



Bangladeshis wait long hours at Benapole international check post in Jessor before entering India. Following the Eid-ul-Azha vacation, around 6,000 people are rushing to India every day to meet relatives, said Nur Nahar Sonia, officer-in-charge of Benapole check post immigration police. Usually the check post sees 1,800-2,500 passengers crossing into India daily, she added.

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Dhaka city AL vice-president Nazibul dies

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka South City Awami League (AL) Vice President and veteran freedom fighter Nazibul Haque Sardar died of cancer at a city hospital yesterday.

He breathed his last at Square Hospital around 9:00am, party and family sources said.

First namaj-e-janajah of the AL leader will be held at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque at noon and the second namaj-e-janajah at Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Shipai Mostafa Kamal Stadium at Kamalpur after the Asr prayers today.

He will be buried at his family graveyard at Mymu. In a condolence message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at his demise and said,

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Work for speeding up rape trials Law minister asks prosecutors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq has instructed the prosecutors to take necessary steps for quickly hearing and disposing of the rape cases at the lower courts across the country.

"The prosecutors have been asked to take effective steps for speedily hearing and finishing the trial proceedings of the case filed for the rape and killing of Rupa Khatun after the police submit the investigation report to the court. Trial proceedings of any other rape case will also be finished quickly. The prosecutors have been given instruction to this effect," said Anisul Huq.

Rupa Khatun, a law student was killed after gang-rape in a running bus on August 25.

The law minister was talking to reporters while exchanging Eid greetings at his secretariat office yesterday afternoon.

Anisul said all the cases will be disposed of quickly through due process of law.

Replying to a question, he said the repression on Rohingyas at Rakhaine state in Myanmar is very regretful and the world community should give attention to this.

The United Nations should immediately take steps to stop torture and repression on Rohingyas, the law minister said.

Meanwhile, the Eid-ul-Azha was celebrated peacefully across the country, he added.

Law Secretary ASSM Zahirul Haque Dulal was present on the occasion.

No more tumours in Muktamoni's arm: Doctors STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muktamoni, the 12-year-old Sathkira girl, who has been suffering from an "unknown disease" causing abnormal swelling of her right arm, has undergone a third surgery at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital yesterday.

After the three-and-a-half-hour surgery, which began at 9:00am, national burn unit coordinator Dr Samanta Lal Sen told reporters that there were no more tumours in her arm.

Doctors conducted a 3rd surgery after the 2nd biopsy found existence of tumours in the blood vessels of the arm on August 18. They had to leave the second surgery half an hour on August 29 as her body temperature soared due to fever.

On August 12, doctors removed a 3kg tumour from her arm. A 13-member team is looking into her case.

Don't defend Rupa's killers in court Nasim urges lawyers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim yesterday called upon the lawyers not to stand for the killers of Rupa Khatun, who was raped and killed recently inside a moving bus in Tangail.

"Rupa, who belonged to a poor family in Tarash, Sirajganj, had to go through lots of hardships for her livelihood. The whole family was dependent on her. Those who raped and subsequently killed her are worse than animals. I am humbly requesting all the lawyers not to move their cases," the minister said, while exchanging Eid greetings with the employees and officials of his ministry.

The health minister reiterated his pledge to give a job to the younger sister of Rupa, saying, "I visited Rupa's house on Eid day and witnessed firsthand how a brutal incident like that can ruin an entire family."

Nasim urged all the officials for working sincerely to attain possible successes in the last year of the present government's tenure.

"The current fiscal is very significant to fulfill the political commitments of the government. We have to fulfill the commitments made by the government in the health sector by completing the ongoing projects quickly and transparently," he added.

He thanked physicians, nurses and other medical staff for their uninterrupted services during the Eid holidays.

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Once vibrant, now lies neglected

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There is a signboard that says the pond belongs to Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Dhaka district.

Mohammad Arif Chowdhury, a trader of

brick and sand who is running his business on a filled-up portion of the pond, said they have been doing business there since 1985.

A legal battle over owner-

ship of the pond is ongoing between the government and one of the owners, he said.

Rasheda Begum, district officer (children affairs) of Shishu Academy, said the

property became a khas land in 1960. They received the land from the DC office at a token price of Tk 1,001.

"There are two acres of land here of which the academy received half acres including a portion of the pond. Rest of the land is still under the DC office," she added.

Rasheda said those who are claiming the ownership is unaware of it.

She said they will construct a 10-storey building for their Dhaka district office for children. The construction work might start in December.

