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"City dwellers are suffering from illness due to polluted air and water."
PROF ANU MUHAMMAD AT A MASS HEARING



"It [train] is known to be a comfortable, sustainable and safe transport. But some miscreants recently made it unsafe by throwing bricks at running trains."
RAILWAYS MINISTER NURUL ISLAM SUJAN



"The danger is not over; we are now a victim of global terrorism."
SRI LANKA PM TELLS PARLIAMENT, URGES GLOBAL SUPPORT



One death, so many questions

Nurse killed after rape on bus, family alleges; driver, helper held, claim she jumped off the bus

STAR REPORT

A young nurse died in mysterious circumstances in a passenger bus on her way home in Kishoreganj's Katiadi upazila on Monday night.

Victim Shahinoor Akter Tania, 24, worked at Ibne Sina Hospital's Kalyanpur branch in Dhaka.

Her family alleged she was killed after rape.

Police arrested bus driver Md Nuruzzaman, 39, and his assistant Lalon Mia, 33, from Kapasia upazila of Gazipur yesterday morning.

During primary interrogation, the duo claimed the woman jumped off the running bus through the window and died, although they could not explain why she would do that, police said.

Tania boarded a Swarnalata Paribahan bus from the capital's Mohakhali to go to her home in Lohajury in Katiadi around 3:00pm, said her father Gias Uddin.

On her way, she spoke with her father and brother



Tania

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Bangladesh opener Soumya Sarkar was in prime form while scoring 73 against West Indies in their tri-series opener at the Clontarf Cricket Ground in Dublin yesterday.

PHOTO: WINDIES CRICKET



Tigers roar in opener

STAR SPORT DESK

Bangladesh appeared to have brought their A game when it mattered as, after an 88-run warm-up defeat on Sunday, the Tigers romped to a comfortable eight-wicket win over West Indies in their first tri-series ODI at the Clontarf Cricket Ground in Dublin yesterday. Even more auspiciously ahead of the World Cup starting in just 22 days in the United Kingdom, it was Shakib Al Hasan who put in a match-winning all-round display to seal the clinical win.

Shakib first applied the brakes on a West Indies innings threatening to balloon out of control with figures of 33 for one in 10 overs in West Indies' 261 for nine, during which he also pulled off a screamer of a catch diving full-length to his left at long-on. He

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Traffic chaos as hawkers, workers block roads

Hawkers demonstrate for space on footpaths, jute mill workers want arrears

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The beginning of Ramadan is when city dwellers enjoy less chaotic traffic on streets but yesterday, the first day of the holy month, people endured standstill traffic for hours in downtown Dhaka as agitating hawkers blocked several roads in Gulistan.

The situation was made worse as alleged jute mill workers went on the rampage in Demra and Jatrabari demanding arrears.

Several hundred hawkers demonstrated demanding they be allowed to set up shops on the pavements of Paltan and Gulistan.

They first moved to the Nagar Bhaban around noon and started

blocking the North South Road near Golapshah Mazar around 1:00pm after failing to meet the Dhaka south mayor.

The hawkers also placed large sewage pipes on Abdul Gani Road and blocked several other key streets in the area.

This had a cascading effect on the traffic system. Tailbacks started appearing on streets and many people who were fasting suffered in the summer heat.

Shiblee Noman, additional deputy commissioner (Motijheel division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said the hawkers withdrew their roadblocks around 5:15pm when the police convinced them that they were causing sufferings to

city dwellers.

"I had to rush home after work in Gulistan, as it was the first day of Ramadan, but I could not move even an inch on Bangabandhu Avenue due to the blocked road," said frustrated Sanowar Hossain, a car driver.

Arif Chowdhury, executive president of Bangladesh Hawkers Federation, who was involved in the demonstration, said Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) allowed hawkers of Motijheel to set up shops on the pavements after 3:00pm on weekdays and at designated holiday markets on weekends. But the hawkers of Paltan and Gulistan were not allowed and they went for the demonstrations.

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Vehicles stuck as hawkers block Gulistan's Zero Point yesterday, demanding permission to set up shops on pavements in Gulistan and Paltan. Their agitation caused many to suffer in traffic jams in downtown Dhaka on the first day of Ramadan. Inset, allegedly jute mill workers placed electric poles on a road in Demra blocking traffic during their demonstration for arrears yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

JP rift keeps widening

Quader accused of 'midnight coup'

RASHIDUL HASAN

The rift between the top leaders of the Jatiya Party is widening following HM Ershad's latest dramatic decision to appoint his brother GM Quader as the party's acting chairman, say party insiders.

Talking to The Daily Star, several senior JP leaders said Quader grabbed a crucial post by staging "a midnight coup".

The party's senior leaders, including Anisul Islam Mahmud, Ruhul Amin Hawlader and Mujibul Haque Chunnun, who are close to JP Senior Co-Chairperson Raushan Ershad, are unhappy with Ershad's latest decision, say party sources.

A day after Quader's appointment as acting chairman on May 4, he organised a press conference at the party chief's Banani office, but no senior leaders or presidium members of the party were seen there.

Not only that, most of the senior leaders didn't attend the programme organised by the party's youth front on May 6 to accord him reception on his appointment.

Amid conflicts between the two factions led by Raushan and Quader, grassroots leaders and activists are in doubt about the party's future.

Referring to the tussle between the top leaders

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SUBIR NANDI (1953 – 2019)

Of melody, melancholy



ZAHANGIR ALOM

Whether he sang Nazrul Sangeet, film scores, modern Bangla songs, folk tunes, or raga-based melodies, his voice would always capture the nuances and majesty of this land.

Having performed on all platforms, including radio, television, film, and stage, Subir Nandi had never fallen below his potential and maintained the high bar he had set for himself.

His voice that aged like fine wine cemented his stature as one of the leading playback singers at the country. He was known to touch the hearts of his listeners with the tinge of romantic melancholy he embellished his songs with.

The 66-year-old National Award and Ekushey Padak winning artiste died in the early hours of yesterday, ending a career that spanned five decades.

He breathed his last at Singapore General Hospital around 4:30am, his family said, adding that his body will be brought to Dhaka today by a Regent Airways flight scheduled to land at 6:10am.

Subir's body will first be taken to his Green Road residence and then to Dhakeshwari National Temple. People from all walks of life are expected to pay their

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Syria returnee was in touch with global terror net

CTTC says he's now being interrogated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Syria returnee Bangladeshi citizen, who was arrested in Dhaka on May 5, had communicated with more than a hundred Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF) while staying in Bangladesh, counter terrorism investigators claimed.

The arrestee, Motaj Abdul Majid Kafiluddin Bepari alias Motaj, 33, a Saudi-expatriate, snuck into Bangladesh on February 1.

Based on information, a team of CTTC arrested Motaj in Uttara when he, along with five to six other "Neo JMB" members, had gathered on a road near Baitur Nur Jame Mosque in Road 10 in Sector 11. His associates managed to flee, according to the statement of the case filed with Uttara West Police Station in connection with the arrest.

CTTC officials recovered his passport, four pages of articles and translations published in IS propaganda magazine Rumiya, his Saudi resident ID card and more than a hundred pages of write-ups.

"In Bangladesh, he established communication with 'Neo JMB' members and planned to establish a caliphate here through ousting the government," said the case statement.

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