



DIPAN MURDER
DB asked to submit probe report Oct 24

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A Dhaka court yesterday for the 19th time asked the Detective Branch of police to submit on October 24 the probe report of the case filed over the killing of publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan in October 2015. Metropolitan Magistrate Golam Nabi passed the order after Inspector Fazlur Rahman, the investigation officer, failed to submit it. Earlier on August 13, the same court asked the detectives to submit the probe report by yesterday. Dipan, 43, publisher of Jagriti Prokashoni, was hacked to death inside his office on the second floor of Aziz Cooperative Super Market in the capital's Shahbagh on October 31, 2015. Later, his wife Razia Rahman filed the case accusing unknown persons. Detectives have so far



An aerial view of New Market area in Chittagong. People are walking on a footpath without any interruption as Chittagong City Corporation has freed footpaths in the area in consultation with hawkers. The photo was taken on Wednesday. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Footpath free for walk, finally

Ctg hawkers in New Market area demand rehabilitation; allowed special hours to vend

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg
Pedestrians used to face difficulty while walking on the footpaths of Jubilee Road and Station Road in Chittagong city's New Market area, as the walkways were always crammed with street vendors. As a result, people were forced to use the roads as they could not move smoothly on the footpaths. But this scenario has been a thing of the past now, as Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) along with Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) has freed the footpaths in consultation with the hawkers, paving the way for the pedestrians to walk on the footpaths without any interruption. As per the deal between CCC and the hawker leaders, the structures -- stretching around two kilometres from Amtol on Jubilee Road to Reazuddin Bazar on Station Road -- were removed on September 7. Shahedul Azam, who visited Amtol area on Tuesday, said, "I cannot believe it happened -- we are walking on the footpath freely." "The [Chittagong] City Corporation officials have done a tremendous job in freeing footpaths without imposing any force," added Azam, a resident of the city's Chawkbazar area. Though residents are happy to see the foot-

paths free, some others doubt if the hawkers might come back and rule the footpaths again. SM Nazer Hossain, president of Consumer Association of Bangladesh (CAB) in Chittagong, said it really is a positive sign that the CCC and CMP had been able to free the footpaths without imposing force. "At the same time, we feel concerned least the footpaths should be reoccupied," he said, adding, "Earlier, we saw hawkers were driven out, but they returned after some days." Under the new arrangement, the hawkers could vend on the footpaths from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on Saturdays through Wednesdays. On Thursdays, they could vend from 2:00pm to 9:00pm. However, they can start selling from the morning on Fridays and other holidays. Asked, how the footpaths were freed, CCC Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin said, "It happened through consultation with the hawkers." "I had a number of meetings with the hawkers over the last one year as I had committed to make the city a clean and green one." "I sought their (hawkers) cooperation in this regard and assured them of rehabilitation." "I made them [hawkers] understand that their customers, mainly lower and lower-middle income groups, cannot afford to go to shopping malls; therefore, they would get customers no

matter what schedule they maintain," said the mayor. "We will provide them with identity cards and will earmark portions on the footpaths for them..." he said. Nasir said he would free all the footpaths in the city from hawkers gradually and would bring them under discipline. Meanwhile, the hawkers complained that their income has decreased by half due to the new schedule. Mohammad Hossain, a hawker on Station Road, said his daily income, which was around Tk 2,000 before, has come down to around Tk 1,000. Contacted, Harunur Rashid, general secretary of Hawkers' League of Chittagong city unit, said around 3,500 enlisted hawkers on footpaths of the two roads are struggling to maintain families as their income has now decreased significantly. "The mayor sought our cooperation to make the city a clean one and we responded to it," he said, adding, "But we are now struggling to make ends meet." "We would request him to construct a market for us..." he said. Harun said there are around 10,000 enlisted hawkers in the city while 10,000 more unlisted ones.

