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RMG workers' demo stalls city artery

Thousands get stuck in standstill traffic in Uttara as workers block intersection for 5 hours over pay

STAR REPORT

Thousands of passengers suffered massive traffic congestion yesterday as garment workers blocked the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway, demanding a raise, for five hours at the city's Uttara.

The agitated workers withdrew their sit-in that started at 9:00am in the morning, after a discussion with some factory owners and police at 2:00pm, said Navid Kamal Shoibal, deputy commissioner (Uttara Division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

"We started the discussion as the workers started their demonstrations. Finally, they agreed to withdraw the agitation programme around 2:00pm," Shoibal added.

More than 5,000 workers from around 20 garment factories, located at Azampur and Abdullahpur, staged demonstrations at 9:00am demanding the payment of salary and a raise.

Even airport-bound passengers were trapped in their respective vehicles, commuters said.

Passengers heading towards Mymensingh, Netrakona, SEE PAGE 11 COL 2



Garment workers block a portion of Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in the city's Uttara as they demonstrate against major disparity in wage hikes in their pay scale grades.

PHOTO: MD RAHAT KABIR

AL infighting claims one life in Kushtia

STAR REPORT

A ruling Awami League man was stabbed to death and another member of the party had his leg cut off, both by the party rivals over establishing supremacy, in separate incidents in Kushtia and Natore yesterday.

In Kushtia, Mainuddin Bishwas, 51, a resident of Abdalpur village in Sadar upazila, was stabbed to death in his own village in the morning.

According to police and locals, there had been long-standing disputes among SEE PAGE 11 COL 3



PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 7

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-30 12-45 4-00 5-30 7-00

JAMAAT 6-05 1-15 4-15 5-35 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Parliament of millionaires

Shujan says 82 percent MPs have more than Tk 1 crore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Almost 82 percent of the lawmakers for the 11th parliament have assets worth more than Tk 1 crore, civil society platform Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) said in a report yesterday.

Of those MPs, 32 percent have assets worth more than Tk 5 crore, according to the report unveiled at the Dhaka Reporters Unity in the capital.

According to finance ministry sources, only 0.06 percent of the total population of Bangladesh was valued at more than Tk 1 crore in 2016.

"The wealthier candidates were elected," Dilip Kumar Sarkar, Shujan's central coordinator, said

WEALTH THEY HAVE

ASSET VALUATION	% OF MPS
More than Tk 5 crore	32
Between Tk one to five crore	50
Between Tk 50 lakh to one crore	10
Between Tk 5-25 lakh	3
Less than Tk 5 lakh	0.67

2 lakh.

The report also mentioned that 1.34 percent of the MPs had not submitted their wealth statements in their affidavits.

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Huda starts serving time

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent former minister Nazmul Huda to prison after he surrendered in a bribery case in which he was sentenced to four years' imprisonment by the High Court.

Judge ASM Ruhul Imran of the Special Judge Court-2 of Dhaka passed the order after Huda, chairman of Bangladesh National Alliance (BNA) and also a SEE PAGE 11 COL 1



CITIZENSHIP OF PERSECUTED

30 Assam groups go for strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Amid growing protests over the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016, at least 30 indigenous groups, including the North East Students' Organisation (NESO), have called an 11 hour-long strike across Assam tomorrow.

The protest is against the government's move to pass the parliamentary bill that promises Indian citizenship to "persecuted" religious minorities from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The fresh protest will come two days after indigenous outfits held rallies in the majority Assamese-speaking areas of Assam on Saturday protesting the bill, where, according to reports, effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi were burned.

The bill seeks to give Indian citizenship to non-Muslims SEE PAGE 11 COL 4



'Gruesome' temple found in Mexico

CNN ONLINE

The ancient civilizations of Mexico left behind countless traces of their culture that attract visitors to this day -- but this latest find is one of the most gruesome yet.

