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Woman killed
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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sakhina Begum, 65, was returning home with her son after a routine medical check-up at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital yesterday afternoon.

She had a stent implanted in her heart some four months ago.

Shamim Khan, deputy assistant agriculture officer of Tejgaon circle, made sure that his mother had worn

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Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
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DIVISIVE CITIZENSHIP LAW

Anger simmers in parts of India

Train station, buses set afire in West Bengal, Delhi; BJP's Assam ally opposes law; Aligarh university closed

STAR REPORT

Protests against a divisive new citizenship law continued in West Bengal, Assam and Delhi yesterday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused Congress and its allies of raising storm over the law.

A railway station in Malda was set on fire and angry protesters clashed with the police at several places in West Bengal, forcing suspension of internet services in five districts of the state.

Thousands of protesters squatted on rail tracks, blocked major roads and clashed with police at several places in Malda, Nadia, North 24 Parganas and Howrah districts. The violent agitation spread to new places like Birbhum and Cooch Behar districts, police said.

In Delhi, violence broke out in Jamia Nagar locality yesterday evening when



people and students of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) university clashed with police over the law.

Police and protesters fought pitched battles in South Delhi as the police used tear gas and resorted to baton charges after protesters smashed cars and set at least three buses on fire. The skirmishes spilled

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BANGLADESHI ILLEGALS
Dhaka seeks
information
from Delhi

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has sought information from Delhi on any Bangladeshi citizens living in India illegally, amid concerns that people are being pushed in to Bangladesh from the country.

"We said if there are any Bangladeshis illegally staying in India, then let us know. We have a standard procedure [for repatriation]. We will bring them back as per the procedures," Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen told reporters at his ministry office yesterday.

He denied that India was pushing in any undocumented Bangladeshi, but said some people may intrude into Bangladesh as the country's economic prospect was very good. He also said

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5 more workers die of burns

Death toll in Keraniganj factory fire now 19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five workers injured in Wednesday's fire at a Keraniganj plastic factory died yesterday, raising the death toll to 19.

Five other injured workers are on life support and eight are in critical condition, doctors said.

Of those who died yesterday was Abdur Razzak, 45, whose brother Alam also worked at the factory and died of burns on Thursday.

Razzak, Mustakin Ali, 22, Abu Sayed, 16, and Suman Hawlader, 22, died at Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute. Durjoy Das, 20, whose parents took him from the hospital on Thursday, died at home in Chunkutia area of Keraniganj.

"My brothers died in the fire due to the factory owner's negligence. We demand punishment of the owner and his accomplices. We also want compensation," said Rokeya Begum, elder sister of Razzak and Alam.

Razzak and Alam suffered 100 percent burns in the fire that gutted single-use cups and plates factory Prime Pet and Plastic Industries.

Durjoy also received 100 percent burns and his parents took him from the hospital, telling doctors that they would like their son to spend his last hours at home.

"They killed him. I demand punishment of those responsible," his grieving father Mintu Das told The

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In death ends his hunger strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A worker of Platinum Jute Mill died at Khulna Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Victim Sohrab Hossain, 55, fell sick while observing a hunger strike on Friday, said Khalilur Rahman Sumon, joint convener of Jute Mill Collective Bargaining Association (CBA) and Non-CBA.

Sohrab was immediately admitted to a private clinic. After recovery, he joined work on Saturday but fell sick again. He was then sent to KMCH where he breathed his last at 7:00am yesterday, he added.

Contacted, KMCH Director ATM Monzur Morshed said he did not know anything about the death as he was out of Khulna for official purpose.

"If anything of this sort had happened, I would have known about it through the honourable MP or the

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