

# Truck strike

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The organisation went for the work abstention in Dhaka division on Sunday to press home their seven-point demand.  
Parliament on September 19 passed the Road Transport Act amid criticism over lenient punishment for deaths caused by reckless driving. Truck owners and drivers said they would not accept death penalty as drivers "don't drive to kill people".  
The three-day work abstention dealt a blow to businesses and affected the supply chain of goods to the capital. Besides, in many places, the transport workers forced other vehicles carrying goods to halt their operation.  
Some leaders of the platform on Monday night held a meeting with the home minister at his Dhanmondi house and decided to relax their indefinite work abstention and agreed to carry garment products and perishables.  
Yesterday, they held a closed-door meeting with Asaduzzaman. Before the meeting, the home minister told journalists that he had very little to do with their demands, and he would hear their demands and place those before law, and road transport and bridges ministers.  
Their other demands include unconditional release of all staffers arrested in connection with crashes, issuing proper driver's licence to all drivers of heavy vehicles and allowing drivers to drive trucks with light vehicles' driving licence until they are issued the one for heavy vehicles, ending police harassment and setting up truck terminals and stands at suitable locations with necessary facilities.

# Khaleda Zia

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they can start the main treatment as they needed to assess Khaleda's health condition first.  
"Her main illness is pain in joints due to rheumatoid arthritis. She has uncontrolled diabetes and arthritis. It is necessary to bring those under control first," Prof Abdul Jalil Chowdhury, doctor of internal medicine and head of the medical board, told the newspaper on Monday.  
Khaleda was moved to BSMMU from Dhaka's old central jail on Saturday following a High Court order.  
The former prime minister was sentenced to five years in jail on February 8 in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case. She was sent to prison the same day.  
On Thursday, the HC asked the authorities to set up a five-member medical board, headed by Prof Jalil and Associate Prof Badrunnesa Ahmed, a BSMMU physician, for Khaleda's treatment.  
Government doctors, who have treated the 73-year-old BNP chief since she was imprisoned, said that she had been suffering from problems in the knees along with other ailments for a long time. Her personal doctors, who met her in the prison, said she suffered a "mild stroke" on June 5.

# N Korea

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In its recent attacks, the group "burns the house down", wiping out computer hard drives to erase its tracks, Carmakal said. Even as other attacks continue, APT38 hasn't targeted American banks amid North Korea's peace talks with the United States, he said.  
Banks and other financial institutions are targeted by the most sophisticated cyber criminals, who are attracted to the lure of big-money paydays, FireEye and other groups have said.  
That has prompted banks to outspend other industries to protect themselves, with the biggest US firms' annual cybersecurity budgets reaching \$1b.  
Financial firms face the highest number of attempted breaches from computer addresses that have been already blocked because of prior misbehaviour, according to the report. That points to targeted campaigns and persistent efforts by sophisticated attackers, according to Eldon Sprickerhoff, founder and chief innovation officer of eSentire.

# HC annoyed

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comprising Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice SM Kuddus Zaman started hearing a revision petition filed by the BNP chairperson seeking a stay on the proceedings against her in the Zia Charitable Trust corruption case.  
The bench also fixed today for resuming the hearing.  
Khaleda filed the revision petition with the HC on September 27 challenging the legality of a trial court decision to continue the proceedings of the case in her absence.  
In the petition, she prayed to issue a rule on the ACC and the government to explain why the lower court's decision should not be scrapped.  
On September 20, a Dhaka court decided to continue the trial of the case inside Old Dhaka Central Jail in her absence.

