

DEATH IN OPEN MANHOLE HC directs Paltan OC to sue 6 govt staff, contractor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station to file a case against six government employees and a contractor for their negligence in keeping a manhole of a box culvert protected in the capital's Paltan area, as a man died after falling into it earlier this month.

The seven people are Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority's (Wasa) Executive Engineer Atiqur Rahman, Deputy Departmental Engineer Sayeed Shahrier Hossain and Deputy Assistant Engineer Md Jasim, and Dhaka South City Corporation's Deputy Engineer Md Mesbah Uddin Russel and Assistant Engineer Saidul Islam and work assistant Md Rustam, and contractor Mohammad Hossain.

On March 6, Shanu Miah of Brahmanbaria's Kasba upazila died falling into the open manhole in Paltan area.

Yesterday, the HC came up with the order after Dhaka Wasa's Managing Director Taqsem A Khan and DSCC Chief Executive Officer Khan Mohammad Bilal appeared before it and explained that the six employees - of which, five are officials -- and the contractor were responsible for the work of the culvert, Deputy Attorney General Tapas Kumar Biswas told The Daily Star.

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Onlookers rescue the driver and passengers of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday after the vehicle flipped being slightly hit by an over-speeding bus. The victims narrowly escaped fatalities with little injuries. Drivers of heavy vehicles often ignore light vehicles like the auto-rickshaws and give them little space on the road, causing such mishaps. But what is alarming is these small mishaps could be fatal anytime.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

COMILLA CITY POLLS

EC asks IGP to withdraw OC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday asked police to withdraw the officer-in-charge of Comilla Sadar Dakshin Police Station for the sake of holding the upcoming Comilla City Corporation polls in a fair manner.

"We have sent a letter today to the IGP (Inspector General of Police) to withdraw the OC," EC Secretary Muhammad Abdullah told The Daily Star.

The commission has made the decision following a complaint against the OC that he was working for a particular candidate and harassed supporters of another candidate, Abdullah said.

"In our letter, we have said that the OC's activities may act as obstacles to holding fair election," he said.

Earlier on March 18, BNP-nominated mayoral aspirant Monirul Hoque Shakoo at a meeting with

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Hasina phones Mushfiq, Shakib over historic win

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday spoke to Bangladesh skipper Mushfiqur Rahim and all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan over the phone immediately after Bangladesh's historic victory against Sri Lanka in the 100th Test match and extended her heartfelt greetings to them, reports BSS.

She also congratulated all the players and officials of Bangladesh cricket team.

Meanwhile, President Abdul Hamid also greeted Tigers for their historic win, UNB adds.

Tigers beat Sri Lanka in the second Test of the series by four wickets at P Sara Oval in Colombo to level the series.

PM for modernising weaving industry

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for modernising and enriching the country's weaving industry, assuring that her government will continue all-out support for the industry.

At the National Council 2017 of Bangladesh Tanti League in the capital's Krishibid Institution Auditorium, Hasina urged the successors of the weaving industry to carry on the rich tradition.

"We have already got the patent for Jamdani, now we will have to develop it further and publicise it worldwide. Our silk, Benarasi and cotton sarees will surely develop, if all pay due attention."

Urging the people, especially the males, to wear clothes made by local weavers, she said, "I also buy clothes made of Khaddar for my son and daughter which are also very beautiful."

"The clothes made of Khaddar are very comfortable and suitable to our weather. ... We want that our traditions (muslin, Khaddar) get back their lost glory," she said, stressing the need for improving training of weavers.

Highlighting various steps taken for the welfare of the weaving and the handloom industries in January 2017, she said Tk 49,26,000 were distributed among some 142 weavers, while a project worth Tk 41.55 crore was taken to set up a fashion design and a textile institute, and a basic centre.

Besides, works are going on to set up a "Jamdani Village" and "Benarasi Village", while plots are being allocated for small weavers in Narayanganj in addition to taking a project to set up a "Weaving Village" at Shibchar in Madaripur and Janjira in Shariatpur, she added.

Earlier, the premier inaugurated the council by hoisting the national flag.

Meanwhile, after the inaugural session, Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader announced Eng Shawkat Ali and Khagendra Chandra Debnath as the new president and general secretary respectively of Bangladesh Tanti League, reports our staff correspondent.

Bangladesh Tanti League was formed in 1965 under the name Pakistan Tanti Samity.

Woman, child die as train runs them over in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Dinajpur

A woman and her three-year-old daughter died after being run over by an intercity train in Kumarpura village of Joypurhat Sadar on Saturday evening.

The deceased were Nasrin Begum, 23, wife of Zahidul Islam of Panchgram village in the district, and her daughter Humaiya Akter. Both mother and daughter died on the spot.

Asadul Haque, a sub-inspector of Santahar GRP Police, said they recovered the bodies and sent them to Joypurhat General Hospital for autopsies.

GOVT SYED HATEM ALI COLLEGE 4 BCL men held over extortion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Four BCL men, who allegedly harassed principal of Govt Syed Hatem Ali College in Barisal on Thursday demanding extortion, were arrested yesterday early hours.

The arrested BCL men are the college unit's former president Rejaul Islam Bappy, and activists HM Hafizul Islam, Rubel Bepari, and ANM Hafiz.

A team of police led by Sub-inspector Arafat Hossain Khan of Kotwali Model Police Station arrested them from different areas in the city.

The accused were produced before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, and the court sent them to jail.

On Thursday, a group of BCL men including the four harassed the college principal Sachin Kumar Roy at his office room and ransacked the room, as he refused to pay Tk 5 lakh allegedly demanded by the BCL men.

Oliul Islam, lecturer of Islamic history department of the college, lodged a case with the police station Saturday night against five BCL men including the four, said the SI.

The principal said the college authorities were forced to pay Bappy and his associates from the college fund at several times before.

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Zillur Rahman's anniversary of death today

BSS, Dhaka

The fourth death anniversary of former president Zillur Rahman, a veteran politician and Language Movement hero, an organiser of the Liberation War, and one of the close associates of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, will be observed today.

Zillur Rahman died of old-age complications at a Singapore hospital on March 20, 2013.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchanges words with a weaver at the National Council 2017 of Bangladesh Tanti League in the capital's Krishibid Institution Auditorium yesterday.

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MANZUR MURDER CID gets three more months for probe

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday, for the 14th time, gave Criminal Investigation Department (CID) three more months to complete probe into the case over killing Maj Gen Abul Manzur in 1981.

It also fixed June 18 for submission of the probe report following a petition submitted by the CID.

In the petition, CID Special Superintendent Abdul Kahar Akond, also the investigation officer, said he could not complete the probe in due time as he could not interrogate all the witnesses. Moreover, he was investigating the Shohagi Jahan Tanu murder case filed in Comilla district.

Defence lawyers of the August 21 grenade attack cases cross-examined him as the investigation officer three days a week.

The then army chief HM Ershad, now Jatiya Party chief, has been made the main accused in the charge

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