Archaeologists have uncovered the first known temple to the important pre-Hispanic deity called the Flayed Lord, who is represented by a human's skinless corpse. SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

GOODBYE TO A GOOD MAN

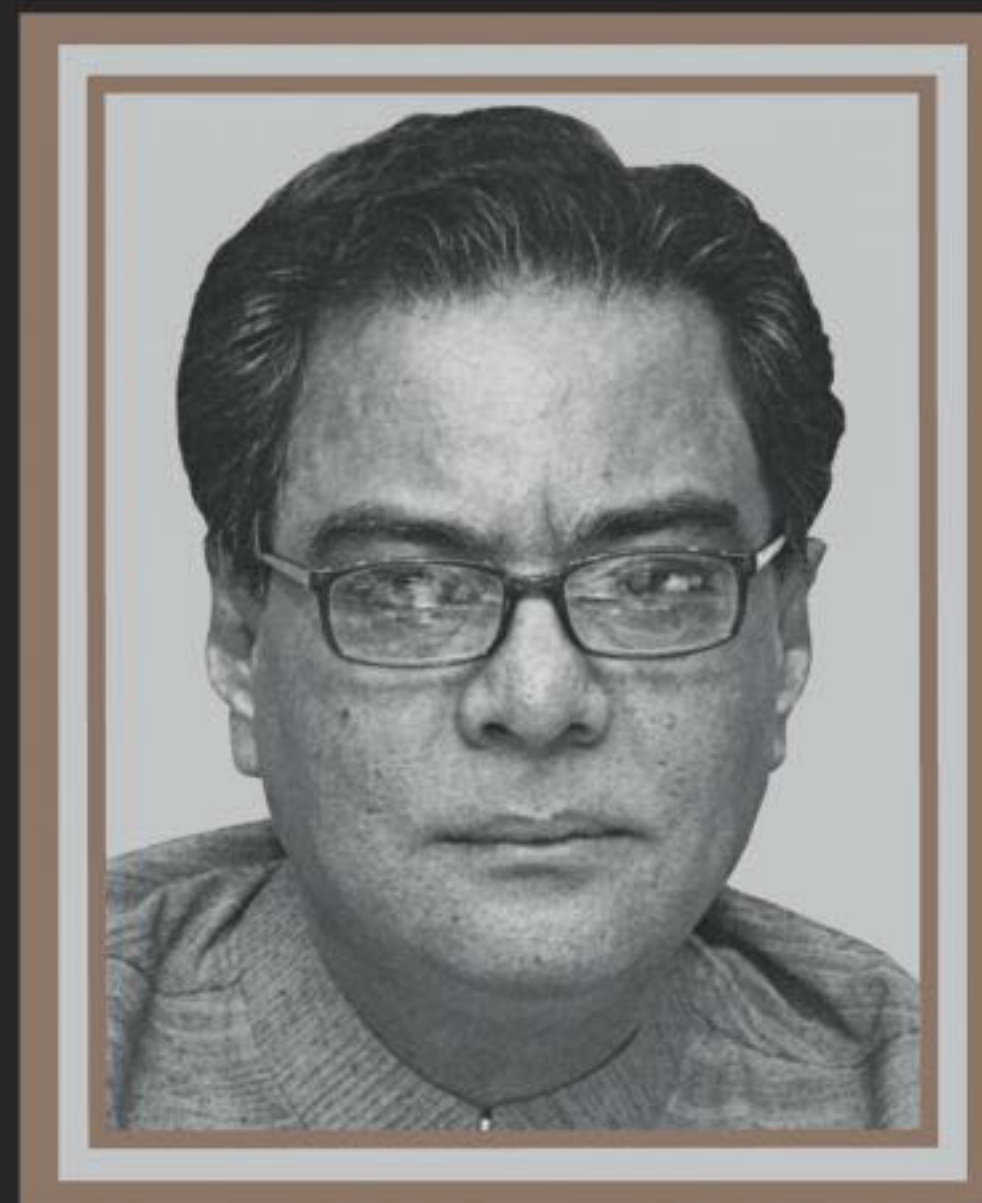


A sea of mourners, numbering in the lakhs, gather for the second namaz-e-janaza of iconic politician Syed Ashrafur Islam and to pay their final respects, at the historic Sholakia Eidgah Maidan in Kishoreganj, from where he was recently elected as MP. President Abdul Hamid, bottom right, looks on after laying a wreath following a janaza in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban's south plaza. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina lays a wreath on the flag-draped casket of the legendary freedom fighter. Story on page 2.

PHOTO: COLLECTED / BSS



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