

Devotees attend prayers at the mosque of Hazrat Shahjalal (R)'s shrine in Sylhet on Sunday night on the occasion of Shab-e-Barat. Muslims spend the night at mosques and homes offering prayers and reciting from the holy Quran to seek mercy and blessing from Allah. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Only 2 out of 25 Barishal high-rises have safety measures

Finds fire service during inspection

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Only two high-rises out of 25 have fire safety measures in Barishal city, according to Fire Service and Civil Defence.

Earlier, the fire department in the district prepared a list of high-rise buildings in the city and started a door-to-door inspection on April 1.

"We found only two buildings -- Hotel Grand Park and Rahat Anowar Hospital -- with fire safety measures. We asked rest of the buildings to take measures," said Faruqe Hossain, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence, Barishal.

Several building owners took two months' time to comply with the order, he said.

The buildings with no fire safety measure -- including emergency exit, fire detection and alarm system, fire extinguisher, hose reel and water reservoir -- were included in very risky category, said the fire official.

The establishments, which have neither fire safety measures nor access roads, are also in that category, he said.

A number of public and private hospitals -- including Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Judge Court and SS Tower Shopping Mall -- are on the list of very risky category, according to fire officials.

Abdus Satter Mandal, deputy director at the regional fire service office, said the inspection drive will end on April 30. Necessary action will be taken if anyone ignores the safety measures, he said.

Gas line blast leaves 2 dead, 6 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Two garment workers died and six were injured in a wall collapse following an explosion caused by a gas line leak at a house in Bhulta area of Rupgani upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Shamim and Rakib, said Rafiqul Alam, in-charge of Bhulta Police Station.

The incident took place around 3:15am at the ground floor of a three-storey building, said Abdul Mannan, incharge of Kanchan Fire Service in Rupganj.

Locals rescued and rushed six of them to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, police said, adding Shamim and Rakib succumbed to their injuries at DMCH.

The injured Hazrat Ali, Tariqul, Liakat and Ariful were undergoing treatment at DMCH. Two others were given treatment at a local hospital.

Confirming the incident, police said, there were traces of gas in the house and a leakage in the line.

GUNFIGHT BETWEEN COPS AND MUGGERS

One criminal, six policemen injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mugger was hit by bullets and six policemen were injured in a gunfight between a group of muggers and police in port city's Asadganj area yesterday evening.

After the gunfight, police arrested the wounded mugger, Wasim, 38. He was admitted to Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH). Police also seized a firearm and an axe from the spot.

Inspector (investigation) Mohammed Kamruzzaman of Kotwali Police Station said Wasim stands accused in 15 cases filed over different charges with different police stations of the city.

The gunfight took place at Goachi Bagan area around 4pm, said Kamruzzaman.

The inspector said Wasim and his cousins

Riad and Parvej used to mug businessmen in the area.

Upon allegations from victims, a team of police went to Goachi Bagan area where Wasim and his cohorts were positioned around 4pm, Inspector Kamruzzaman said.

Sensing the presence of police, the muggers started pelting stones and opened fire targeting police personnel. Police also opened fire in retaliation, said the inspector.

Over 60 rounds of bullets were fired during the incident. Wasim's cohorts fled the spot at one point, he added. Police later arrested Wasim with bullet wounds and in possession of a firearm and an axe.

The injured police personnel were given primary treatment and police are trying to arrest the other criminals.

Handcuffed arrestee snatched from cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Miscreants snatched an arrested criminal -- an accused of seven cases including murder charges -- from police at Jinnat Mohal area of Tongi in Gazipur on Saturday night. Police arrested ten persons for their alleged involvement

over the last two days. However, they could not trace the snatched accused Tipu, 33, who was handcuffed during the incident, till filing this report at around 6:30 last evening. Talking to The Daily Star, Mohammad Billal Hossain,

sub-inspector of Tongi West Police Station, said police arrested Tipu in a raid at Jinnat Mohal area at around 9:30pm on Saturday. When police were taking him to the police station, Tipu's

cohorts intercepted them, attacked police and snatched Tipu, said Billal. A case was filed accusing 17 named and 30 to 35

unnamed persons. The handcuff was recovered from a local slum on Sunday morning, but Tipu was still absconding, said Shahidur Rahman, inspector of Tongi West Police Station.

he further said.

indirectly."

protect any criminal.

mental health disorder. They are

politically manipulated and involved

with corruption extensively....They

side with the perpetrators, provide

protection to them and victims suffer,"

He alleged that law enforcers do

"This cannot happen in an inde-

this with the help of local adminis-

pendent country. We protest such

incident strongly and urge the con-

cerned authorities to ensure exem-

plary punishment for those

involved with the murder directly or

The TIB executive director also

said that people will not have to take

to the streets anymore if the perpe-

trators are made to believe they will

be punished if they commit crime or

tration and influential people.

Pluralism essential for democracy Akbar Ali Khan says at Gyantapas lecture



Dr Abdul Momin Chowdhury delivers the lecture.

