



Showing complete disregard for safety, a man drives a motorcycle with four children aboard in Tilagarh area of Sylhet on Friday. Apparently, there is no one to penalise the motorcyclist for violating even the basic rule -- wearing a helmet.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Block raid by cops Crude bombs explode on roof of Shibir office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three crude bombs exploded on the roof of a building housing Shibir office during a block raid by police in Chattogram's DC Road area last evening.

A team of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) reached Al-Isra Bhaban, which houses the city unit of Shibir office on its third floor, around 7:00pm, said police.

The explosion started taking place an hour later, said Mehedi Hasan, a deputy commissioner (DC) of CMP.

The DC suspected that someone exploded the crude bombs sensing the presence of law enforcers and fled away.

Afterwards, a team of bomb disposal unit rushed to the spot and found six crude bombs and some other kinds of explosives, said the police official.

NEWSIN brief

Prof Mahbubur Rahman dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Mahbubur Rahman, director general of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE), died at a Singapore hospital yesterday, aged 57.

Mahbubur, who suffered from respiratory complications, breathed his last around 12:20pm, said DSHE Director Shamsul Huda.

He left behind wife, a son, a daughter and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid expressed deep shock at the demise of Mahbubur Rahman.

The decision on Mahbubur's burial will be taken after his body reaches Dhaka today, said Shamsul.



Man killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A man was killed as a bus ran him over in Jhenidah yesterday.

The accident happened while Hossain, 48, owner of a tea stall, was crossing a road in Arappur Bus Stand area, said police.

He was declared dead at Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

One held with 7,500 yaba pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) during a drive in port city's Shikalbaha area under Karnaphuli Police Station yesterday recovered a total of 7,500 yaba pills.

The Rab personnel also arrested a person in this connection. The arrestee was identified as Shahidul, hailing from Gazipur, says a Rab press release.

On information, Rab conducted a drive in the area and intercepted a bus coming from Cox's Bazar around 12:30am, said the release.

After searching Shahidul, a passenger on the bus, Rab found the yaba tablets in his bag, it added.

2 new trains for Ctg-Dohazari route

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A new pair of passenger trains was launched on Chattogram-Dohazari route yesterday.

Railway Minister Mujibul Haque inaugurated the trains at Patiya Railway Station at 1:00pm.

With these, the number of passenger train has been increased to four on this route.

The minister said these trains will be able to reduce the everyday hassle of hundreds of passengers.

Of the two new trains, one will start from Chattogram at 11:00am and will reach Dohazari at 2:00pm; the other will start from Dohazari at 3:00pm and reach Chattogram at 6:00pm, said Station Master Sanjib Das.

Police foil demonstrators'

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so, citing the prime minister's programme [today] at Suhrawardy Udyan.

As the protesters were shaking the gate continuously, at one stage the gate's lock opened. Then they tried to bring out a procession and police detained some of them.

The rest of the protesters then sat inside the library grounds and stayed there till 1:10pm. They left after police assured them that they would not be arrested.

"We sought permission to hold the programme at TSC in Dhaka University instead of Shahbagh but police did not allow us," said Sanjay Das, convener of the platform.

Police detained 17 members of the platform from the spot, claimed Sanjoy.

Police always permit students to wage peaceful demos but the demonstrators were asked not to hold any programme in the area

on security grounds as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend a programme at Suhrawardy Udyan today, Azimul Haque, additional deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told reporters.

As some students tried to create chaos, police detained seven of them for interrogation, he said.

According to Chhatra Parishad, they have been staging demonstrations since 2012 to press home the demand. Several lawmakers extended their support to the demand, but it was yet to be met.

In June this year, a parliamentary committee on the public administration ministry had recommended extending the age limit to 35 years for entering civil service. It again made the same recommendation on September 10.

Currently, the age limit for entering public service is 30 and the retirement age is 59 years.

Poverty-free

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Management College on its premises in Pirganj upazila as chief guest.

The Speaker said half of the country's population is women. It will be easier to build a prosperous Bangladesh if women could be involved in the development process.

"We have increased education sub-stipend, allowances for senior citizens, divorcees, lactating mothers and honorariums for freedom fighters and other allowances for the poor by broadening coverage of social safety net programmes," she said.

"The prime minister has established 13,500 community clinics to deliver quality integrated health, family planning, childbirth and maternity care and nutrition services."

Who cares about

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as well as different types of diseases that thrive in garbage."

"The road's condition is atrocious. There's no scope of pulling rickshaw easily," said Sohrab Hossain, a rickshaw-puller in the area, adding that rickshaws often overturned on the road during monsoon, injuring passengers.

Rakibul Islam, a student of Siddheswari College, told the news agency how closing time at their college heralds the most dangerous time, as hundreds of students stream on to the road to make their way home. "That is a very tough time to walk on this road."

The situation is nothing new, yet the authorities turn a blind eye. It all gives rise to the question: do the city authorities care about pedestrians?

When asked the aforementioned question, Dhaka South City

Corporation Chief Executive Officer Mustafizur Rahman conveyed genuine regret and even an apology on behalf of DSCC to those suffering on a daily basis.

