



Garment Sramik Trade Union Kendra rallied in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding budget allocation of rationing system and housing facility for RMG workers. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Seven killed in road accidents

Train kills youth in Joypurhat

STAR REPORT
Seven people were killed and 16 injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.
In Natore, three people were killed and 10 injured after a truck hit a pickup from behind on Bonpara-Hatikumrul highway in Ranigram area of Gurudaspur upazila.
Ruhul Amin, 35, Abdul Kader, 50, and Rakibul Hasan, 25, who were aboard the pickup, died instantly, said Delwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Banpara Highway Police Station.
In Faridpur, three people were killed and six injured after a microbus plunged into a ditch beside Dhaka-Khulna highway in Komorpur area of Sadar upazila.
Police said the driver lost his control over the steering.
The deceased are Mohammad Aslam, 35, and his cousin Asiya Begum, 29, and Mohiron Nesa.
The injured were taken to Faridpur Medical College Hospital.
In Gopalganj, a covered van driver died after the vehicle hit a truck from behind on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Muksdupur area.
Nazimuddin Sheikh, 30, from Borothanadi village in Bhola, was declared dead at Muksdupur Upazila Health Complex.
Police seized both the vehicles.
Meanwhile, an unidentified youth was killed after being hit by a moving train in Dak Bungalow area of Joypurhat town, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.
The accident occurred while the youth was trying to cross a level crossing, said Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Joypurhat Sadar Police Station.

Human chain to protect Monthana pond

Rangpur residents claim fire service filling historic waterbody
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur
Rangpur city residents formed a human chain on Thursday demanding that the government protect the century-old Monthana pond by stopping fire service officials from filling it.
Organised by Monthana Pond Protection Sangraha Committee, the hour-long human chain was formed in front of Fire Service and Civil Defence office.
Speakers at the human chain alleged that local fire service officials are filling the pond to build a market, and the west side is already filled.
The pond was dug around 125 years ago and is situated at the compound of Fire Service and Civil Defence, they said.
Terming the pond a historic site in Rangpur, speakers said people will not tolerate if the pond is filled for commercial purposes. They also vowed to continue agitation until officials stop the act.
Contacted, AKM Samsujjoha, deputy assistant director of Rangpur Fire Service and Civil Defence, denied the allegations and said they took an initiative to renovate the historic pond, not fill it. "It's already filled with waste," he claimed.

Sylhet to get facial recognition cameras

110 such advanced security systems being installed in major areas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
In an effort to ensure security of residents, Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) is installing 110 advanced security cameras in major areas of Sylhet city.
These Artificial Intelligence-based IP (internet protocol) cameras from Chinese company "Huawei" are able to detect anyone with a criminal record through face detection technology. They can also be used for monitoring traffic situation and vehicle number plate recognition.
Zunaid Ahmed Palak, state minister for Information and Communication Technology, inspected the control centre at Kotwali Police Station in the city on Thursday evening. He also observed progress of the project.
Global Trade Corporation, in collaboration with Sylhet City Corporation and Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP), is implementing this Tk 4 crore "Digital Sylhet City" project.
Mohidur Rahman Khan, project director of BCC, said, "Installation of advanced security cameras is part of a bigger project, which includes free WiFi zones in the city and digitalisation of utility systems."
Zedan Al Musa, additional deputy commissioner (media) of SMP, said, "The AI-based cameras will help us control criminal activities and traffic situation."
"Facial recognition technology can detect any person whose face is preloaded in the system." Once locked in, the system can follow movement of that person as well, he said.