# Sorry, no free SMS!

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of such bulk SMS is acceptable, we need to send them through commercial agreement," read the letter signed by Grameenphone Chief Executive Officer Michael Foley, Robi Managing Director and CEO Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, and Banglalink Managing Director and CEO Erik Aas.  
Seeking anonymity, a top executive of a leading private mobile operator said if they disseminate these messages as government information for free, it would go against their own policy.  
"The total cost of sending the messages to subscribers would be around Tk 25 crore," said the executive, adding that operators charge Tk 0.17 to Tk 0.20 for sending a bulk SMS to subscribers.  
A number of BTRC officials, however, said the non-compliance of the regulator's order was a clear violation of the 2G, 3G, and 4G licensing conditions for the operators.  
They said the operators could be fined up to Tk 200 crore each for violating the provisions of the Telecommunication Act 2001.  
The BTRC will issue show-cause notices to the three operators soon. It sent its observations to the telecom minister on Sunday to decide on the issue, they added.  
"The telecom act clearly says the operators are bound to comply with

# All in vain

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kicked-off soon after the cabinet on August 22, 2016, approved the proposal in principle, seeking to enact the digital security law. The protest intensified after the bill was placed in the House on April 9 this year.  
Before the bill was passed, a number of local and international organisations and diplomats requested the government to drop the controversial provisions.  
Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the Committee to Protect Journalists, International Press Institute (IPI), ARTICLE 19, Transparency International Bangladesh, Ain o Salish Kendra and Right to Information Forum are among the organisations who voiced concerns.  
The Sampadak Parishad (Editors' Council), a platform of editors of national dailies, has been opposing the move since the beginning.  
On April 19, country's leading editors on April 19 at a meeting with the law minister and post telecommunications and ICT minister expressed deep concerns over some provisions in the bill. Freedom of expression and independent journalism, they feared, will be badly affected if those provisions remained in the legislation.  
In his reaction, Law Minister Anisul Huq said, "The concerns of the Editors' Council are logical for the major part."  
Later in another meeting with representatives of the Editors' Council, Association of Television Channel Owners and a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists on May 21, the law minister said, "We will not enact any law targeting journalists or one that will create obstacles to independent journalism."  
Based on the editors' concerns, it

# Torchbearers

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"It was my wife who really pushed me to carry on my late father's legacy," said Moung Hla, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ramu College in Cox's Bazar.  
"Since 2007, around 350 orphans have already left our shelter after passing school. They are now enrolled in different colleges and universities, and are contributing financially to their respective families and to the society."  
"At present, we have eighty five girls from different ethnic backgrounds under our care."  
They are enrolled at different primary and secondary schools nearby, he added.  
In conversation with The Daily Star, the students said that they felt at home on these premises.  
Swe Ma May Sing Marma, a student of grade seven, and Thui May Sing Marma, a student of grade six, came here five years ago from the remote Ruma upazila of the district.  
"We are treated like family and education is our priority here," said Swe Ma.  
Pruma Marma, who lived at the orphanage for a few years, is going to obtain a Master's degree from Chittagong University (CU) from Economics Department this year. "If not for them, I would not have come so far. My aim is to be a teacher and contribute to the young orphans still living there," she said.  
On funding, Moung Hla says that is not always smooth sailing. The orphanage runs on income from poultry rearing, mainly Turkey, fruits and jhum paddy farming.

# No tough street

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Bangabandhu Avenue and would remain alert to any untoward situation.  
Speaking at a programme in the capital, Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader said everyone knew that Tarique Rahman was the "mastermind" of the August 21 grenade attack.  
He warned that law enforcers would take stern action if BNP tried to carry out any act of violence over the verdicts.  
Twenty-four AL leaders and activists were killed and more than 300 others injured in the attack on Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 20014, with Hasina, the then opposition leader, escaping the attack narrowly.  
'AL IS THE BENEFICIARY'  
BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday claimed that his party men were not involved in the August 21 grenade attack and the AL was the "beneficiary" of the incident.  
"I can say with responsibility that no BNP leaders like Tarique Rahman, Abdus Salam Pintu and Lutfozzaman Babar were involved in the grenade attack," he said at a discussion at Dhaka Reporters Unity.  
He said many events happened and different kinds of discussions were held over the incident, but nobody dug up the truth.  
Claiming that no fair investigation into the incident was ensured, Fakhrul said the AL was involved in "hatching a conspiracy to destroy the BNP by capitalising on the grenade attack incident".  
"The truth behind the attack will be revealed if the real perpetrators of the attack are identified," Fakhrul said.  
Earlier on Monday, BNP at a press conference alleged that the government was trying to influence the judge of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 to implement its evil design by convicting Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and some other BNP leaders in the grenade attack cases.  
The way Tarique Rahman, some other BNP leaders and then government high officials have been implicated in the August 21 cases was an affront to the judiciary, democracy and the country's independence and sovereignty, BNP Standing Committee Member Moudud Ahmed told journalists.

