

N'ganj gas pipeline explosion kills 1, injure 4

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A worker was killed and four were injured in a gas pipeline explosion at a mill in Rupganj of Narayanganj yesterday.

The explosion was caused by a leaky pipeline at Partex Paper Mills in Hatab area, said Mahmudul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Rupganj Police Station.

The identities of the victims, aged between 25 and 35, could not be ascertained immediately, he added.

The injured were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) and the body was sent to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy, said OC Mahmudul Hasan.



Students of Babuganj Pilot High School in Barishal planted date seeds on a road next to the school yesterday. Barishal District Administration launched the initiative to promote environmental awareness. The administration, as part of a three-month programme, will plant at least one crore date seeds near all educational and government institutions in 10 upazilas of the district.

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Bakarkhani

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he proved his mettle. Soon, he became the commander-in-chief of Khan's army in Chattogram.

"This is where our story begins," Yakub takes a sip of tea and adds. He is apparently aware of the legend as well. He said he heard it from his father. "It was in Chattogram, where Bakar met Khani Begum. She was a famous dancer from Arambagh."

"For the two, it was love at first sight," he adds.

"But Kotwal Jainul, son of a high official in Khan's court, had his eyes on her. One day, Jainul tried to force himself on her. She was saved by Bakar. Soon afterwards, Jainul and Bakar ended up having a duel, which led to Jainul fleeing the area," Yakub continues.

Utilising the opportunity, Jainul's friends spread rumour that Bakar had killed him and hid the body. Even Khan was convinced. He sentenced Bakar to death and ordered to throw him in a tiger's den. After a fierce battle, Bakar was able to get out by killing the animal.

Meanwhile, Jainul resurfaced and forcibly took Khani to the south-east part of Bengal and hid in a forest. By the time Bakar reached, it was too late. Jainul, out of jealousy, had stabbed her with his sword. She died in Bakar's arms.

Bakar was devastated. He left everything behind and stayed in the area afterwards.

And to commemorate their love, he inspired bakers to make a special kind of bread and named it "Bakar-Khani". The tale had been inspiring generations of Old Dhaka bakers.

By the time the conversation ended, it was around noon. After quite a few bakarkhanis and cups of tea, when this correspondent was about to say goodbye, Yakub's younger son Lokman said, "We have a tale of our own. Our mother became a huge fan of father's bakarkhanis after buying some from grandfather's shop."

"It was bakarkhani that eventually brought them together," Lokman quipped.

Asked, Yakub smiled and said, "That story is for some other time."

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Transforming

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While talking to The Daily Star, Sumona said it is her long-cherished dream to become an artist.

Saving money from tiffin, she purchased watercolour and art paper for drawing.

"Some students of Chittagong University liked my work and got me colour pencils and paper as gifts," she added.

Sumona, now a student of class eight, said she wants to study in fine arts at Dhaka University some day.

Abolish

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Kamrul Ahsan, SM Jewel, Mushfiq Sourav, Marjina Begum participated in the AGM.

At the event, a new nine-member executive committee of BRU for 2019-20 was announced with The Daily Star Barishal Correspondent Sushanta Ghosh being elected its president and Mithun Saha of Boishakhi TV general secretary.

We must treat water

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He also said Bangladesh itself should be blamed for not getting the due share from India.

This could have been solved if the country had rule of law and an accountable government. A political culture which would establish the issue as a national one could also help, said Prof Asif.

India itself has water scarcity, he said, adding some 54 international rivers flow from India to Bangladesh.

Prof Asif stressed that Bangladesh can use different environmental legal instruments to resolve the issue.

Chairing the event, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said as a state Bangladesh itself was not so kind on its rivers.

Rivers are dying and facing serious threats from different environmental hazards, she added. The foundation's Director General Ahrar Ahmad delivered welcome speech.

Bangladesh has achieved

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"Unwavering determination to reach every child, everywhere, every time, with life-saving hepatitis B vaccines through childhood immunisation has made this achievement possible. These successes are a testimony of the countries' commitment to health of their people, and the untiring efforts being made by health workers and communities for the well-being of children," said Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, regional director, WHO South-East Asia.

These achievements come days before the World Hepatitis Day which focuses this year on "Invest in eliminating hepatitis".

Though preventable, viral hepatitis kills 4,10,000 people in WHO South-East Asia Region every year, mostly people in their productive years. Nearly 90 million people suffer from chronic liver disease that is driving rates of liver cancer and cirrhosis in the region.

