



Life is back to normal in the capital, as Dhaka once again sees traffic congestion yesterday with people heading to work in the morning. The photo was taken on Airport road near Banani.

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Physically challenged man 'killed' by family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A physically challenged man was allegedly killed by his family members in Chittagong city's Sadarghat area over a family dispute on Friday midnight.

The incident came to light when locals caught the victim's son dumping the body into a roadside drain in Rashid Building area on Saturday night, said police.

The victim is Tayeb Ali, 52, of Shilaigora under Anwara upazila. Tayeb, despite having one hand, used to work part-time at a store.

Police arrested Tayeb's wife Kohinur, 40, sister-in-law Jahanara, 42, his son Mohammad Sohel, 20, daughter Brishty Akhter, and a rickshaw-puller on Saturday.

According to family members, Tayeb used to torture his wife. It might have triggered the murder, said Assistant Commissioner (Kotwali Circle) Jahangir Alam of Chittagong Metropolitan Police.

"On Friday, an altercation broke out between Tayeb and Kohinur over money. At one point, his sister-in-law Jahanara, present at the scene, hit him with a cricket bat. The other family members then strangled him to death," said AC Jahangir, quoting the family members.

"On Saturday around 9:30pm, his son Sohel and a friend hired a rickshaw and went to the Rashid Building area to dump the body, kept in a sack."

"A guard in the area became suspicious and questioned them. When they tried to flee, locals caught Sohel and the rickshaw-puller. Sohel's friend managed to flee."

Based on Sohel's confession, police later arrested

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Brac vice-chair wins US Medical Award of Excellence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The US-based Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) has awarded Brac's Vice Chairperson Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury with its 2017 "Medical Award of Excellence".

The award will be given at a gala in Chicago, USA, on November 11, says a press release.

The award is given for outstanding contribution to improving health and ensuring wellbeing of children. RMHC will present a grant of \$100,000 to a

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Rohingyas need UN or OIC-run 'safe zone'

Hamid says at meeting with Erdogan; PM to visit refugee camps in Cox's Bazar tomorrow

BSS, Astana, Kazakhstan

President Abdul Hamid yesterday proposed that a "safe zone" for the displaced Myanmar nationals should be created under the initiatives and supports of the United Nations and organisations such as the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

The president came up with the call at a meeting with his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sideline of the OIC summit in Kazakhstan.

"A 'safe zone' for displaced Myanmar nationals to be run by the United Nations or the OIC and other international organisations can be established to ensure their safe return,"

he said at the bilateral meeting at the Kazakhstan capital.

President Hamid also urged global leaders to put pressure on Myanmar to implement the recommendation of the Kofi Annan Commission for establishing the rights of the minority Rohingya Muslims at their homeland.

He said surges of refugees fleeing their home to evade persecution exposed the densely populated Bangladesh to a great difficulty causing socioeconomic and environmental problems.

He also urged the Turkish leader to mount pressure on Myanmar along with other world leaders to take back its nationals.

President Hamid thanked Erdogan for the Turkish first lady and foreign minister's recent visit to Bangladesh to see the plight of the Rohingyas.

He also thanked the Turkish president for taking an initiative to arrange a special session on the Rohingya issue in the OIC Summit.

President Erdogan said Turkey has already sent 1,000 tonnes of aid to Bangladesh for the Rohingya refugees and assured of sending additional 10,000 tonnes immediately. He said Istanbul would take necessary steps so that the other countries also extend their supports.

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Buddhists reach out to Myanmar embassy

Gonojagoron Mancha to besiege it today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Buddhist community in Bangladesh yesterday submitted a memorandum to the Myanmar embassy in the capital, demanding that the Myanmar government stop the persecution of Rohingyas and solve the issue peacefully.

Condemning the recent incidents of torture on the Rohingyas, they called upon the government to follow the non-violent views of Buddha to solve the crisis.

They also urged the Bangladesh and Myanmar governments to resolve the issue through diplomacy, said a press release.

Earlier, around 100 people of the community, including monks, students and professionals, demonstrated in this regard. Monk Dharma Mitra Mahathero; Ashok Barua, chief coordinator of Bangladesh United Buddhist Forum; and Ashim Ranjan Barua, president of Bangladesh Buddhist Federation, were present there.

Meanwhile, Imran H Sarkar-led Gonojagoron Mancha declared that it will lay siege to the Myanmar embassy around 3:00pm today as the Myanmar government did not stop "genocide" on Rohingyas within its deadline, said a press release issued yesterday.

On Friday, Imran made an announcement about the blockade at a Shahbagh rally, where he gave a

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Preserve traditional wooden boats

Urge speakers at launch of two books

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prompt steps have to be taken to preserve the rich heritage of traditional boats that are fast declining in the country, thanks to the dominance of engine and metal vessels, speakers told a book launching ceremony in the capital yesterday.

Two books -- "Boats: A Treasure of Bangladesh" and "Barge for Bangladesh" -- were launched at the ceremony jointly organised by Bangladesh National Museum and Cosmos Foundation in Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium of the museum.

French aid worker Yves Marre -- who in 1994 arrived in Bangladesh from France navigating a barge, which was later converted into Lifebuoy Friendship Hospital -- authored "Barge for Bangladesh".

