

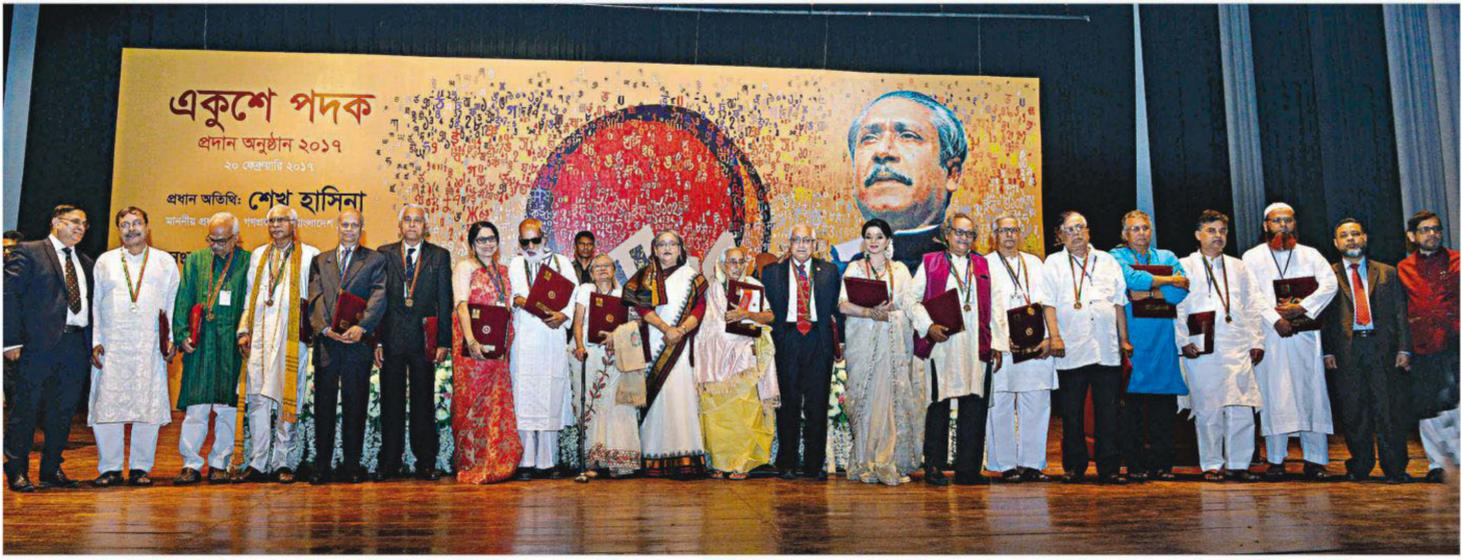
17 receive Ekushey Padak

UNB, Dhaka

Seventeen eminent personalities yesterday were given Ekushey Padak, 2017 in various categories for their outstanding contributions to their respective fields. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presented the award at a ceremony in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

The awardees are Dr Sharifa Khatun (Language Movement), Shushama Das (music), Julhas Uddin Ahmed (music), Ustad Ajijul Islam (music), Tanvir Mokammel (film).

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with the winners of Ekushey Padak 2017 and their representatives at the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium yesterday. Seventeen individuals were conferred the award, one of them posthumously, in 12 categories.



Ali Asghar Rizvi passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Syed Ali Asghar Rizvi, a former captain of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, died in Singapore yesterday, says a press release.

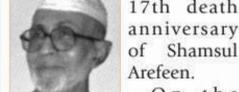
He left behind his wife Salma Rizvi, children Syed Zaki and Syed Razi Rizvi and grandchildren Afraz, Ariana and Alazne Rizvi, and a host of relatives, admirers and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Known as "Badshah" or "Kennedy" to his family and friends, Captain Rizvi was also the chairman of Alliance Properties Limited.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today at the Gulshan Central Mosque (Azad Masjid) after the Isha prayers and he will be buried in the Allenbari graveyard (Drum Factory, behind the PMO) in Tejgaon.

Death anniversary

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Today is the 17th death anniversary of Shamsul Arefeen.

On the occasion, recitation from the holy Quran, and a doa and a milad mahfil will be held in his residence (T Hossain Bari, Nobiganj, Narayanganj) after the Zohr prayers.

Myanmar will take Rohingyas back

Hopes Norwegian foreign minister Brende

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Visiting Norwegian Foreign Minister Borge Brende yesterday hoped that Myanmar would allow its stranded Rohingya nationals to go back to their homes in Rakhine state from Bangladesh.

The government of Bangladesh has "really shown respect to international commitment to the refugees" as it has received Rohingyas crossing the border, he said.

He made the comments while addressing a dialogue with young entrepreneurs of Bangladesh in the capital's Sonargaon hotel.

Lutfey Siddiqi, a governor and visiting professor-in-practice at the London School of Economics and at the National University of Singapore, moderated the programme. The Norwegian embassy in Dhaka and Global Shapers Dhaka Hub jointly organised it.



