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Transport leaders want orders reviewed

Say they may consider leaving the sector if things don't change

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road transport leaders yesterday urged the higher courts to review their recent orders asking transport companies to pay compensations to victims of road accidents.

If the courts continue to impose fines in such ways in road accident cases, transport owners and workers will have to consider leaving the sector, they said.

At a joint meeting of transport owners and workers in the capital's Mohanagar Natya Mancha, Shajahan Khan, executive president of Bangladesh Road Transport Workers' Federation, read out a statement that he termed "opinions" of transport owners and workers.

They came up with the call amid a rise in road accidents for which errant drivers and owners of vehicles are often blamed. The country saw two major student agitations for safe road in the last nine months over deaths of students in road crashes in the capital.

Shajahan, a ruling party lawmaker, compared the situation in the transport sector with "great danger signal no-10", referring to cyclonic storm Fani which is likely to hit Bangladesh today.

The meeting was attended by leaders of Bangladesh Road Transport Owners' Association, Bangladesh

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MAJESTIC MAYUR... A peacock (mayur) displays its magnificent plumage with wide open eyespots at the peak of each tail feather while another struts nearby. Such a sight is a feast for the eyes of visitors at the capital's Mirpur Zoo. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Don't let them leave the country

ACC asks SB about ex-Biman MD, others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has urged the Special Branch of Police to take steps to prevent recently removed managing director of Biman Bangladesh Airlines AM Mosaddique Ahmed and nine others from leaving the country.

The nine others are President of Biman Sramik League and Junior Ground Service Officer of Biman Mushikur Rahman, Ground Service Supervisors GM Zakir Hossain, Mizanur Rahman and AKM Masum Billah, Commercial Supervisors Rafiqul Alam and Golam Kaysar Ahmed, Junior Commercial Officer Maruf Mehedi Hasan and Commercial Officers Jawed Tarik Khan and Mafuzur Karim Siddique.

In a letter to Special Branch of Police, the ACC said that Mosaddique and the others were being

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Man accused of raping 6 schoolgirls

Case filed; police say they're hunting for him

STAR REPORT

A man in Jashore's Sadar upazila has been accused of raping six students of a government primary school in the last two months, luring them with snacks.

The president of the school's governing body filed a case against Aminur Rahman with Jashore Kotwali Model Police Station on Wednesday, said Apurba Hasan, officer-in-charge of the police station.

The incident came into limelight after three of the six students were absent for an exam on April 28. When the school authorities asked them for the reason of their absence, the students said that they were raped between April 24 and April 27 by Aminur, said the school's principal.

According to locals, Aminur is involved in many criminal activities in his area

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Maduro hangs on

Pompeo says military action 'possible' in Venezuela; China calls for talks

REUTERS, Caracas

Venezuelans heeded opposition leader Juan Guaido's call to take to the streets on Wednesday in a bid to force President Nicolas Maduro from power, but there was little concrete sign of change in a crisis that increasingly looks like a political stalemate.

Guaido had called for the "largest march" in Venezuela's history and said on Twitter that "millions of Venezuelans" were in the streets in "this final phase" of his move to oust Maduro.

But by late afternoon, many of the protesters in the capital Caracas had drifted home. National Guards fired tear gas at a hardcore of demonstrators who remained, and one injured demonstrator was carried by others to a first aid truck, Reuters video showed.

Rights organizations said a young woman died in surgery after being shot in the head during a protest in Caracas. Guaido confirmed via Twitter that a woman died after being shot.

The standoff in the South American country increased tensions between the United States and Russia, which accused each other of interference in the OPEC-member nation's affairs.

Despite Guaido's calls for the military to support him, the armed forces leadership has so far remained loyal to Maduro, who has been in power since his mentor, the late President Hugo Chavez, died in 2013.

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Woman set on fire 'by husband'

Critically wounded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A man set his wife on fire following a feud in Rangpur's Mithapukur upazila yesterday.

The victim, Keya Nurnahar Chumki, 21, suffered burns all over her body. She was first taken to the upazila health complex and then to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Her husband, Wahedul Islam, 27, is a farmer of the upazila's Zadabpur village. He had gone into hiding soon after the incident but was arrested by police later.

Rawshan Ara, the mother of Wahedul, was at the scene when the incident happened.

She said her daughter-in-law beat up her

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Mysterious human fossil found in Tibet



REUTERS, Washington

A jawbone found in a cave on the Tibetan Plateau in China is providing surprising insights into Denisovans, the enigmatic extinct cousins to Neanderthals and our own species, including that they were pioneers at enduring high-altitude environments.

Scientists on Wednesday described the pivotal new fossil: the right half of the lower jaw of an adolescent, including two teeth, dating from 160,000 years ago.

The only previously known Denisovan fossils

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Sarbahara leader killed in 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

An alleged leader of outlawed Purba Banglar Sarbahara Party was killed in what police claimed was a gunfight between two groups of outlaws in Bogura's Sherpur upazila on Wednesday.

The dead is Shafiur Rahman Jyoti, 65, of Prataphadulia village in Dhunat upazila.

He was a member of the banned outfit operating in Pabna, Natore and Sirajganj, said Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of Sherpur Police Station.

However, quoting locals, Shafiur's wife Rawshan Ara, 60, told The Daily Star that some plainclothes men introduced themselves as police and picked up her husband from Koichar Beel area in Dhunat on Monday.

OC Humayun Kabir and Dhunat Police Station OC Ismail Hossain refuted the allegation and said Shafiur was the north zone commander of Purba Banglar Sarbahara Party.

But locals said Shafiur was now leading a normal life after parting ways from the banned outfit.

Sonatan Chakraborty,

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FLIRTING WITH DANGER

This century-old two-storey building in old Dhaka's Chawkbazar looks so fragile that locals call it Bhanga Bari (broken house). Despite the risks, the worn-out building has been housing grocery stores on the ground floor and families on the upper one for years. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Ensure welfare of returnee migrants

Migration experts urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh should have an effective reintegration programme for the returnee migrants to ensure their social and economic well-being, say migration and development experts.

According to them, a good portion of the migrants face financial, social and psychological problems upon return home due to exploitation and enduring hardship abroad. The returnees continue to suffer from trauma at home.

The observations came at a programme

organised to inform the key migration stakeholders about the activities of Prottasha -- a project funded by the European Union and implemented by the International Organisation for Migration in partnership with Brac and the Bangladesh government.

Under the five-year project launched in 2017, 355 returnees from the EU and 372 returnees from Libya, a transit country, are being provided support for psycho-social and economic reintegration.

A foreign ministry official said around

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