Marre also co-authored the other book with Enayetullah Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of Cosmos Group, and also editor-in-chief of Dhaka Courier and UNB.

Both the books are published by Cosmos Books and available at different outlets in the capital.

"Boats: A Treasure of Bangladesh" takes the reader through the technical mastery of the country's boat carpenters.

It presents a wealth of information on glorious tradition that was once ubiquitous but undeniably fading with passing time. The authors invite the readers to take a voyage along the countless waterways of Bangladesh and enjoy the breathtaking moments they captured.

"Barge for Bangladesh" tells the inspiring

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Prof Arefin resumes duties at dept

DU CORRESPONDENT

Former vice chancellor of Dhaka University Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique has

returned to the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism (MCJ) after serving as VC for eight and a half years.

Teachers and students of the department welcomed him when he reached there at 12:00 noon yesterday.

From now on, he will conduct classes and participate in regular academic programmes of the department regularly, reads a press release of the department.

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VERDICT ON 16TH AMENDMENT No instruction yet on seeking review: AG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam yesterday said his office is yet to get any instruction from the government to file a petition with the Supreme Court seeking review of its judgment that upheld the High Court verdict scrapping the 16th amendment to the constitution.

He said this while talking to reporters at his office on the SC premises.

Passed in 2014, the 16th amendment had restored parliament's power to remove SC judges for misconduct or incapacity. Last year, the HC declared the amendment illegal.

The amendment brought to the constitution in 2014 abolished the chief justice-led Supreme Judicial Council system which was introduced in 1978.

Contacted, the attorney general told The Daily Star yesterday that his office is yet to receive the certified copy of the SC judgment

on the 16th amendment although it has applied to the apex court office for the copy in July.

According to the SC rules, a review petition is to be filed within 30 days after receiving the certified copy from the apex court, Advocate Mahbubey Alam added.

On August 18, Law Minister Anisul Huq told reporters that the government was preparing for seeking a review of the SC judgment in the case on the 16th amendment to the constitution.

"We respect the SC judgement, although we don't agree with some of its observations," he said.

Earlier on August 13, the law minister told journalists that the government would seek a review of the SC judgement so that some of the comments made in the verdict by the chief justice could be expunged.

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A team of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) inspects a container at Chittagong Port yesterday after presence of radioactive substance was detected inside it. According to BAEC, there are around 48 sacks of zinc oxide (each containing 500 kilogrammes) inside the container and one of the sacks may contain the radioactive substance. They said the level of radiation is not alarming. The container is kept at a restricted place. BAEC would open the container today in order to recover the contaminated sack. Chittagong based Citadel Global Corporation was exporting the container to China.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Deploy army in nat'l polls

Recommend Islami Front, Islami Andolan during talks with EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Islami Front and Islami Andolan Bangladesh yesterday recommended that the Election Commission (EC) deploy army during the next parliamentary polls to make it acceptable to all.

In two separate meetings with the EC, they also urged the commission to ensure a level-playing field for all political parties to hold the upcoming 11th parliamentary polls in a free, fair and participatory manner.

In the morning, a 12-member delegation of Bangladesh Islami Front held a meeting with the EC with Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda in the chair.

Emerging from the meeting, the party's Secretary General MA Matin told journalists that they placed a 10-point proposal before the commission including deployment of army, and bringing home, public administration and local government ministries under the EC during the polls.

The party also urged the commission to withdraw the latter's proposal for ensuring 33 percent women's representation in all committees of the political parties by 2020, he said.

Later in the afternoon, an 11-member delegation of Islami Andolan Bangladesh joined talks with the EC where the party proposed bringing necessary amendment to the electoral laws to make the election commission accountable.

It also demanded deployment of army day before the election in every polling station, said Syed Md Younus Ahmad, presidium member of the party.

The party wants the dissolution of parliament before election so that no one can contest election remaining as lawmaker. It suggested 15-point demand that included initiating

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promises with respect to improving peoples' livelihoods. His tenure as Member of Parliament (MP) spanned three terms, and his most celebrated achievement was being granted the nation's largest development budget. Compassion towards his countrymen, coupled with an innate desire to increase the prosperity of Chuadanga, inspired him to significantly improve the living standards of his people using the funds trusted to him. Furthermore, he served our nation as a whole in the capacity of Chairman of the Parliament Standing Committee for Fisheries and Livestock Ministry.

IN MEMORY OF

The Radio Today 89.6 FM family remain deeply saddened by the unexpected departure of their Chairman, **Haji Md Mozammel Haque**, whose demise was confirmed in the hours of 5:20 PM on Monday September 4th 2017 at United Hospital. He was 87.

Alongside his family, friends, constituents, well-wishers, and others who received his unconditional love, affection and support, the Radio Today 89.6 FM family continue to pray to the Most Highest that he be accepted into Paradise. The Radio Today 89.6 FM team are immensely grateful for his leadership, and will cherish his memories for years to come.

With the utmost respect,

His benevolence was felt within our family and beyond Radio Today 89.6 FM's doors. Haji Md Mozammel Haque represented and served his constituency of Chuadanga-2 earnestly, delivering above and beyond his



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