Borge Brende

The Norwegian minister, who reached Dhaka yesterday morning, praised the government's humanitarian move towards Rohingyas.

"You have received hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas who have been treated in an unacceptable way in the Rakhine state by the government of Myanmar. It is something that your government and people of Bangladesh have faced a lot of trouble for," he said.

The international community has to put more pressure on Myanmar to convey they are concerned over the issue, he said, adding that Myanmar had to treat minorities, maintaining the highest standards.

Referring to minority Hindus in Bangladesh and minority Muslims in India, Brende said, "If you are not able to treat your minorities with dignity, it really shows you

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3-month waiver for outdated fitness certificates

Ministry okays proposal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Motor vehicle owners will soon get three months' time to update any outdated fitness certificate and tax token without having to pay the fines.

The finance ministry has approved a proposal of the road transport ministry in this regard, and a letter of approval will be sent to the transport ministry in a couple of days, said a top official of the finance ministry.

The three-month period will start from the day of the issuance of a gazette by the transport ministry about the waiver, said the official.

The gazette will be issued soon, hoped Masudul Alam, deputy director (engineering) of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

Planning process must involve people

Consultation on new DAP for Dhaka city told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People's participation in the planning process is a must for building a planned Dhaka city, the project director of Dhaka's Detailed Area Plan (DAP) said yesterday.

For proper implementation, a development plan must be based on people's opinions, he said, adding that public participation helped identify problems and find solutions.

The DAP authorities should seek localised solution to the needs and challenges of any locality, Ashraful Islam told a public consultation on DAP preparation.

He took local people's suggestions on what their development needs and challenges are at Kaundia Union Parishad, organised by DAP consultants and Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk).

The UP chairman, Atiqur Rahman Khan Shantu, and local residents wanted a road

network in the proposed DAP because their villages were isolated from the capital by the Balu and Bongshi rivers on all sides.

They also badly need a bridge (connecting Kaundia with Mirpur Diabari), playgrounds, waste management facilities, and road expansion in the 11.47 sq km area of the union with 1.1 lakh inhabitants, said the chairman.

Such consultations give locals a platform to share their views on what they lack and where to develop facilities and identify land for residential and commercial establishments.

Ashraful Islam said they planned 150 such consultations, and people's opinions would be incorporated into the draft plan, which would again be brought before people for scrutiny.

This will simply spare people the hassles of correcting flaws in the plan and Rajuk the

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NO END TO BLOODSPILL ON ROADS

SSC, Dakhil examinees among eight dead

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Eight people were killed, including an SSC and a Dakhil examinee, on their way to examination centres, and four others injured in road accidents in five districts on Sunday and yesterday.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong reports, three women were killed as a speeding vehicle ran them over on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Mirsarai upazila early yesterday.

The three -- Sajeda Begum, 47, Peyara Akhter, 65, and Peyara Begum, 42, who hailed from Kashinagar village in Bijoyanagar of Brahmanbaria -- went to Mirsarai to join a religious programme at a shrine.

They might have been killed by a heavy vehicle like lorry or truck while crossing the highway around 1:00am, said Jorarganj highway police.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, Abdul Motin, a councillor of Setabganj municipality, was killed on the spot and four others were injured as a microbus

carrying them collided head-on with a truck on Bochaganj-Dinajpur road near Bottoli in Bochaganj upazila on Sunday night.

The injured were taken to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

In Parbatipur upazila, Abu Musa, 18, son of Obaidul Islam, died as a truck hit his motorcycle on the upazila bypass road in Sundaripara area yesterday.

He succumbed to his injuries at Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

In Pirganj upazila of Rangpur, Monira Khatun, an SSC examinee, was killed as a tractor hit an auto-rickshaw by which she was going to an examination centre yesterday.

She succumbed to her injuries on the way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

In Kalai upazila of Joypurhat, Ali Akbar, 65, a teacher of Nawyana Dakhil Madrasa, died after an auto-rickshaw carrying him overturned on a road in Kalai Bazar area yesterday.

He died on the way to Kalai Upazila Health Complex.

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With few playgrounds left in Dhaka city and the surviving ones threatened, children brave the risks of accidents and play cricket on the street to fulfil their need of healthy entertainment. The photo was taken on Dholairpar New Road three days ago.

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2 cops closed to police lines over extortion

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Two police sub-inspectors (SI) of Sonargaon Police Station in Narayanganj were closed to district police lines yesterday allegedly for beating a factory owner for Tk 10 lakh.

The two SIs are Aminul Islam and Abdul Latif, said Assistant Police Super (circle B) of Narayanganj District Police Sajidur Rahman.

A three-member probe committee, led by ASP (Crime) Matur Rahman, was formed and asked to submit its report immediately.

On Sunday night, Aminul and Latif with two other constables, all in plainclothes, and local criminals Habib, Mithu, Golzar and Joynal beat Billal Hossain at his Kausar Textile Mills at Mirerbag in Jampur and demanded Tk 10 lakh from him.

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