



A group of schoolboys and a couple of women cross a busy road in Chattogram's Colonel Haat through narrow gaps between road dividers; in contrast, schoolgirls can be seen using the nearby foot-bridge. A general disregard for traffic discipline seems to be common in the area, with pedestrians and motorbikers alike putting themselves at risk while trying to squeeze through the road dividers. The photos were taken yesterday.



PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## Lawyer arrested for torturing domestic help

### Child rescued after 999 call

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman was arrested for torturing her 12-year-old domestic help in port city's Hamjarbag area yesterday. Later in the day, the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Abu Salem Md Noman Uddin passed the bail order of the accused, Advocate Shyamoli Bhattacharya, in the case, after Chattogram District Bar Association's president and general secretary sought bail for her, said Assistant Commissioner (Prosecution) Kazi Shahabuddin Ahmed of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP). "As the accused is about eight months pregnant, the court granted bail after hearing," said Shahabuddin. The woman was arrested from her house on charge of torturing her domestic help, Riad. Police rescued the boy after a guard from Momin Tower at Hamjarbag called the emergency hotline 999, when the boy tried to escape the house by cutting the iron grill on the eighth floor. The victim told the police, his employer used to torture him frequently. Police found multiple marks of injury on his body. Officer-in-charge (OC) Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of Panchlaish Police Station said they informed Riad's parents in Cox's Bazar and he will be handed over to his family.

## Holidaymakers rush for Eid tickets at Ctg station

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On the first day of advance Eid ticket sale yesterday, Chattogram Railway Station was full with hundreds of holidaymakers queuing at the counters since dawn. A total of 6,000 out of 12,000 tickets for departing on August 7 were available at different counters while the rest were available through the railway's mobile application, informed railway officials. The sale began at 9am, but the rush of holidaymakers started around 6am and the queues grew longer as the day proceeded. Khorshed Alam, a banker who could not go home during the last Eid-ul-Fitr, was among the very firsts to come to the station for tickets.

"Last Eid went by somehow but this time I have responsibilities like visiting the cattle market and managing everything," he said. His joy after getting the ticket was palpable as he called his father and said, "Abba, I got the ticket!" Buyers were seen keeping each other's spot in the queue and were also getting friendly with one another. It is easier to spend time this way and is also a good chance to know different kinds of people, said Turjo, a ticket seeker at the station. Sharmin Rahman, a student of Chittagong University who was buying a ticket for Sylhet-bound Paharika Express, said there was no alternative to train for such a long journey, especially during festivals.

"The highway gets busier during Eid and often cattle stalls are set up beside the road. I took a bus to go home last year and suffered. Train is the only option for me now," she said. She got the ticket after standing in line for three hours. Abul Kalam Azad, the station manager, said the rush of homebound people before Eid-ul-Azha has always been intense. For hassle-free service, law-enforcement agency was deployed and help desks were set up, said the manager, adding that bringing the National ID card was a must for buying tickets. The sale will continue till August 2 and return tickets will be available from August 5.

## BGB member, injured in line of duty, dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A member of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), who sustained critical injuries during a drive in Jashore on Saturday, died at Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in the city yesterday. Habilder Akmol Hossain, 52, breathed his last at 9:25am at the critical care unit of the hospital, Mohsin Reza, public relation official of BGB told The Daily Star. Akmol received splinter injuries to his body and left eye, when smugglers threw a bomb during a drive at Pachvulot border in Benapole. He was rushed to Jashore CMH immediately and later flown to Dhaka by a helicopter. An alleged drug peddler, Sujon Mia was killed in BGB retaliation during the drive. On that day, BGB also arrested four other smugglers, recovered three crude bombs and 300 pieces of phensidyl during the drive.

## RECOVERY OF TK 80 LAKH DIG Partha sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Partha Gopal Banik, deputy inspector general (prisons) of Sylhet division, to jail after rejecting his bail petition in connection with a case filed over recovery of Tk 80 lakh from his residence in the capital. Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka issued the order after Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) produced the DIG before it yesterday afternoon. ACC Assistant Director Md Salauddin filed the case against Partha with ACC's Integrated District Office in Dhaka. ACC lawyer Mosharrif Hossain Kajol yesterday told the court that the DIG should be confined in jail until the investigation is completed. Opposing ACC's plea, defense

lawyer Masud Ahmed Talukdar said keeping Bangladeshi currency in one's household is not a crime, and it was not "black money". "The DIG was implicated in the case with ill motive to harass him and thus he should be granted bail," he added. Asked about the money recovered from his house, Partha told the court that Tk 39 lakh from there were his savings, which he had picked up from his postal savings instrument. Asked whether he disclosed this money in his income tax return, Partha replied in the negative, saying it was his lawyer's mistake not to show the money in his tax return. On Sunday, ACC Director Mohammad Yousuf quizzed Partha over allegations that he committed

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## Rakib Hossain joins BPATC as rector

CITY DESK

Md Rakib Hossain, ndc secretary-in-charge, has joined Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) as rector. He is a member of BCS (administration) cadre's 1985 batch, says a press release. Prior to his current assignment, he served the Ministry of Public Administration as additional secretary. He obtained MSc from Dhaka University in 1983 and master's degree in public administration from Canberra University, Australia in 1993. He also completed postgraduate degree in "Security and Development Strategy" from Bangladesh University of Professionals in 2015. Rakib Hossain attended specialised training courses in reputed universities in the USA, the UK, the Netherlands and many other countries.