PHOTO: STAR

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned economist and scholar Dr Akbar Ali Khan yesterday said that for establishing a democratic system, the country will need to tolerate dissent.

"Pluralism is not only needed for secularism. It is also the foundation of democracy," he said while chairing a lecture on "Religious Pluralism in Bengal: Pre-Colonial Period" oragnised by the Gyantapas Abdur

Razzaq Foundation. Former Dhaka University History Professor and Asiatic Society of Bangladesh fellow Abdul Momin Chowdhury delivered the lecture, as part of the "Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Distinguished Lecture Series" at

Dhaka University. "Bangladesh follows secularism. We want to establish a secular society. For that, we need

religious pluralism," Akbar Ali Khan said. "Pluralism teaches us that the ideology we believe in is not the only ideology. There are so many people who can differ with our opinions and have other ideologies. We need to tolerate other beliefs. They will also tolerate our ideology," he said.

The former cabinet secretary said discussion on pluralism is important, as Bangladesh is going through a sociopolitical crisis.

He also said distortion of history is ram-

pant in the country, and that is a big problem. Abdul Momin Chowdhury in his lecture said religious harmony among believers of

different faiths was present in ancient and

middle ages. Chowdhury said Bengalis, coming into contact with different religions in their long journey, had formed social behaviour and customs that match the contemporary

concept of religious pluralism. He gave many examples of religious harmony and coexistence in ancient and medieval Bengal. In Ancient Bengal, Hinduism and Buddhism were result of action and reaction of Brahmanism. Coexistence of these two religions is charac-

teristic of the era, he said. Tradition of religious coexistence and tolerance was created in the socio-religious culture in early middle age, said Chowdhury, adding that even rulers of Buddhist Pala

empires sponsored many believers of Brahmanism. During the 200 year-rule by the independent Sultans of Bengal, numerous examples of tolerance and religious coexistence are available. Bengali translations of

Ramayana and Mahabharata, Bengali and Sanskrit versions of Vaishnav and Mangal Kabya, were patronised by Muslim rulers.

During the Mughal period, Subahdars of Bengal took liberal policy towards people of other religions, he observed.

National Professor Anisuzzaman, former finance minister M Syeduzzaman, Bengal Foundation Chairman Abul Khair and several Dhaka university teachers were present at the lecture. Director General of Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation Prof

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Nusrat's murder an 'acid test' for govt: Dr Iftekharuzzaman ers are suffering from some sort of DU CORRESPONDENT

Nusrat's murder is an "acid test" for the government and ensuring fair trial is the only way for them to prove that rule of law prevails in this country, said Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency

International Bangladesh (TIB). He was speaking at a human chain formed at Dhaka University's Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) on Sunday, demanding exemplary punishment of those involved with the killing of Feni madrasa student

Nusrat Jahan Rafi. "The government can demonstrate that it believes in rule of law and does not believe in impunity by ensuring justice for Nusrat's murder. If it fails to do so, people of this country will no longer have faith in

the government as well as in justice,"

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said Dr Iftekharuzzaman.

He also said that he has little faith that this demand would be fulfilled in true sense.

"The main reason behind this [having little faith] is we have heard from our honourable judges that even they have lost faith in the judi-

cial process," he said.

...The media has portrayed how the local administration, local law enforcers and local judicial authorities were involved in the crime and patronised it. We have little faith because of that," he added.

"I think, a faction of our law enforc-



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The human chain at TSC in Dhaka University.

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Helping refugees tell their stories

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Some 30 Rohingya youths have graduated from the WFP (United Nations World Food Programme) Storytellers

The young Rohingya men and women learned storytelling techniques, how to take photos, and the basics of shooting video. The storytellers can now use these skills to act as communicators with and on behalf of their community and make their voices heard to the global audience, WFP press

trained these youths in digital storytelling. During the twoweek training, the storytellers shared their stories of loss, tragedy, hope, and everyday life in the world's largest refugee

crisis and the lives of those affected living in Cox's Bazar, who WFP supports," said Richard Ragan, WFP country director for Bangladesh. "However, it's very rare that these stories are told by the people who have lived them, in their own way. Through WFP Storytellers, young Rohingya men and women can capture the real stories they want to and

WFP and its partner agencies will continue to support the storytellers by providing the tools, opportunities and plat-

giving the Rohingya refugees their own voice, and I can think of no better way to empower them," said Khaled Morshed, head of operations, Brac Humanitarian Crisis Management Programme.

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(Notice Number: 01/2018-19)

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accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

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WFP STORYTELLERS

programme at an event held in Cox's Bazar on Saturday.

release said yesterday. For the first time, WFP -- with support from Brac -- has

camp. "There has been a huge media focus on the Rohingya

share their stories with the world."

form to gather and share stories, the press release added. "The WFP Storytellers project has been instrumental in

Hafsa Akter, 22, one of the participants who graduated on April 20, said, "We have seen so much and been through