

PM to attend NAM Summit in Baku

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend the 18th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), to be held on October 25-26 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen has confirmed the Prime Minister's participation at the Summit.

The Summit will be preceded by the preparatory senior officials' meeting on October 21-22 and the preparatory ministerial meeting on October 23-24.

Foreign Minister Dr Momen will attend the ministerial meeting.

The host, Azerbaijan, will formally take over the chairmanship of NAM for the next three years at the Baku Summit, said an official.

NAM was founded during the collapse of the colonial system and the independence struggles of the peoples of Africa, Asia, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

A group of teachers from non-MPO schools hold a protest, demanding suspension of 2018 MPO guidelines. They demanded that the previous guidelines be followed, and asked for a meeting with the prime minister. The photo was taken yesterday in front of Jatiya Press Club.

MJF concerned over surge in child killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) yesterday expressed grave concern over the alarming rise in child killing in the country.

Issuing a statement, the rights group called upon the government to take effective measures to prevent ongoing violence and torture against children.

Besides, MJF also expressed deep sorrow over the recent killing of five-year-old Tuhin in Sunamganj's Derai upazila, reportedly in the hands of his family members. The brutal murder was executed by Tuhin's uncle and cousin with his father's help to implicate their rivals.

MJF in the statement said violence against children and women reached an "extreme level of barbarism" in the country due to an absence of concerted resistance and also because of a culture of impunity.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, urged the government to ensure safety for women and children through taking effective measures and to find out the reasons behind increase in child killing and torture.

NUSRAT MURDER

HC sets Nov 3 for passing order on Moazzem's bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday set November 3 for passing order on the bail petition of suspended officer-in-charge of Sonagazi Police Station Moazzem Hossain, in a case filed over charges of recording statement of Feni madrasa student Nusrat Jahan Rafi and circulating the video on social media.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman set the date after concluding hearing on the petition.

During the hearing, Moazzem's lawyer Advocate Abdul Baset Mazumder prayed to the HC for granting bail to his client, saying that he (Moazzem) did not circulate the video and has been suffering in custody for a long time.

Meanwhile, Deputy Attorney General Sarwar Hossain Bappi opposed the bail petition, saying the trial court has already recorded statements of eight witnesses and is scheduled to record the

statement of the investigation officer (IO) of the case on October 30.

At this stage, Moazzem cannot be granted bail, he argued.

Moazzem submitted the bail petition to HC on July 31 through a lawyer -- Advocate Rana Kawser -- in the case filed under the Digital Security Act.

On April 15, Supreme Court lawyer Syed Sayedul Haque Suman filed the case with Dhaka Cyber Tribunal against Moazzem for recording the statement of sexual assault victim Nusrat on camera, without her consent, and circulating it on social media.

Nusrat, a student of Sonagazi Islamia Senior Fazil Madrasa in Feni, made national headlines after she was set on fire on April 6, allegedly for refusing to withdraw a case filed against madrasa Principal Siraj Ud Doula for sexually harassing her.

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ROAD ACCIDENT Students block Dhaka-M'singh Highway over peer's death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Students of Tongi City College yesterday blocked Dhaka-Mymensingh highway for around half an hour yesterday, protesting the death of one of their peers in road accident.

The deceased was identified as Habibur Rahman, 18, a student of the college.

Police said Habibur sustained severe injuries when a speeding bus hit him on Tuesday morning when he was going to college.

He was rushed to a

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Residents of Geneva Camp allege police harassment

Cops say they're only arresting people with specific charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Residents of Mohammadpur Geneva Camp and Mirpur Camp yesterday held token hunger strike, demanding a stop to police harassment over the recent clash between them and law enforcers.

At the daylong hunger strike, many complained that police are not allowing them to open shops.

They said police often conduct raids in the camp -- causing panic -- because of which many residents are afraid to stay in the camp.

Geneva Camp residents blocked nearby Gaznabi Road, protesting frequent load shedding on October 5.

Some outsiders took the opportunity -- vandalising shops and houses in the camp and police vehicles as well as looting valuables, they claimed.

They demanded arrest of the culprits who were involved with vandalism and requested police not to harass general camp residents.

Selim Yousuf, president of Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) of Mirpur-10, said that residents of Geneva Camp held the programme in Mirpur as they did not dare to protest in Mohammadpur area.

"We participated with them as we too want this harassment to stop," he said.

Over 50 people, including 15 policemen, were injured as Geneva Camp residents and law enforcers clashed in Mohammadpur during the October 5 demonstration.

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DHAKA TODAY

MUSIC

EMK Happy Hour presents F Minor

Venue: EMK Center

Time: 9:30am

WORKSHOP

IELTS: English for International

Opportunity

Venue: LCBS, Dhanmondi

Time: 3pm

FAIR

National Food Fair 2019

Organiser: Agriculture Ministry

Venue: Krishibid Institution

Bangladesh (KIB)

Time: 8am

MUSIC

Rabindra Ecstasy

Venue: Satori Meditations, Banani

Time: 8:30pm

EXHIBITION

Act together to end poverty



An elderly man stops in front of a name plaque lying on the footpath, which reads "Shaheed Captain... Sarani" as other parts of the name are illegible due to damage. The road is named after Captain M Mansur Ali, one of our four national leaders. The photo was taken near Kakrail Mosque on Tuesday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

DRIVES AGAINST CORRUPTION

Inu seeks exemplary action against culprits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Calling for strengthening and continuing the ongoing drives against corruption, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President and lawmaker Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday said all corrupt persons have to be caught and punished, no matter how powerful they are.

"Those who are destroying vigorous efforts of Sheikh Hasina and putting a 'bad spot' on the government's positive activities, must be punished, so that none can dare to commit corruption in the name of party," he said while speaking at a rally organised by his party in front of its office at Bangabandhu Avenue. Leaders and activists of JSD also brought out a procession and paraded roads surrounding the office.

The former information minister said a three-prong drive must be conducted against corrupt persons, corrupt officers, and corrupt politicians.

"The last destination of corrupt persons will be in jail, like that of Khaleda Zia -- irrespective of the jersey of political parties they wear," he warned.

Govt confirms 98 deaths from dengue this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday confirmed that 98 people died of dengue since January.

The Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research has reviewed 158 cases out of 246 suspected dengue deaths.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), 283 new dengue patients were admitted to hospitals across the country in 24 hours till 8am yesterday, of whom 188 are outside Dhaka.

A total of 92,750 dengue patients were admitted to hospitals across the country this year, of whom 48,371 are in Dhaka, according to DGHS.

A total of 1,173 dengue patients are now undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country, of whom 726 are outside Dhaka.

Foreign minister leaves for Europe

Economic diplomacy in focus

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen yesterday began his visit to a number of European countries, as Bangladesh lays importance to boosting its export to the European market, with diversification of products as part of its economic diplomacy.

The minister, who left for Berlin yesterday morning, will also visit France, Italy and Greece. "We want to boost export and diversify it," he said, adding that he will also raise the Rohingya issue everywhere in his meetings in the European countries.

Dr Momen will be in Germany until October 19, where he will also have a meeting with his German counterpart, a senior official said.

President of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Dr Rubana Huq is also visiting Berlin. "Germany happens to be the single biggest importer. So it's important," she told UNB before her departure on Wednesday morning.

Bangladesh also seeks German and French companies' investment in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and high-tech parks, that being developed by the government.

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