Turning to the garbage piling up in undesignated spots where the footpath should have been, and spilling onto the roads, Mustafizur said they are working to clean the city and DSCC has a plan in place to clean up all the areas of the capital under its jurisdiction.

"Our clean-up project is already in the implementation stage. The work is currently on in Sayedabad and Jatrabari," said DSCC's most senior officer, working under Mayor Sayeed Khokon.

"We're working for people. We understand their sufferings but the projects we undertake are also for them. DSCC is very sorry for the temporary inconvenience," he said.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Shiprasri Waddader, a retired schoolteacher in Chattogram city, is suffering from acute myeloid leukaemia, a type of blood cancer.

Doctors in Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute in Kolkata advised her to go for bone marrow transplant that would cost Tk 50 lakh abroad.

Her family cannot afford the treatment as they already spent Tk 25 lakh for this purpose.

Her son Shubhrashish Dasgupta requests kind-hearted people to come forward with financial assistance for her treatment.

Aid can be deposited into Savings Account No- 0021430053000, Eastern Bank, or into bKash A/C No-01731331445.

Shubhrashish can be reached at 01819866373, 01731331445.



Khulna city

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"Open dumpsters can lead to respiratory diseases," said the civil surgeon.

This correspondent also saw a dilapidated waste container just in front of Khulna Sadar Hospital.

When asked, the civil surgeon said hospital authorities have written over 25 letters to the city corporation, but no action has been taken yet to remove the container.

Contacted, Sheikh Ashrafuzzaman, secretary general of Greater Khulna Development Action Coordination Committee (GKDACC), said monitoring cell of waste management is overlooked.

KCC is not serious about removing waste as it is being dumped into open drains, by the road, open grounds and waterbodies, he added.

Anisur Rahman, conservancy officer of KCC, said Khulna City Corporation collects solid waste from 14 major spots, 190 garbage containers and bins. Now, 40 dump trucks, including 33 demountable container trucks, and 283 rickshaw-vans are used to collect waste.

In addition, 509 employees and cleaners, including 203 permanent ones, are working to remove waste from 31 wards of Khulna city, said the conservancy officer.

Contacted, Khulna city Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque said citizens should come forward to assist the city corporation and "without their direct help, KCC won't be able to solve the problem".

"We need community-based approach to solve the waste management system," he said.

"City dwellers must stop fly-tipping and practice putting the garbage inside bins. KCC would solve the problem during my tenure," said the KCC mayor.

BM College students protest 'excessive' fee

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Several hundred students of Government BM College yesterday blocked the road in front of the campus for half-an-hour, protesting "exorbitant" fees and charges for honours students.

Students of different departments first gathered in front of the administrative building around noon. Then they held a human chain on the campus before taking to the street.

Seeking anonymity, a student of political science said they have to pay around Tk 5,000 annually as exam, tuition and other fees. "It's very difficult for us to pay this excessive amount."

Following the students' blockade, a long tailback was created on the road. Later, police came to the spot and requested them to clear it, said Officer-in-Charge of Barishal Kotwali Model Station Nurul Islam.

Md Safiqul Islam Shikder, principal of the college, told The Daily Star that the National University (NU) authorities increased the fees in 2016. Out of the total amount, NU takes about Tk 2,335, while the college charges around Tk 2,150, he said.

In response to the students' demand, he said, "We also requested the NU authorities to reduce some of the fees and charges."



Students of BM College in Barisal protest "excessive" fees at colleges and institutions under National University yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

First waste-based

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shown by State Minister for Power and Energy Nasrul Hamid, who is an elected member of parliament from the locality.

On many occasions, he mentioned that he wanted to implement the project as part of his plan to build his constituency as a modern locality.

When tender was floated by state-owned Power Development Board (PDB) last year to pick an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor for the project, four companies submitted their respective bids for the 1 MW grid-connected waste-based power plant.

In the evaluation, a Chinese company -- Yamato Technologies Pte Ltd -- was technically responsive. But when its financial offer was opened, it was found that the cost is much beyond the estimation.

A PDB official, who was involved in the tender process, said the Chinese firm offered about Tk 200 crore for such a (1 MW) project while the government's estimation was below Tk 100 crore.

He said when the firm's offer was sent to the power ministry, it cancelled the tender process finding such a huge cost and asked the PDB to move for implementing the project under private sector.

The official, preferring anonymity, also mentioned that after such a decision, the

same Chinese firm submitted an unsolicited offer asking for tariff of each unit of electricity at US 45 cents which is equivalent to Tk 37.

He said an evaluation committee of the PDB is now working on the offer of the firm.

Contacted, Nazmul Haque, head of the renewable energy cell of PDB, which invited the tender earlier, admitted the power ministry's latest directive for implementing the project as an IPP.

As per the concept, the private firm will set up the project at its own cost and the government will purchase electricity from it like other private power plants.

Officials said in such waste-based power plant, mostly organic waste, will be collected from residential and commercial areas, and also agro-industrial and medical garbage will be gathered from different areas to supply those to the plant for power generation.

Through anaerobic digestion process, the biogas will be produced and used for electricity generation. Some heat will also be generated in the process to generate electric power.

Officials said in the process, about 1 MW of electricity will be generated from the supply of 50 tonnes of garbage where composition is 430 kW Electricity + 480 kW Heat.

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