Govt to help Rohingya till repatriation: Maya

Second Iranian relief flight arrives

STAR REPORT
Relief and Disaster Management Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya yesterday said the government will provide all kinds of assistance to Rohingya refugees here until they return to Myanmar. The minister came up with the assurance at a press briefing on Rohingya issue at the secretariat. He said Bangladesh allowed Rohingyas to take them as refugees here only on humanitarian ground but it hopes that Myanmar will take back its people soon. International pressure will be put on Myanmar government to take Rohingya people back, the minister also said. Our staff correspondent reports, from local and international organisations, Bangladesh has so far received 250 metric tonnes of rice and 20 metric tonnes of wheat as relief for the Rohingya refugees, said the minister. He said UNHCR has showed their interest to give all kinds of supports including food, shelter and medicare facilities while WFP has given assurance to provide food assistance to 4 lakh families for the next four months. The disaster management and relief ministry distributed 500 tonnes of rice and Tk 30 lakh in cash so far to the Rohingya refugees, he said. Fourteen registered camps have been set up in different areas of Cox's Bazar which is receiving the first flow of the refugees, he added. He said they are also constructing 14,000 sheds on 200 acres of land in Kutupalong area and they are distributing cooked food. Our staff correspondent from Chittagong adds, second Iranian flight carrying relief goods for Rohingyas landed at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong yesterday. The goods weighing 28.35 tonnes include blankets, tents, ground sheets, medicines and medical equipment, said Additional Deputy Commissioner Habibur Rahman.

REPATRIATING ROHINGYA
Unite to mobilise global opinion

Says Fakhrul
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday called for national unity to mobilise international opinion in support of the repatriation of Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh to their homeland in Myanmar. "Sending the Rohingyas back to Myanmar will be immensely challenging if we fail to forge national unity. We need to build global opinion to send them [Rohingya refugees] back home. National unity is a must for building such opinion," he said while speaking with journalists at a programme at the party's Nayapaltn headquarters. "I appealed to the world community to save these people [Rohingya refugees]. The world should come forward and compel Myanmar to stop the mass killing and take measures to take the Rohingyas back to Myanmar." When asked whether his party communicated with

PRESSURISING MYANMAR

B Chy, Dr Kamal plan committee to muster global support

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Former president Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday announced plans to form a "national committee" to pursue the international community to mount pressure on Myanmar. They invited all to join the committee in a bid to stop "the ethnic cleansing of Rohingya minority" in Rakhine State. The two politicians also called upon the government to formulate a national strategy on how to deal with the Rohingya crisis after holding talks with experts and politicians. They also urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to send special envoys to India, China and Russia within a day or two to convince them to pressurise Myanmar to take back Rohingyas. They were addressing a rally titled, "National unity to resolve national crisis", at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital. Krishak Sramik Janata League President Kader Siddique and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal Secretary Khalequzzaman spoke among others. Kader Siddique urged the government to send Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus and Dr Kamal Hossain abroad as the PM's special envoys. Badruddoza, also Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh president, said they will visit Chinese, Russian and Indian missions in Dhaka. They will also send eminent personalities to India, China and Russia, he added. The national committee will rally in five major cities with the last one in Cox's Bazar to let Myanmar know that Bangladeshis are with Rohingyas. Dr Kamal Hossain mentioned former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi's role on how she gained world's support through sending her special envoys to those countries during Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971.

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Health sector

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The BNHA figures estimate that despite rising government revenues, the bulk of Bangladesh's health spending, a staggering 67 percent of health expenditure, is met by households out-of-pocket (OOP), which is the highest in this region. The BNHA shows that there are significant regional disparities in health expenditure of Bangladesh. "Dhaka division consumed 46 percent of the total health expenditure where Barisal and Sylhet divisions consumed only 4 percent respectively. One of the major reasons of such disparities is the process of resource allocation."

CMP to deploy

FROM PAGE 3
present at the meeting at the CMP headquarters. Visitors will be body-searched at entry points of the mandaps, the CMP commissioner said, adding that archway gates and metal detectors will be used at critical locations. Also, they have advised all organising committees of the festival to install CCTV cameras at entry and exit points of all mandaps and places of subjugation (Aroti), Iqbal said.

SC upholds stay

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On July 9 this year, a Dhaka court framed charges against Fakhrul in the case. Following a petition filed by Fakhrul, the HC on August 23 this year stayed its trial proceedings.



Former minister Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, also chairman of board of trustees of European University of Bangladesh, speaks at a programme marking the inauguration of the university's permanent campus in the capital's Mirpur yesterday. The university's Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Mokbul Ahmed Khan was present among others.

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