

Shattered hopes, and a massive burden

Road crash victim dies after a month of treatment; family left in debt worth lakhs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

His family left no stone unturned to save his life, but it all went in vain as Abul Kalam Azad succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday at DMCH after a month and a half into a fateful road accident, leaving his family reeling not just from his loss but also a huge financial burden.

Azad, 45, a salesman of a cosmetic shop in Jashore was critically injured on April 4, when his motorbike was hit from behind by a bus -- allegedly belonging to Shohag Paribahan -- at Bhatar Amtola of the district, while returning home.

His nephew Oli Ullah, who was on the pillion, died on the spot, while Azad was taken to a local hospital immediately in critical condition, said Rashed Ullah Chowdhury, Azad's cousin.

"We took him to Apollo Hospital afterwards, followed by Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital and then Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the last one month to save his life," he

said, adding that since the accident Azad remained unconscious, and did not regain consciousness even for a minute.

Though his family had no money to bear his treatment cost as his monthly income was only Tk 6,000, they spent around Tk 15 lakh with the help of locals, relatives and mostly by taking loans. "But all our efforts have gone in vain," said Rashed.

Now Azad's family -- his homemaker wife and two school-going sons -- are left with hundreds of thousands in loan.

Authorities of Shohag Paribahan visited Apollo Hospital during his treatment and DMC Morgue after his death, and gave around Tk 80,000 to his family, said Rashed.

General manager of Shohag Paribahan Nasir Uddin claimed the motorbike was not hit by their bus directly, rather it hit something else before colliding with the bus.

Police seized the bus, and the driver is on the run after the accident. Family members received the body from the morgue after autopsy yesterday.

BCL CONFLICT

Post-deprived faction demands dope test of central committee

DU CORRESPONDENT

The post-deprived faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday demanded that all leaders, including president and general secretary of the central committee, take dope tests.

Expressing their reaction over the prime minister's directive to drop the "controversial" leaders, the faction organised a press conference at Madhur Canteen on Dhaka University campus.

On behalf of the faction, former programme and planning affairs secretary Rakib Hasan raised the demand for dope test of leaders of the newly announced committee.

Former publication affairs secretary Saif Babu read out a written statement in which he expressed gratitude to the PM for her directives to reform the committee.

"We are ready to give a strong response if they disobey the prime minister's directive in the name of reforming the committee," he said.

Speaking at the press conference, Shahed Khan, general secretary of Kabi Jashim Uddin Hall unit of BCL said, "President and general secretary were bound to give the list of 17 controversial leaders, because our demand for reforming the central committee was logical."

Following the press conference, they published names of 99 BCL leaders who they claimed were given posts despite being unqualified.

SHOVON, RABBANI REVEAL NAMES OF 'CONTROVERSIAL' LEADERS

On Wednesday night, BCL president Rezwanul Haque Chowdhury Shovon and general secretary Golam Rabbani disclosed names of 15 (out of 17) "controversial" leaders.

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Sampriti Bangladesh denies link with 'terrorist identification' ad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sampriti Bangladesh, a citizens' platform promoting secularism, yesterday denied any link with an advertisement on "identification of terrorists" that was published in several national newspapers on May 12 and went viral on social media.

"Publication of such an advertisement is an evil attempt of the anti-Liberation War forces to mislead the nation through disseminating false information about our organisation. We have no link with this advertisement," claimed the organisation's convener Pijush Bandyopadhyay.

He was speaking at a press conference organised by Sampriti Bangladesh at Jatiya Press Club.

Pijush, a prominent cultural personality, said there is no scope for communalism in the organisation and the confusion that was created centring the advertisement is unexpected and perplexing.


He said the organisation is being run upholding the spirit of the Liberation War and remaining respectful to every religion.

"We have been working for a beautiful Bangladesh where people of every


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Fasting and Heart Failure

In Ramadan, fasting is safe for most patients with chronic heart failure and reduced ejection fraction. Patients are advised to adhere to fluid and salt restrictions and not to omit any doses of drugs. Fasting has no negative impact on patients with stable heart conditions who have no recurrent symptoms, such as chest pain or shortness of breath; rather fasting could be beneficial for them. Hence patients who are well controlled and nearly symptom-free may observe fasting after taking precautions. They should avoid intake of large volume of fluid after breaking the fast at iftar and should have small helpings till sehn. However, patients should consult their cardiologists on how their medication should be administered, during Ramadan. For example, drugs with two daily doses can be taken with as wide a gap as possible during non-fasting hours. Patients should take diuretics in the evening instead of morning, so that proper hydration can be maintained.



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Jatiya Krishak Samity, an organisation working for farmers' rights, formed a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding subsidised pricing for rice procurement, as well as setting of fair prices for jute, wheat and maize.

PHOTO: STAR

Fire caused by 'TV explosion' leaves couple severely injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A couple suffered severe burn injuries in a fire caused by a "TV explosion" at a house in Dhaka's Agargaon area yesterday afternoon.

Akhter Hasan, 40, a pharmaceutical trader, and his wife Salma Akhter, 35, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College

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HARMONY AMONG ROHINGYAS, HOSTS UNDP, Norway sign \$747,306 agreement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Norwegian government yesterday signed an agreement in Dhaka, aimed at fostering peace and harmony in Rohingya camps and host communities in Cox's Bazar.

Sidsel Bleken, Norwegian ambassador to Bangladesh, and Sudipto Mukerjee, resident representative, UNDP Bangladesh, signed the agreement worth USD 747,306 at the UNDP office for 2019-2021 period.

Under the agreement, UNDP will conduct a research to

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Biman adds another Boeing to its fleet

UNB, Dhaka

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has added another Boeing 737-800 aircraft to its fleet on Thursday.

The aircraft, brought on lease from Kuwait's Alfaco, arrived at Dhaka airport around 3:25am, said Biman General Manager (Public Relations) Shakil Meraj.

With the latest addition, the number of aircrafts in Biman's fleet is currently 16.

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<p>THEATRE Radcliffe Line by Batighor Venue: Shilpakala Academy Time: 7:30pm</p> <p>FAIR Eid Mela 2019 Venue: Gulshan Ladies Community Club Time: 9am</p> <p>APPAREL EXHIBITION Organiser: Guzel Venue: Hotel Swiss Park, Banani Time: 11am</p> <p>THEATRE Let Me Out by Taruwa Venue: Bangladesh Mahila Samity Time: 7:30pm</p>	<p>FAIR Moitree Eid Fair Venue: Midas Center, Dhanmondi Time: 11am</p> <p>FOOTWEAR EXHIBITION Muchi Ramadan Showcase Venue: Chef's Table, Gulshan 2 Time: 5pm</p> <p>MUSIC Utshob Venue: Jatra Biroti Time: 11am</p> <p>FAIR Dhaka E-commerce Mela Venue: Dhaka GPO, Gulistan Time: 10am</p>
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