

Scouts point

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primary and secondary schools, creating available parking spaces especially in multi-storey building, keeping footbridges hawker-free as measures to encourage compliance with traffic rules.

There will also have to be an adequate number of CCTV cameras at all important traffic points and speedometers should be used more, they said.

As many as 322 Rover Scouts, members of Girl Guides, Red Crescent and other volunteers were on the roads on the first day of the month-long programme beginning this month.

Visiting different points in the city, it was seen that the scouts were helping police make pedestrians aware of using footbridges and zebra crossings.

Besides, the scouts are raising awareness among students and parents on traffic rules through distribution of leaflets and holding different programmes at educational institutions.

The Secondary and Higher Education Division of the education ministry has given the task to the scouts recently through a circular.



Pedestrians flood the streets on either side of the footpath near Tejgaon College as its entire length and breadth has become a thriving marketplace. Not only that, the vendors have also invaded the main road, blocking traffic. This makeshift market at Farmgate, which sells almost everything from groceries to clothes, was removed several times in the past but the hawkers came back every time. The photo was taken on Thursday.

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Bullet-hit body of man

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She identified Jasim's body at Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Medical College Hospital morgue yesterday morning.

Contacted, SI Saiful denied the allegation of calling Jasim out of the home. He, however, admitted that he was acquainted with Jasim.

Abu Bakar Siddique, officer-in-charge of Kapasia Police Station, said a patrol team led by SI Sumon heard gunshots while on duty in Bhuleshor Netartek forest area early yesterday and found the bullet-hit body. A pistol was also found from his possession, he said.

The area is around 60km away from Jasim's house.

The OC said they did not know Jasim and therefore could not identify the body immediately.

They filed two cases -- one for murder and the other under arms act.

"We're suspecting that he was killed

during a clash between two criminal groups," the OC said, adding that they sent the body to Kapasia Upazila Health Complex where the duty doctor declared him dead.

Resident medical officer Hasan Jamil Ibne Kollof of the health complex said police brought the body which sustained two bullets -- in the head and chest.

Kapasia Union Parishad member Abdul Motaleb said police called him over the phone around 3:30am and asked him to go to the spot where he found a blood-stained body and a pistol.

"But before getting the call, I did not hear any gunshot or any ruckus," he said.

On September 5, a Bangla daily ran a report on Jasim, claiming he has amassed vast property despite starting his career as a peon in a shoe factory, through land-grabbing and extortion.

Bangladesh to get nomination for WHO executive board

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

World Health Organization Director General Tedros Ghebreyesus yesterday told Bangladesh's State Minister for Health Zahid Maleque that he plans to visit Rohingya refugee camps in January next year and would extend support to make Bangladesh Drug Control Laboratory functional.

Tedros' assurance came when Maleque met him here and sought WHO's assistance to come up with a sustainable solution of universal health coverage in Bangladesh by protecting the population under extreme poverty line, a Bangladesh High Commission statement said.

The Bangladeshi state minister was here to attend the 71st Regional Committee Meeting of the Health Ministers of the World Health Organization (WHO) of South-East Asia Region which ended yesterday. The meeting began on September 3.

At the meeting, a special award was given to Bangladesh for outstanding performances in the control of rubella and congenital rubella syndrome.

It was informed in the WHO meeting that Bangladesh will be nominated as a member of the WHO Executive Board at Geneva Headquarter for a three-year period beginning from 2019.

The WHO DG, in his speech, praised Bangladesh's exemplary role in sheltering Rohingyas and said such a well-organised and well-coordinated camp healthcare for a displaced population was not found anywhere in the world, said the statement.

Maleque said WHO's immediate assistance is needed for making Bangladesh's Drug Control Laboratory functional and for making public hospitals more efficient and welcoming to ordinary people.

Tedros replied that he would extend necessary support in that regard.

The other members of Bangladesh delegation led by Maleque comprised Professor Dr Abul Kalam Azad, director general of Health Services; Rakebul Haque, deputy high commissioner of Bangladesh in New Delhi; and Mafizul Islam Bulbul, deputy programme manager of the National Nutrition Programme.

'Muri-chanachur'

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Besides, the court found a huge amount of expired medicine, surgical items and saline there. The hospital was fined Tk 10 lakh, he added.

