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UNSAFE CONSTRUCTION

Three workers killed falling off building

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three construction workers, including two siblings and their cousin, died after falling from a 10-storey under-construction building in the capital's Purbachal area of north Badda yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Shahjahan Munshi, 27, his younger brother Sarowar Munshi, 22, and Abdul Kuddus, 25, said Kazi Wazed Ali, officer-in-charge of Badda police.

Shahjahan's another cousin Sarowar, 20, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

"The incident took place around 11:30am when the four workers on a bamboo scaffolding were trying to set up a lift on the top floor of Ihsan Tower. Suddenly the rope snapped and the four fell on the ground," the OC said.

Kuddus and Sarowar died on the spot and Shahjahan died on way to DMCH. All of them hailed from Kalmakanda area in Netrakona and were residents of GM Bari in north Badda.

The siblings' sister Marzia Begum identified their bodies at the hospital. The bodies were sent to DMC morgue for autopsy.

Marzia said Sarowar's wife is expecting and has already been admitted to a city hospital. "But she is still unaware of this tragedy," she added.

During a visit to the spot this correspondent found the lift basement under knee-deep water. The victims' sandals were still floating on the water turned red with their blood.

Some broken pieces of bamboo were also seen on the basement where the four workers fell.

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For its installation today, a span has been drawn near the concrete pillars of the Padma Bridge at the Jajira point in Shariatpur. With a total of 41 such spans, the two-level bridge will carry a four-lane highway on the upper level and a single track railway on the lower level. The photos were taken on Wednesday.

PHOTO: STAR

PADMA BRIDGE

Installation of spans begins today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

The installation of spans (superstructure) of the Padma Bridge begins today.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader will be present to witness placing of the 3,200-tonnes span between piers-37 and piers-38. This is the first among the 41 spans to be installed for the 6.15km bridge.

Terming it a major progress, Padma Bridge Project Director Shafiqul Islam said the other spans would be set up one after another.

Engineers said the main work of piers-37 and piers-38 at the Jajira end of the bridge was completed on September 17.

They were expecting to install the second and third spans as construction of piers-39 and piers-40 would be completed soon.

The construction work of the long-cherished Padma Bridge started in December in 2015. It is expected to be completed by December next year.

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Durga Puja ends today

STAR REPORT

The five-day Durga Puja, the greatest of all Hindu festivals, ends today with solemn immersion of the goddess Durga across the country.

In the morning, devotees will throng the puja mandaps to celebrate Bijoya Dashami, the last day of the festival. Bijoya Dashami is the special ceremony of reaffirming peace and good relations among people.

They will recite mantras and offer flowers to the goddess Durga and pray for her blessings.

The beating of drums and cymbals and drifts of a festive air to the mandaps as devotees yesterday celebrated Maha Navami.

Durga Puja began on Tuesday through the incarnation (Bodhon) of the goddess Durga on the day

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Mission Mars 2022

SpaceX's Musk unveils plan to reach the Red Planet by 2022

AFP, Adelaide

Futurist and inventor Elon Musk yesterday unveiled ambitious plans to send cargo ships to Mars in five years and use rockets to carry people between Earth's major cities in under half-an-hour.

The founder of SpaceX said a planned interplanetary transport system, codenamed BFR (Big F***** Rocket), would be downsized so it could carry out a range of tasks that would then pay for future Mars missions.

"The most important thing... is that I think we have figured out how to pay for (BFR)," Musk told a packed auditorium at a global gathering of space experts in Adelaide.

"Which is to have a smaller vehicle, it's still pretty big,

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22 killed in Mumbai footbridge stampede

AFP, Mumbai

A stampede on an overcrowded Mumbai railway footbridge lashed by a monsoon storm killed at least 22 people yesterday and raised new safety questions about one of the world's biggest rail networks.

Some were crushed to death, some suffocated and others just fell from the bridge, witnesses said. Shoes, slippers and bags were left strewn over the steps of the bridge after bodies were cleared.