# Sub-registrar

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fourth floor of a building in Arupara area for the last six months.  
"Nur was stabbed under his armpits before being strangled," Taposh Kumar Pal, resident medical officer at Kushtia General Hospital, told The Daily Star.  
He was rushed to the hospital where doctors pronounced him dead around 10:00pm.  
The victim's landlord, Al Mahmud Sohag, said he heard a groaning sound moments before he saw three young men, aged between 25 and 30, coming down the stairs around 9:30pm on Monday.  
"Going upstairs, I found the door of his flat open. As I stepped in, I saw Nur Mohammad lying in a pool of blood with his hands, feet and mouth tied up," he added.  
Officer-in-Charge Nasir Uddin of Kushtia Model Police Station said Nur owned an under-construction four-storey building in the town's Chourhas area.  
His wife and two sons, who live in Dhaka, went to Kushtia yesterday and took his body to Kurigram.  
In the morning, police collected CCTV camera footage from a nearby building.  
SM Tanvir Ahmed, superintendent of Kushtia police, said three men wearing caps, T-shirts and jeans were seen getting out of the building around the time Nur was killed.  
OC Nasir said police would soon arrest the killers who had been "almost identified".  
Nur's brother Kamruzzaman filed a murder case with Kushtia Model Police Station yesterday.  
MINISTER CONDEMNNS KILLING  
Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday condemned the killing of the sub-registrar, according to a press release of the ministry.  
The killers would be arrested soon and put on trial, the minister added.

# Chisti Baul assaulted

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However, the cops managed to reach the police station with the baul.  
The superintendent of police held an emergency meeting with the authorities of Jamiya Yunusia Madrasa and the situation calmed down as Chisti offered an apology.  
Talking to newsmen at the police station, he said, "I'm sick because of injuries in a road crash. I am also aged. So I might have made a mistake. If I have said anything derogatory to Islam, I'm sorry for it".  
Anwar Hossain Khan, SP of Brahmanbaria, told The Daily Star that police sat with teachers of the madrasa in presence of deputy commissioner and other high officials of the administration.  
"Things got back to normal as Chisti Baul said sorry to all."

# Int'l response

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representatives of Australia, Canada, Denmark, the European Union, France, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the UK and the US paid a two-day visit to the refugee camps on October 8-9 to gain firsthand knowledge of the critical issues faced by nearly one million Rohingyas.  
"It is crucial that we advocate at the highest level to the international community. The humanitarian response has been successful but remains severely underfunded," she said.  
During the visit, the foreign diplomats stationed in Dhaka met local authorities, heads of UN agencies and national and international NGOs working on the response.  
Only 39 percent of the response is funded, an additional \$579 million is required to meet the urgent needs of the Rohingya refugees and the local host communities until the end of the year, said an ISCG press release yesterday.  
There are also concerns that funding for critical programmes would end in February next year, putting lifesaving services at risk. Without this critical funding, essential services might be pared back, compromising the health and wellbeing of this vulnerable population, 80 percent of whom are women and children, it added.  
The refugees are fully dependent on humanitarian assistance with 860,000 of them dependent on food aid each month. The food security sector still requires \$66 million to support them through to March 2019.  
The camps remain extremely congested, making it difficult to relocate families currently living in landslide and flood risk areas. Most of the shelters have been hastily built on undulating and sandy terrain, which is susceptible to landslide and flooding. Congestion also leads to protection, health water and sanitation concerns.  
Access to accredited education is a huge gap. Approximately 55 percent of pre-primary and primary learners and 98 percent of adolescent still lack access to quality education.  
"As the world faces protracted crises