"The DC office may protect the rest of the land as pond or hand it over to the other departments. They are yet to make a decision in this regard," she said.



Taking risks, students of Charkhanjari Secondary School cross Mora Nodir Khal through a bamboo bridge in Karnakathi union of Sadar upazila in Barisal. The bridge is the only means for the villagers of the union to cross the canal. The photo was taken recently.

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Request for Proposal (International)

World Vision Bangladesh (WVB) is hereby inviting Request for Proposal (RFP) from the International experienced Firms for conducting the below service:

RFP Name:	'Mid Term Review' for Nobo Jatra Project, WVB.
RFP Reference and issue date:	WVB-NJP-REP-17/09-014, Date: 06 September, 2017
RFP document collection:	RFP document can be received by sending email to: Ruhul.Mobin@wvi.org
Proposal submission:	Proposals shall be submitted on or before 06 October, 2017
Procurement Focal Point:	Md. Ruhul Mobin, Supply Chain Manager, Nobo Jatra Project, World Vision Bangladesh.

WVB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers in full or part with or without assigning any reason whatsoever.



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United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces vacancies for the post of **Procurement Officer** under Service Contract modality with the **Activating Village Courts in Bangladesh Phase II Project**.

The duration of the service contract is one year initially, subject to renewal upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.bdundp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/jobs.html>

Applications should be received no later than **15 September 2017**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

Rohingya

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Bengali Health Minister Mohammad Nasim blamed Myanmar for the killing spree on the Rohingya in a bid to eliminate them from their home of Rakhine state and called it "totally unacceptable".

Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi is a Nobel peace prize winner, and she should take back the Rohingya after solving the internal crisis immediately, he said.

The AL leader also called upon the United Nations to step in for bringing a peaceful end to the crisis.

Nasim was also talking to reporters at BSMMU after visiting Kader Siddique.

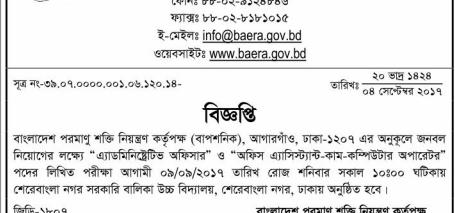


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NEWS IN brief

Road accidents cost four lives

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed and five others injured in road accidents in three districts on Monday and yesterday, according to our correspondents.

A motorcyclist and a pillion rider of a rented motorcycle were killed in Patakhali and two housewives in Rajbari and Mymensingh.

Most of the injured persons were hospitalised.

Bir Shrestha Nur Mohammad's martyrdom anniversary observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bengali*

Bir Shrestha Nur Mohammad Sheikh Trust and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Jessor region observed the martyrdom anniversary of Bir Shrestha Nur Mohammad Sheikh in Shashu upazila of Jessor yesterday.

The programmes started with placing of wreaths at the grave of the freedom fighter at Kashipur village of the upazila.

A Quarakhwanvi, miliad mahfil and discussion were also held.

Bir Mohammad was born on February 26, 1936 at Mahishkhali village in Narail Sadar upazila.

He joined the then East Pakistan Rifles (EPR), now BGB, on February 26, 1959. The Pakistani army killed him on September 5, 1971 at Goalati, Jessor.

Death anniversary of Prof Noman today

CITY DESK

Today is the 21st death anniversary of Prof Mohammed Noman, an educationist and former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, says a press release.

His family has arranged a Quarakhwanvi and miliad mahfil on the occasion. Besides, food will be distributed in orphanages and special prayers will be offered. Professor Noman Smriti Foundation has chalked out programmes to observe the anniversary.

The educationist is a recipient of the "Ekushey Padak" and the president gold medal.

Quamrul Islam's death anniversary observed

CITY DESK

The ninth death anniversary of Quamrul Islam Siddique, former chief engineer of LGED, was observed in the capital on Friday, says a press release.

On the occasion, a mild and doa mahfil was held seeking divine peace for the departed soul.

Quamrul Foundation will organise a memorial ceremony.

Quamrul was born on January 20, 1945 in Kushtia. He graduated in civil engineering from the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in 1966. He died in 2008 in New Jersey, USA.

Snake missing for 1.5yrs

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Forest Department found the snake from a frontier in Chaitapnawabganj early last year. "It was six-foot long. He said there was a hole inside the cage where it was kept. It fled within a couple of months of its recovery."

The python is now 18-foot long and weighs around 16 kilogrammes, he said.

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