Area-based education

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good or bad. That differentiation affects the whole education. All the schools of villages and cities should be developed equally and be of the same standard."
He said an area-based education system will be great if it can be implemented. "We've been creating inequality in education in many ways. We must ensure equality of all through education."
Prof Choudhury went on saying, "Examination has become another name for 'panic' now. Coaching centres and private schools are doing business with this. I think, there should be no examination at primary level. Primary students should only read and play."
Prof Syeda Tahmina Akhter, director of Institute of Education and Research, Dhaka University, said, "Area-based education

system should be implemented soon. It's really difficult for working parents to drop off children to far away schools in Dhaka traffic."
Prof Dr Mijanur Rahman, vice-chancellor of Jagannath University, said area-based education system is essential for a densely-populated country like Bangladesh.
He suggested that equality be ensured across all schools in Dhaka so that none can differentiate between schools in Keraniganj, Badda, Jatrabari, Gulshan, Banani and Dhanmondi.
Member of standing committee on primary and mass education ministry, Shirin Akhter MP, told the agency that area-based education system would benefit the country. "If the system can be introduced, traffic jams will be reduced, precious time will be saved, children's security will be ensured, and above all, parents will be free of anxiety."

Govt not interfering

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on delay in release of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, Anisul Huq said they (BNP) love to make such comments.
"The corruption case was filed against the BNP chairperson during the regime of the caretaker government controlled by Gen (ret'd) Moeen U Ahmed for embezzling orphans' money. The trial court finished the proceedings of the case after they [BNP] had taken adjournments on it from the High Court and Supreme Court 20 times,"

he said.
The trial court jailed Khaleda Zia for five years and on her appeal the HC enhanced her punishment to 10 years, said Anisul Huq, adding that the government had no interference in this regard.
Kasba Association President Engineer Kabir Ahmed presided over the programme where Ultra Group Chairman Md Motiur Rahman and Kasba Upazila Parishad Chairman Advocate Rashedul Kawser Bhuiyan Jiban spoke.

Two get life term

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stealing the baby boy. He said his wife Shila had brought Jhorna home and handed her the baby boy in front of him.
The court could not hold Matin and Shila guilty since no confessional statements had been recorded and witnesses, including the investigation officer, had not said much about their involvement, said Mahmuda Akter, special public prosecutor at the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-3.
Jhorna in her statement said that she had no children and wanted to adopt a child.
The court ruled this out, saying if she had that intention, she would not have gotten two babies of around the same age.
The convicts were also fined Tk 50,000 each. They will have to serve six more months in jail for failing to pay the money, according to the judgement passed on June 11.
"This is a rare conviction," said Mahmuda, hailing it for bringing to attention the crime of babies being stolen at a public hospital.
To prevent such crimes, the court said staff and guards at hospitals should wear uniforms and newborns should be kept under tight security and CCTV coverage.

Woman's body found in Sreepur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur
Police recovered the body of an unidentified woman from a pond in Sreepur of Gazipur yesterday.
Locals saw the body, aged about 25, with a scarf tied to her neck at Kopatiapara under Maona union in the morning and informed police.
A team from Sreepur Police Station went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital for autopsy.
Preliminary investigations suggest that the woman was strangled to death at another place and later the body was dumped in the pond, said Zabeedul Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station.
Investigation is ongoing and police are trying to determine her identity, he added.

Middle-class, poor

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success only in realising VAT over the years. "VAT collection increased six folds in 10 years," he said.
The eminent economist suggested that the government introduce January-December or April-March as the fiscal year instead of July-June to boost development works.
Budgetary funds are wasted due to starting the fiscal year from July and development work is being hampered because of monsoon, he said.
Anu Muhammad said the overall situation in implementing mega projects has taken an acute turn. The government spends two-three times higher than US and China to construct high-rises, highways and bridges, he alleged.
He criticised the finance minister for keeping a provision in the proposed budget to legitimise black money.
Shujan President M Hafizuddin Khan underscored the need for reforming the budgetary system to achieve the country's desired goals. According to the constitution, lawmakers have no power except for passing the budget through voice vote in the parliament, he said.
Ganasamhati Andolan Chief Coordinator Zonayed Saki said the government proposed the budget to appease a vested quarter. He also criticised the government for its failure to stop money siphoning.



A pickup filled with water hyacinth travels on Dhaka-Aricha highway while two persons sit on top of those. The group said they collect the aquatic plants from waterbodies outside the capital and sell them as cattle fodder at dairy farms in Dhaka. While the concept of entrepreneurship and cleaning waterbodies at the same time is commendable, this way of travelling is unsafe. The photo was taken in Aminbazar on Thursday. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

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