## Green Line hands Tk 5 lakh to Russel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Green Line Paribahan yesterday handed a cheque for Tk 5 lakh to Russel Sarkar, who lost his left leg after a bus of the company ran him over in April last year. Green Line's lawyer Advocate Palash Chandra Roy handed over the cheque to Russel in a courtroom of the High Court during hearing of a writ petition on this issue. The bus company has so far provided a total of Tk 10 lakh to Russel, as the HC on March 12 this year ordered the company to give him Tk 50 lakh as compensation. Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader directed Green Line Paribahan to issue the rest of the compensation to Russel in installments, as per its earlier directive. Green Line Paribahan has been asked to give Tk 5 lakh as the next installment by August 5. The HC bench set October 17 for passing further order on this issue. Russel, 26, who was a driver, lost his left leg after he was knocked down by a Green Line bus near Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover in the capital on April 28 last year. An altercation broke out between Russel and the driver of the bus over rear-ending his car. As Russel chased the bus, the driver ran him over. The HC in a rule on May 14, 2018 ordered authorities concerned of the government to show cause as to why they should not be directed to strictly enforce relevant laws and rules for safe movement on the road. The court had also asked the authorities to explain why they should not be ordered to formulate a new law to prevent reckless driving. The HC rule came after Supreme Court lawyer Umme Kulsum Smrity, on May 13 the same year, filed a writ petition seeking necessary order on the respondents to compensate Russel and to stop reckless driving.

## PHOTO OF THE DAY

SHEIKH NASIR



I... AM... A FLOWER POT? A little girl is seemingly enamored by a decorative flower pot shaped like Marvel Comics character Groot, at the ongoing Sylhet divisional Brikkho Mela. The fortnight-long fair at the city's Alia madrasa ground has been organised by Forest Department and Department of Agricultural Extension and features over 50 stalls of various local and foreign trees and plants. It is open to all till August 5.

## Supriyo

FROM PAGE 3 in Tangail's Mirzapur for research. Supriyo also donated his eyes. His body would be kept at his Dhanmondi house, and Kumidini hospital authorities have been informed to collect the body, said Biswapriyo. Supriyo was born on December 25, 1944 in a Manipuri royal family in Sylhet. He left behind his wife Sultana Kamal, also a former caretaker government adviser, daughter Dia Chakravarty, the Brexit editor of The Daily Telegraph and a musician living in London, and a host of well-wishers. Supriyo, a resident of Sylhet Lama Bazar, was vice president of Sylhet Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad. He was president of Sylhet Sammilita Natya Parishad and chairman of Sylhet Cricket Development Committee. He also taught part-time at private universities.

## Khulna cop jailed for 14yrs for abducting woman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A Khulna court sentenced a police constable to 14 years imprisonment and fined Tk 20,000 for abducting a woman in the city two years ago. Judge Mohammad Mahiduzzaman of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-3 delivered the verdict against Miraj Uddin from Arpara village in Jhenidah, court sources said. During the occurrence, Miraj was posted at Khulna Police Lines. According to the case statement, the woman visited a park in the city's Khalishpur with one of her husband's friends on December 26, 2017. Her five-year-old son was with them. Then Miraj, who somehow knew that they were not husband and wife, went there and took some photographs of them.

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## HC denies bail of DIG Mizan's nephew

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday refused to grant bail to Mahmudul Hasan, a sub-inspector of Dhaka's Kotwali Police Station and nephew of suspended deputy inspector general (DIG) Mizanur Rahman, in a corruption case. The court, however, issued a rule asking Anti-Corruption Commission and the government to explain in four weeks as to why Mahmudul Hasan should not be granted bail in the case. The HC also asked Hasan to inform the court about the source of his property through swearing an affidavit in four weeks, as he said in the bail

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## Gopalganj road accident kills six, injures 18

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

At least six people were killed and 18 were injured in a road accident at Bhatiyapara Mor on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Kashiani upazila of Gopalganj yesterday. The deceased are Lokman Sheikh, 60; Rabbi Khan, 20; Aslam Sheikh, 35; Goffar Mollah, 65; Kibriya Mollah, 50; and Chan Mia, 32. Most of them were day labourers from different villages in Narail and were going to Boalmari upazila in Faridpur. Quoting locals, Md Ataur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Bhanga Highway Police Station, said, "The accident happened when the driver of a local bus lost control while taking a turn. The bus then hit a truck, parked by the highway." Three died on the spot, while 21 injured were taken to Kashiani Upazila Health Complex and Gopalganj General Hospital. Later, two of the injured died under treatment and another died on the way to the hospital. Rabbani Mollah, an injured bus passenger, said, "The driver was going at high speed. We told him to slow down but he did not listen."

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