

Two die after inhaling toxic gas in septic tank

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Two workers were killed and another fell severely ill yesterday after inhaling toxic gas in a septic tank in Taltali area of Barisal city.

The dead are Harun-or-Rashid, 35, of Mukundapatty of the city, and Rakib alias Rafik, 30, of Shayestabad in the sadar upazila. Another worker, Md Nasir, 30, of Tatali, who fell sick, was admitted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

Md Alauddin, senior station officer of Barisal fire service station, said Harun and Rafik went down to clean the septic tank and fell ill due to the poisonous gas. Hearing their cries, when Nasir went to rescue them, he got affected, too. On information from locals, firefighters recovered the two bodies and rescued Nasir, he added.



Raising voice against “tyranny, repression, corruption, looting and dynastic politics”, an alliance of left-leaning parties, Baam Gonotantrik Jote, brings out a procession from Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday.

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Don't arrest campaigners

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Meanwhile, Jurez Abdullah, head of the electoral campaign cell of BNP candidate Ariful Haque Choudhury's election management committee, was arrested from his house at Hawapara area in the city on early Tuesday night.

Mosarraf Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said he was arrested in a police assault case which was filed last month.

Jurez is the fourth of BNP leaders and activists who was arrested in the last two days.

EC SERVES SHOW-CAUSE NOTICE ON JAMAAT-BACKED CANDIDATE, TWO GOVT OFFICIALS

The Election Commission yesterday issued a notice to Jamaat-backed mayoral candidate Ahsanul Mahboob Zubair to show cause of bringing out a huge procession in the city on Sunday.

Returning Officer of Sylhet city polls Alimuzzaman said the candidate will have to reply to it within three days.

The EC also issued a show-cause letter to two government officials for violating electoral rules, by participating in campaign for AL mayoral candidate Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran.

They are -- Dr Murshed Ahmed Chowdhury, principal of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, and Dr Himangshu Lal Roy, civil surgeon of Sylhet.

Alimuzzaman confirmed issuing of the notice. He said no government officials are permitted to take part in campaign activities of any candidate, and the two have to answer to the notice within three days.

CANDIDATES BRAVE INCLEMENT WEATHER

Mayor and councillor candidates braved heavy rain yesterday afternoon to carry out campaigning in many areas in the city.

BNP candidate Ariful Haque Choudhury yesterday ran his campaign in Kumarpara, Mirbakshtala, Karadighirpar, Saudagartala, Barutkhana, Dhoadighirpar, Hawapara and Jail Road areas.

AL candidate Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran yesterday ran his campaign in Ghasitala, Badambagicha and Shibbari areas.

HC paves way for Kurigram-3 by-polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday cleared the way for Election Commission (EC) to hold by-election to Kurigram-3 constituency today.

The bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Md Khairul Alam rejected a writ petition seeking a stay on the polls claiming that the election schedule is illegal.

The bench rejected the writ petition on the grounds of locus standi or sufficient interest in the matter in question, Deputy Attorney General Motaher Hossain Sazu said.

Besides, the petitioner is not a candidate in the election and he has no bar

to cast his vote in the election, DAG Motaher added.

The by-election to the constituency, which fell vacant after the death of Jatiya Party lawmaker AKM Maidul Islam, is scheduled to take place today.

SM Mostafizur Rahman, a resident of Ramna union under Chilmari upazila, Kurigram, filed the writ petition on July 18, seeking a stay order on the process for holding the by-election.

In December 2013, the EC issued a gazette notification to include Chilmari, Ramna, Raniganj and Thanahat unions in Kurigram-3 constituency, petitioner's lawyer Advocate Sheikh Jahangir Alam told

The Daily Star.

However, on April 30 this year, the EC issued another gazette notification to include the same unions in Kurigram-4 constituency.

Later, on June 10 this year, the EC said the residents of the four unions can cast votes in the by-election to Kurigram-3 constituency.

According to the petition, Mostafizur is a voter of Kurigram-4 constituency, as per the gazette notification issued by the EC on April 30.

But he is also allowed to cast vote in the by-election to Kurigram-3, which is illegal, Advocate Sheikh Jahangir Alam said.



President Abdul Hamid releases fish into a pond at his official residence Bangabhaban, marking National Fisheries Week 2018.

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An unpopular choice

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Passengers from Jessore, Jhenidah, Noapara, Meherpur and Benapole have to travel back-wards to Khulna to catch the train, he added.

The train service could have been beneficial for some commuters of Pirojpur, Gopalganj and Madaripur districts, but is inconvenient and thereby losing passengers from south-eastern districts, including Bagerhat, Kustia, Chuadanga and Magura, due to less train schedules and train stops.

“We prefer to travel by bus with a stop in the middle even though it is not as comfortable as train journey, since it is more cost and time-effective”, he added.

