000 from Kutubuddin with a lot of plans on how to spend it at the fair, said Rafique

The remaining two injured, Kamrun Nahar Lipi, 40, and Kausar Miah, 35, are also undergoing treatment at DMCH.



Maruf at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The Daily Star is yet to trace the ward they were in. Relatives have taken the bodies of the deceased to Kishoreganj. Their neighbours arranged a prayer yesterday afternoon and hung a banner praying for salvation of the departed souls.

Belabo Police Station Officer-in-Charge Badrul Alam Khan said highway police filed a case against the owner and driver of the bus and seized both vehicles.

Falgun brings spark to book fair

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Popular writer Imdadul Haq Milon was found surrounded by autograph hunters at the stall of Ananya Prokashani.

It is a delight to notice so many people gathered so peacefully to observe the Pabela Falgun and the Valentine's Day. Milon said.

"It's a good sign that youths wait for this day and buy books as gifts for their loved ones -- just the way we used to celebrate [these occasions] in our school or college years."

Milon's three romance novels -- "Sharbon Josnay", "Lilian Upakkhan" and "Kemon Tomer Bhalobasha" -- from Ananya Prokashani were selling well.

Anupom Prokashani has brought separate collections of romance stories titled "Shreshtha Romantic Upanyas" written by various renowned authors including Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay, Rabindranath Tagore, Buddha Dev Bose and Tarashankar Bandyopadhyay.

High volume of sales yesterday made the publishers happy.
Rowshan Ara, a staff member of Panjeer Publication, said eminent author Syed Shamsul Haq's "Bhalobashar Diney" -- a compilation of 71 poems has been lauded by the visitors.

Two romance novels titled "Shatabdi Periya Bhalobasha", by Mashiul Alam, and "Tomar Chokher Jal", by Humayun Kabir Dhali, were also available at their stall.
Indrajit Sarker's new juvenile story book "Chhoto Mamar Kando" of Desh Publications and satirical reality show Mirakkel's star Emdadul Hoque Hridoy's new book "A Journey by Mirakkel" from Sahosh Publications were selling well.

Books on sports are also in good demand. For the lovers of the game of football, Aloghar Prokashona has brought out "Pele Theke Messi" by Noman Mohammad.

A total of 71 new books arrived on the 13th day of the book fair.

Death penalty for obstructing aircraft

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Order and in case of forgery of certificate or licence.

The law also suggested maximum seven years' jail and fine of

Tk 20 lakh for carrying dangerous goods or substances in a flight.

The cabinet also approved the drafts of "Bangladesh Rice Research

Institute Act-2017", "Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Act-2017", "Khulna Development Authority Act-2017", and Textiles Policy-2017".

DMP more competent in detecting crimes now

Claims its chief
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Crime detection rate of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has increased in recent times after introducing different preventive measures, claimed DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia.

"It is true that earlier police was less competent in Information and Communication Technology. But in recent times, we have developed expertise in the area..," he said.

Installing CCTV cameras at important points, introducing crime preventive mobile applications and Citizen Information Management System (CIMS) software database, are some of the initiatives, which have increased the capability of the police to detect and prevent crimes, he added.

He was addressing a group of debaters of different education institutions at a dialogue in association with the Debate for Democracy titled "Youth Engagement for a Crime-free Society" at DMP media centre yesterday.

The DMP chief said that sustainable security measures can be implemented through ensuring social security of the citizens. "If we cannot eliminate the fear from the minds of the people, sustainable security will not be achieved."

With the cyber crime rising, DMP commissioner assured that the cyber crime team of police would take quick action after receiving primary complaint.

To prevent crime, the DMP chief underscored the need for community involvement and social awareness.

Use of bamboo

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in a sorry state.

Half of the sleepers have been destroyed, he said, adding that now bamboos are being used there. Denying the claim, the minister replied that "effective sleepers" replaced the damaged ones. The minister also said there are 197 woodensleepers in the bridge.

HC rejects plea

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other EC members.

In the petition, Akond said no retired person can be reappointed as per the Public Servants (Retirement) Act 1974. But the government has appointed retired persons including its chief Nurul Huda as EC members violating the law.

President Abdul Hamid appointed former secretary KM Nurul Huda as chief election commissioner in line with a constitutional provision, according to a gazette notification issued on February 6.

The president also appointed four election commissioners who include one woman for the first time.

OBITUARY



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We had to let you go as it was destined by Allah SWT. You were a great father and a great human being, our strength and our inspiration.

We were blessed and fulfilled with your love and guidance in our lives.

You will be truly missed by all those whose lives you had touched with your grace and affection.

We request our relatives, friends and well-wishers to join us in a Milad-Mahfil to be held on Friday the 17th of February 2017 after Asr (4:15 pm) at House 69, Road-7 (Nazir Road), Cantt Bazar R/A, Dhaka Cantonment.

We thank you all for sharing our grief during this difficult time.

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