Anwer Khan Modern Hospital was fined Tk 8 lakh as the mobile court found some expired reagents in the hospital's pathology lab. The court also found some surgical equipment expired in 2015, he said.

During the drive, the court found expired medicine in the operation theatre of Dhamondi General Hospital, which also takes excessive medical bills from patients and provides fake pathology and blood reports, said Sarwoer.

The hospital was fined Tk 9 lakh, he added.

NEWS IN brief

Youth found killed beside rail tracks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

An unidentified youth was found killed beside Joydevpur-Bangabandhu Bridge rail tracks in Kalihati upazila of Tangail yesterday.

Railway police recovered the body of the youth, aged around 25, said Mosharaf Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kalihati Police Station.

The throat of the youth, aged around 25, was slit, said the OC.

Shaafi's death anniversary today

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Today is the first death anniversary of Shaafi Hossain Chisty Yousha, says a press release.

On the occasion, prayers will be offered and food will be distributed among the destitute at his Rampura residence in the capital.

Shaafi, son of Bangladesher Khobor head of marketing and Jubo League central committee member Dr Sajjad Hossain Chisty, died at United Hospital in Dhaka on this day in 2017.



Tangail BNP leader arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police arrested a local BNP leader at his Bepari Para residence in Tangail town early yesterday.

Tangail Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge Saidur Rahman said Farhad Iqbal, general secretary of Tangail district unit of BNP, was shown arrested in a case filed for possessing arms during a demonstration demanding release of local lawmaker Amanur Rahman Khan Rana.

However, earlier in the day, the OC said he was arrested on the charge of carrying out subversive activities in the town on July 5.

Man killed as bus runs him over in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A man was killed as a bus ran him over on Dhunat intersection in Sherpur upazila of Bogra yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Dipu Thakur, 65, said Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of Sherpur Police Station.

Dipu was from Sherpur municipality area. He worked for maintaining the schedules of buses, said the OC.

Jebunnesa Begum passes away

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Jebunnesa Begum, wife of freedom fighter and lawyer Badiul Alam, was laid to rest at her ancestral home on September 1.

She breathed her last at her DOHS residence in the capital's Baridhara. She was 88.

She left behind his seven daughters, two sons, grandsons and granddaughters, and a host of well-wishers to mourn her death.

Her first namaz-e-janaza was held after Juma prayers at Baridhara DOHS mosque.

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and order situation, apprehension in people's mind, increase of torture on women and children, acid-throwing, enforced disappearance and murder, and long delay in disposal of cases are rising trend of offences.

SSA President Ziauddin Tarek Ali presided over the meeting where its presidium members Pankaj Bhattacharya, Dr Azizur Rahman, Advocate SMA Sabur, Khushi Kabir, Razia Samad Dalia, Rokeya Kabir, Joyanti Roy and Nurur Rahman Selim and its General Secretary Saleh Ahmed, among others, were present.

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We have evidence

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Replying to another question about the arrest of Mozammel Haque Chowdhury, secretary general of passengers' welfare platform Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity, he said law enforcers are looking into the case filed against him. "There's no reason to be worried. He won't face any problem if his involvement is not found during investigation," Asaduzzaman added.

Earlier, addressing the function, the Home Minister said religion is for individuals but the state is for all. "Everyone here will stay together and perform their respective religious rituals."

No one can stop the development of Bangladesh, which was founded with a non-communal spirit, he said.

"The struggle for establishing equal rights and equal status for all will continue," he added.

Social Welfare Minister Rashed Khan Menon also addressed the function.

No large-scale migration

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with Indian insurgent groups, the BSF head sought further cooperation from BGB to eliminate remaining insurgent groups.

The BGB DG said there is no Indian insurgents' hideout inside Bangladesh and clarified that "Bangladesh does not allow its soil to be used by any entities or elements hostile to any country".

Both sides agreed to take strong measures for prevention of illegal border crossing and human trafficking, and to aid victims of human trafficking and facilitate their early

rescue and rehabilitation, according to the joint record of discussions.

Other issues discussed at the meeting included counterfeit currency racketeering, smuggling of phensedyl syrup and other psychotropic substances into Bangladesh, development work along the borders, and improvement of mutual relations through confidence-building measures.

Both sides agreed for expeditious implementation of the decisions taken in the conference, and decided that the next DG-level conference would be held in Dhaka in March/April next year.