High ticket price is another major factor that deters the commuters. The fare of an air-conditioned cabin is Tk 2,000, while air-conditioned chairs are available for Tk 1,500 each including travel tax. On the contrary, a bus ticket to Kolkata costs only Tk 600 including travel tax.

The train takes only four and a half hours to reach Kolkata from Khulna including half-an-hour check at Benapole, and a full hour at Petrapole customs check post across the border.

Meriz Sultana, a passenger who recently travelled to India by Bandhan, claimed, “Indian customs officials waste time by asking irrelevant questions.”

Blaming manpower shortage on Indian side for the delay, Tariqul Islam, immigration officer-in-charge at Benapole, said, “We have 16 desks for completing customs and immigration formalities, whereas our Indian counterparts have 14 desks.”

In the last seven months, a total of 4,579 passengers went to Kolkata, while 3,445 passengers entered Bangladesh from India by the route, Benapole Station Master Shahidul Islam told The Daily Star recently.

Bandhan reaches Khulna from India at 7:00am on every Thursday, and leaves for Kolkata the same day at 1:30pm.

Ever since the launch of the service, Jessore Citizens' Committee, a citizens' platform, has been demanding for two stops -- one at Jessore and another in Benapole -- and more trips, but no initiative has been taken in this regard so far.

400 youths

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This manifesto will be disseminated throughout the country through various channels and will be used as an advocacy tool for youth. Subsequently, 10 high performing young leaders from the YLS 2018 will be selected to form a panel and represent the youth of Bangladesh to ministries to ensure that the recommendations in the manifesto are truly heard.

In preparation for YLS, BYLC is currently running the “Desh Amar Dayitto Amar” campaign, which is raising awareness on the importance of ordinary citizens taking ownership of problems that affect them.

Starting in Chittagong, the BYLC team is travelling through seven divisions in the country and engaging with students across different campuses and learning about their dreams and aspirations. Additionally, they are conducting a “Youth Matters Survey” to gain insights on issues that are most important to young people.

ACC sues 2

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When the bank authorities noticed the matter and clients protested, BCBL had to repay the money, the statement added.

Contacted, BCBL's Head of Human Resource Department TM Afzal said the matter came to bank's notice between 2014 and 2015.

“The bank authorities dismissed them from their jobs,” he said.

Bulbul places his manifesto

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If elected, he said, he would work towards ensuring gas supply for the city residents.

He also promised to increase medical facilities and number of educational institutions including a city corporation-run university and an agricultural university in Rajshahi city.

He said he would create a special team for controlling traffic situation. He would also

take steps to establish a five star hotel in the city with an aim to make Rajshahi an international cricket venue.

His other promises include improving drainage system, ensuring pure drinking water for all, protecting people from effects of climate change, providing technical training for the youth and promoting tourism.

Support from govt needed

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win gold for Bangladesh.”

Urging the Bangladesh government to support the BdBO directly, he said that education ministries of different countries, including India and Sri Lanka, provide necessary support to participants in different Olympiads.

The participants said that some equipment at the Olympiad were entirely new for them, and it was challenging.

“At school, practical exams in biology are not really emphasised, so students face problems when they go to international competitions,” said Prokriti, one of the participants.

This year, a total of 71 countries took part in the IBO.

BdBO has been participating in IBO since 2015. Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad (BdMO) and Bangladesh Physics Olympiad (BdPhO) teams also participate in respective international Olympiads.

Bangladesh has been participating in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) since 2005 and won its first medals (bronze) in 2009. Just a few weeks back, Ahmed Zawad Chowdhury won the first gold medal for Bangladesh at the 59th International Mathematical Olympiad.

Bangladesh first competed in International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) in 2011 and won its first medal (bronze) in 2012.

10th grader dies

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The police official said upon request of family members, the body was handed over to them without any autopsy.

Ethika was a student of Bangla medium, school sources said.

An unnatural death case was filed with the Uttara Model Police Station.

Case filed

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The distance between Meghna Bridge and Madanpur is 15km, said OC Harunur Rashid adding, they are investigating into the matter.

The body was handed over to his family members yesterday after an autopsy. Payel's body bore injury marks on the head, nose and other areas and he suffered a possible internal hemorrhage, police said.

Doctor said, the cause of death could not be ascertained from the inquest and autopsy reports.

However, viscera sample has been preserved and sent to Dhaka for examination to find out the cause of death, he added.

Police deployed

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Returning Officer Mujibur Rahman said police has ensured that they were not harassing anyone involved in election campaigning.

“We haven't received any written complaint about police arresting BNP activists,” he said.

While campaigning at Refugee Colony in the city, AL-nominated mayoral candidate Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah claimed that BNP is making false allegations just to make the election questionable.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
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The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) invites Expression of Interest for the pre-qualification of vendors for Travel, Logistics Services and Human Resources Services as part of UNICEF supported programmes and operations in Bangladesh. The travel, logistics and human resource services include the following categories of services:

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