# HC issues split order

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justice, Deputy Attorney General Ekramul Haque Tutul told The Daily Star. Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain will assign another bench for hearing and disposing of the petition, he added.  
During yesterday's hearing, Attorney General Mahubey Alam opposed the petition, saying it was filed on the basis of some newspaper reports that claimed fictitious cases had been filed against innocent people to harass them.  
If the cases had been filed against innocent people, they would be cleared of the charges through investigations and would be granted bails by the courts concerned, he said.  
The attorney general said if the police could not file cases, criminal proceedings would be hampered.  
The writ petition is not acceptable, as the petitioners -- three pro-BNP lawyers also accused in the cases in question -- cannot become aggrieved by all criminal cases filed across the country, he said.  
The attorney general also said the aggrieved people could move petitions before the HC for scrapping the proceedings of the cases.  
In response, Khandker Mahub Hossain, one of the petitioners, told the HC that around 10 lakh BNP men had been accused in arbitrary and fictitious cases filed across the country.  
He said they filed the petition with the HC as a public interest litigation since it was not possible for all the accused to move before the HC. The petition was filed as a last resort so that police do not harass innocent people by filing such cases, he added.  
On Monday, eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain appeared for the petitioners and said the cases were filed with political intentions and that it went against the constitution.  
The allegations mentioned in the cases are almost the same, although they are ambiguous, he said.  
During that day's proceedings, the HC had said the image of the police had been tarnished by the filing of such cases.  
Along with Khandker Mahub, lawyers Nitai Roy Chowdhury and Sanaulah Mia submitted the petition on September 23, saying 4,000 fictitious cases had been filed across the country in September against leaders and activists of the BNP and other political parties.  
The cases were filed in order to create panic among the men of the political parties ahead of the parliamentary election, said the petition.

# Trump's

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Trump said Haley has "been very special to me" and praised her as "somebody that gets it."  
Trump also said Haley could have her "pick" of administration posts if she ever decides she wants to rejoin his administration.  
"We're all happy for you in one way, but we hate to lose -- hopefully you'll be coming back at some point but in a different capacity. You can have your pick," Trump said as Haley smiled broadly.  
The President said he plans to name a successor for the US's top diplomatic post at the United Nations in two to three weeks.  
Haley said "it has been an honor of a lifetime" serving as UN ambassador, but that it was time to depart the administration.  
"There's no personal reason," she said, explaining her rationale for departing. "It's very important for government officials to understand when it's time to step aside."  
"I want to make sure this administration, this president, has the strongest person to fight," she said.

# Huge ice

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Any potential landing mission would have to navigate those "penitentes" before it could drop onto the surface.  
The spikes are formed through a process known as sublimation. That turns ice into water vapour without melting into a liquid between the two, and leaves behind those blade-like formations that point right up into the sun.  
Penitentes do grow down on Earth. But here they are restricted to extreme areas such as the Andes and grow between one and five metres tall.  
Europa however is much more suited to growing the huge blades because its surface is dominated by ice, it has the right thermal conditions for that sublimation to occur, and the sun always shines at the same angle towards the surface.  
"The unique conditions of Europa present both exciting exploratory possibilities and potentially treacherous danger," said lead author of the research Dr Daniel Hobley, from Cardiff University's School of Earth and Ocean Sciences.

# RMG worker

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Guest House, and the three other accused raped her at night while holding her hostage, he said.  
The next morning, they took her to another hotel "Jamuna", where Saiful is a manager, and raped her there again. Around 10:00pm, police rescued the victim and caught the five while raiding the hotel on a tip-off, said the SP.  
The process of filing a case with Mohipur Police station was underway. The victim was sent to the 250-bed sadar hospital for medical tests, Ahmed told the reporters.

# CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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