People lost faith

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killing people in mob beating over misinformation," he added.

Quader said BNP is hatching conspiracies at home and abroad to create an unstable situation in the country.

He also said the government is working sincerely to tackle the prevailing flood and dengue situation.

Earlier, the AL leader inaugurated the anniversary programme by releasing balloons and pigeons.

AL organising secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim; Swachhasebok League president Mollah Mohammad Abu Kausar; general secretary Pankaj Debnath and central, city and district committee leaders were present.

Frank discussions on

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"But society now faces these perils and youths are deviating from the right track because of these issues," he said.

He opined this assembly would contribute to better understanding the role of education in preventing violent extremism and encouraging harmony among youths. The root causes behind such violence should be identified first to initiate a path to preventing extremism.

"We don't want violence and degeneration of values any more; we want peace and harmony," he added.

He said his organisation has been working since last year in the capital and nearby districts to extemporise a social movement against violent extremism.

Among others, noted photographer Prito Reza, online-based educational platform 10 Minute School's instructor Sakib Bin Rashid, and MJF Programme Director Shahriar Mannan spoke at the assembly, which concluded with a cultural programme.

Rab arrests

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He locked into an altercation over the shoes and sometime later, a group of the students beat him with wooden sticks.

Tanvir died on his way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital after primary treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

His uncle Nazim Uddin filed a murder case with Moglabazar Police Station on Thursday, accusing 10 students of the institute.

প্রত্যাহার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঔষধ প্রশাসন অধিদপ্তরের নির্দেশনা মোতাবেক জেরিএল ড্রাগ ল্যাবরেটরীজ (ইউএনএ) কর্তৃক উৎপাদিত (১) 'রুটিন' (সিরাপ) (পরবর্তসে) ব্যালন- ১৯০২৩০৯, ডিএআরনং- ইউ-২৫-এ-০১৪ মেয়াদ উত্তীর্ণের তারিখ ফেব্রুয়ারী/২১ এবং (২) 'জেরিএল ভিটাপ্রাস' (ট্যাবলেট) (হাঙ্গেল হ্যাটলিন মুরাকাব) ব্যালন- ২২, ডিএআরনং-ইউ-২৫-এ-০৫৬ মেয়াদ উত্তীর্ণের তারিখ ফেব্রুয়ারী/২১। উক্ত ব্যালনের দুইটি ঔষধ কোন সম্মানিত ডাক্তার ও কেমিস্ট্রিসের নিকট থাকলে অনতিবিলম্বে আমাদের প্রতিনিধির নিকট কিংবা সরাসরি প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকানায় প্রেরণের জন্য বিনীত অনুরোধ রইল।

PM's gifts of mangoes, flowers

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, now in London on an official visit, has sent Bangladesh's famous mangoes along with flowers to newly appointed British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

The prime minister sent Rajshahi Fazli, the king of mango, along with flowers to Johnson after his assumption of office on Thursday, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim told the news agency from London.

He said two officials of Bangladesh High Commission in London handed over the gifts to the officials concerned at 10 Downing Street, official residence and office of the British PM, in London on Thursday morning (local time).

Earlier, PM Hasina sent the same gifts to Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace in the British capital, Karim added.

Sheikh Hasina went to London on July 19 to attend Bangladesh envoys' conference and other programmes. On July 22, she underwent a successful surgery in her left eye in a London hospital.

She is expected to return on August 5.

Two-day conference on Rohingya crisis begins at NSU

CITY DESK

A two-day international conference on "Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions", organised by North South University (NSU) in collaboration with UNHCR, began on the university's Bashundhara campus in Dhaka yesterday, says a press release.

HT Imam, political adviser to the prime minister, was present at the inaugural session as chief guest.

Dr Syed Hamid Albar, former minister for foreign and home affairs of Malaysia, was present as the keynote speaker.

Alistair Boulton, assistant regional representative of UNHCR; Lion Benajir Ahmed, chairman, board of trustees, NSU; MA Kashem, a member of the board; and Dr Md Enamur Rahman, state minister for disaster management and relief, were present as special guests at the event, presided over by NSU Vice Chancellor Prof Atiqul Islam.

Among others, NSU pro-VC Prof M Ismail Hossain, deans of different schools, directors, administrative heads, faculty members, other senior officials, and the university students were present on the occasion.



Prime Minister's Political Adviser HT Imam addressing the inaugural session of the conference at NSU yesterday.

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