Hundreds of people took shelter on the bridge from a sudden downpour and the deadly crush started as they emerged, an Indian Railways spokesman said.

Seventy-eight-year-old newspaper seller Dadanand Parab told how victims tumbled over the side of the bridge onto his stall.

"They were breathless and shocked and I tried to help by giving them water but there were just so many people," Parab, who has sold newspapers at the station since 1975, told AFP.

"It was a nightmare situation. I saw many women and men just collapsing due to overcrowding and suffocation."

Indian Railways spokesman Ravindra

Bhakar said more than 400 passengers took shelter from heavy rains on the footbridge.

"People at the front slipped and the huge crowd toppled over leading to the stampede," Bhakar told AFP.

He said 14 men and eight women were killed and another 36 people injured.

A hospital official said at least six people were in critical condition due to internal injuries and asphyxiation.

"Some had head injuries but most had signs of internal organs being damaged by pressure," said Avinash Supe, dean of the Mumbai's KEM hospital.

Trains were briefly halted and a formal inquiry was started into the tragedy as authorities announced compensation of about \$7,500 for the family of each victim.

The stampede broke out at 10:30am near a ticket window on the bridge that connects the Elphinstone -- recently renamed Prabhadevi -- and Parel stations in central Mumbai.

TV footage showed commuters trying to revive the injured by pumping their chests and carrying some down stairs to street level.

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Missing boy's body found in Buriganga

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The decomposed body of a class-X student was found floating in the Buriganga river in the capital's Postogola on Thursday evening, three days after he had gone missing.

The dead, Shamsul Islam Siyam, 15, a student of Residential Model School and College, was to sit for this year's SSC exams from science group.

It is not clear whether he committed suicide or was killed.

A boatman, who found the body in school uniform in the river, informed police.

South Keraniganj police found his identity card and asked the college authorities to contact his family.

Being informed, Siyam's father Harunur Rashid, who had been searching for his son, rushed to police and identified the boy at Sir Salimullah Medical College Morgue.

Morgue sources said there was no indication of injuries on the body.

Siyam's uncle Kamal Hossain, quoting Siyam's classmate

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Devotees during the Maha Nabami of the Durga Puja yesterday at puja mandap of Jagannath Hall on the campus of Dhaka University.

Factory worker dies in bizarre 'accident'

A CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

In what police say may have been an accident, a teenage tile factory worker died after a colleague pumped air into his rectum using a high pressure hose.

Russell, 18, died in a hospital in Bogra around 1:15pm, about six hours after the incident in Kahalu upazila yesterday.

Abdul Jalil, additional police superintendent of Bogra said the victim told him that no foul play was intended in the incident.

It happened in the morning, at the end of a night shift, when Rubel, 22,

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PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 30

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AZAN	4-35	12-45	4-15	6-00	7-30
JAMAAT	5-10	1-15	4-30	6-05	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

PREMIER cement **Tigers Profile**

Mehedi Hasan Miraz

Mehedi Hasan Miraz burst into the national consciousness when, through superb all-round performances and excellent leadership, he led the Bangladesh Under-19s to the 2016 Youth World Cup semifinals at home in January 2016, their best finish.

If that was a good first impression on the national stage, he made a barn-storming one in the international arena by taking 19 wickets in his debut series, the two-Test rubber against England in October of the same year, including a Bangladesh record match haul of 12 for 159 in Bangladesh's series levelling win in Dhaka.

There has obviously been a comedown from that incredible high as he has taken 24 more wickets from six more Tests, which all things considered is still a good record. The slight concern has been that he has been a little expensive since that sublime entrance, which has contributed to his average rising over 30.

Apart from his accurate off-spin, if there is one thing that sets Mehedi apart is his eagerness to learn and improve, as evidenced by him riding the steep learning curve as far as batting in top-flight cricket goes. After a horrid start he strung together a string of useful innings, and continues to be a useful lower order batsman.

With his ability and attitude, Mehedi is a sure shot to be a star for the future.

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